

## MINUTES OF THE KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MEETING

April 10, 2015

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins called the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015. There was not a quorum. The Cabinet met in Room 101C, Marvin Auditorium, at Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. The meeting was noticed in the Kansas Register.

Present: Amanda Adkins, Shannon Cotsoradis, Shari Weber, Valdenia Winn, Andy Tompkins, (KBOR Ex Officio), Rachel Sisson, (KDHE Designee), Gayle Stuber (KSDE Designee), Pamela Beach (DCF Designee), and Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith and Dyogga Adegboro

*Presenters:* Lynn Schrepferman and Tara Gregory, WSU Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) and Jackie Counts and Margaret Brumberg, KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR)

### **Introductory Remarks from the Chair**

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions around the table and from audience.

Cabinet Chair Adkins reported the Kansas Children's Cabinet Power UP! Summit was a success. The conference was held March 31 and April 1, 2015 at The Oread Hotel in Lawrence. She was glad to have been able to participate, and found it inspiring to hear and see the enthusiasm exhibited at the conference and in the state. There were over 100 participants from across Kansas representing various early childhood programs.

Chair Adkins reported she and Janice Smith met with Governor Brownback, his policy staff, incoming KSDE Commissioner of Education, Dr. Randy Watson resolving around data and how we advance this about public and private partnerships in the state. It was very important conversation and the first of many to come. The accountability framework has been credited for the work.

### **No Action on Minutes of February 6, 2015**

The Children's Cabinet postponed taking action on the February 6 minutes until the next meeting since there was not a quorum.

### **Legislative Update**

Shannon Cotsoradis gave a recap on the 2015 Legislative Session covering early childhood.

- A proviso was passed unanimously in the Senate and accepted by the House in conference committee that requires the state to backfill the CIF with State General Fund dollars if the tobacco settlement payment comes in short in FY 2016 or FY 2017.
- Legislature approved an additional \$2.1 million sweep from the KEY Fund.
- Legislature approved moving the Kansas Reading Initiative to be administered by KSDE in FY 2016, funds will go out in the form of a Request For Proposals (RFP).
- Legislature authorized the Kansas Children's Cabinet to certify that each CIF program meets criteria for the CIF dollars. If satisfactorily meeting CIF criteria, programs may access the remaining 10 percent balance of their appropriation.

### **Presentation of Preliminary Data**

Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, Research Scientist, Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) presented preliminary data of all 160 programs across the state receiving CIF dollars and reporting on the Common Measures Initiatives (CMI). Dr. Schrepferman and her team looked at reliable and valid measures within the Early Childhood Block Grants. The Common Measures Initiatives include Ages & Stages Questionnaires, ASQ-3 Developmental Screening, ASQ:SE Social-Emotional Screening, Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), strengths based observational assessment of social-emotional development, individual Growth & Development Indicators (IGDIs), observational play-based assessment of infant and toddler growth and progress overtime. Dr. Winn asked if what is shifting on page 8 of the preliminary data handout. Janice Smith said the time spans between 4 months. It will be interesting to see what it looks like in eight to nine months. Early data indicates positive progress and investment in children served by these programs.

Shari Weber asked Lynn if the participants understood the totality of what is being reported and analyzed regarding the Keys to Interactive Parenting Scales (KIPS). Dr. Schrepferman responded, definitely, the participants understood the importance of the data analysis. Dr. Schrepferman added that she looked forward to sharing additional data with the Cabinet in the fall.

### **Power Up! Summit Recap**

Margaret Brumberg gave a recap of the Power Up Summit held on March 31 and April 1 at The Oread Hotel in Lawrence. There were over 105 attendees including all Cabinet board members, grantees and partners. Margaret shared pictures from the two-day event and youtube videos and power point presentations. The next steps are obtaining Cabinet member biographic sketches, snapshots, sustainability tool kit, video testimonials set up to be included on the Children's Cabinet website.

### **June Strategic Planning Meeting**

Janice talked about the upcoming Cabinet retreat in Lawrence on June 26. A facilitator with Frameworks Institute will be talking to the Cabinet about anticipating public thinking, building public understanding, pay now or pay more later and messaging along with framing and matching tools to early investment and tasks in order to help the Cabinet shape its message during the morning session. The afternoon session will be led by speaker from the KU School of Business to assist the Cabinet with its external communication action plan, to identify who and how to share the message and what material will accompany the message and talking points. Cabinet members were in favor of the retreat running from a half day or 4-5 hours versus a full day. Cabinet members will be discussing how to be target messages and connecting with different people and strategic in its message.

### **Forum with the Governor: Following the Early Childhood Pathway to Success**

Janice Smith discussed the forum with Governor Brownback held earlier in March and again in April. Along with the governor and Chair Adkins, they met with Brandon Smith, Governor's Policy Director, Dr. Randy Watson, Incoming KSDE Commissioner of Education, Mr. Barry Downing, Northrock, Inc., and Dr. Jackie Counts, KU-CPPR staffer. The group initially talked about preserving the KEY Fund and then the conversation moved to creating private/public partnerships at the community level.

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**Next Cabinet Meeting**

The Cabinet is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library on:

August 7, 2015

October 16, 2015

The Children's Cabinet will be conducting its strategic messaging retreat and planning meeting on Friday, June 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Eldridge Extended Conference Center, in Lawrence, Kansas.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business for discussion, Cabinet Chair Adkins adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.