

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

August 7, 2015

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins called the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Friday, August 7, 2015, with a quorum present. The Cabinet met in Room Marvin Auditorium 101 A, at Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Notice of this meeting was published in the Kansas Register.

Present: Amanda Adkins, Shannon Cotsoradis, Shari Weber, Valdenia Winn, LeEtta Felter, Terrie Huntington, Randy Watson, KSDE Ex Officio, Karla Wiscombe (KBOR Designee), Sandra Kimmons (DCF Designee), Gayle Stuber (KSDE Designee), and Mark Gleeson (Supreme Court Justice Designee)
Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith, Amy Blosser, and Dyogga Adegbore

Presenters: Lynn Schrepferman, Tara Gregory, Cassandra Lebrun-Martin, Sydne McCluskey, Aaron Epp of WSU Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) and Jackie Counts, Jessica Sprague-Jones, 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 remarked, the Cabinet will need to be clear on what are the objectives for advancing public/private partnerships, such as: 1) desired results are seen at the community level and 2) data is understandable and useful. Chair Adkins and Janice Smith met with Governor Sam Brownback and key community leaders in the third of a series of meetings to discuss the importance of early intervention in early childhood and establishing private/public partnerships in communities. KSDE Commissioner Randy Watson and Mayor of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas Mark Holland were part of the community leadership. Janice asked Dr. Watson to share his thoughts about the meeting. Dr. Watson remarked there is raised interest in pre-kindergarten slots in Kansas. While higher education and K-12 are both constantly changing systems, Prek is one that can be a moving part. Cabinet Chair Adkins commented that the Cabinet needs to understand where we have community capacity.

Cabinet Chair Adkins reported she met with DCF's Secretary Phyllis Gilmore and Chief of Staff Jeff Kahrs and Office of the Governor Appointments Secretary/Chief of Staff Kim Borchers. Amanda updated them on Children's Cabinet accomplishments, which included the CIF accountability framework and process. She looked forward to meaningful, continued partnership with DCF.

Approval of Minutes - February 6, 2015, April 10, 2015

Cabinet Chair Adkins said having heard no objections to the minutes as written, both sets of minutes for February 6, 2015 and April 10, 2015 were approved. No motion was made.

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Status Updates – CIF, Cost Analysis and Risk-Capacity Model

Dr. Jessica Sprague-Jones, KU CPPR gave updates on the Cost Analysis Brief showing cost effectiveness of early childhood program, CIF and Risk-Capacity Research.

Dr. Sprague-Jones reported on the timeline for the CIF Accountability Process, which starts April with program meeting, June Survey 1, July to August the team conducts program interviews with program staff, August, Survey 2, October 12 distribution of the AIIR and the final Cabinet meeting when recommendations are made. The Annual Investment Impact Report (AIIR) formerly known as the CIF Briefing Binder, will include pages and figures that do more work and tell a substantive story, include section on Blueprint alignment, provide more information on ECBG and grantee profiles set up to program with infographics.

Jessica talked about the Cost Analysis Brief which gives overview of the literature on cost effectiveness of early childhood programs. The Wichita Opportunity Project has a nice economic evaluation, which was used as a model. It was considered since it has accessible program expenditures, uses meaningful evaluation design and outcomes and has established literature evaluating long-term impacts and savings. The evaluation included reading and math assessments, repeat discipline referrals, grade retention and special education placements. The CPPR team will be producing report in the next couple months to share with the Cabinet board. Cabinet Chair Adkins recommended the information is shared with the Legislature. Dr. Sprague Jones commented that the next steps will be to conduct a cohort-level analysis including evaluating costs, estimating long-term outcomes, looking at monetary valuation and show calculated savings estimates.

Jessica talked about Risk-Capacity Research. A group of state and community leaders have been meeting with Governor Brownback about promoting school readiness. The Goal is to develop strategic initiatives in targeted communities that combine public and private investments. Some research questions that came up include: How do existing investments into young children's school readiness map onto need and risk in Kansas? What are the areas of highest need in Kansas in terms of risk factors and population of young children, numbers in the school system? What resources (including public and private sources) are currently being invested into these populations in terms of funding and slots for services? What are the gaps between investments and need? The target communities include Saline County, Sedgwick County, Shawnee County and Wyandotte County. The current phase includes quantitative data collection on need and risk, existing service capacity. Key informant interviews are with private service provision and looking at gaps between need and capacity. Jessica remarked the next steps include mapping capacity alongside risk, identifying gaps, and then developing data-driven recommendations for strategies to pursue. Preschools with needs will be included.

Common Measures Initiative (CMI) Field Test Data Findings

Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, WSU CCSR and her team attended the meeting. Lynn discussed ECBG field test data & common measures initiative (CMI). The common measures were chosen to accurately record child, family and classroom outcomes for the widest range of grantee programs. CMI are provide information that provides to be: reliable/valid; sensitive to change; measures previously used, normed developmental measures data that can be used by the programs, schools and educators. Information on field test demographics were shared with the Cabinet. The CMI data includes: Ages and Stages Questionnaire – 3rd Edition (ASQ-3), Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE), Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), Monitor Individual Growth & Development Indicators (MyIGDIs), and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS).

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Contin. Common Measures Initiatives (CMI) Field Test Data Findings

The WSU CCSR team also provided information on the Home Observation for the Measurement of the Environment (HOME) Inventory test data and Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale (KIPS). A handout was distributed to the Cabinet for reference.

Frameworks Meeting & Next Steps

The Cabinet met at its retreat June 26 at The Eldridge Extended Conference Center in Lawrence to discuss strategic messaging and planning. Margaret Brumberg, JD., gave a recap from the retreat. The morning session included a presentation on Shaping the Message of Early Childhood in Kansas by Dr. Jennifer Nichols, Frameworks Institute. During the afternoon session, Dr. Tom Jindra of the KU School of Business presented Charting the Course of Who Will Share the Message. The Cabinet board heard about research-based value frames such as "Ingenuity" or having the know-how and resourcefulness to solve problems and "Prosperity" ensuring positive outcomes for all children contributes to collective, shared good fortune, both economically and socially. The Cabinet also received framing tools for early investment through metaphors in the form of Skill Ropes, Brain Architecture, Air Traffic Control, Serve and Return, and Levelness. At the end of the day, the Cabinet discussed redesign of the Annual Investment Impact Report (AIIR) (previously known as the Briefing Binder), met in small groups to help develop message(s), talked about materials to accompany message, and discussed "when" and "where" to deliver the message.

2016 ECBG RFP Criteria & Grant Applications

Amy Blosser, KCCTF Early Childhood Director and Margaret Brumberg, JD, of the KU CPPR team gave an overview of the 2016 ECBG RFP Criteria, Grant application and Review process to the board. Janice Smith talked about cash match and dilemma of applicants not providing the minimum 10 percent and holding different interpretation of what is cash match versus what is in-kind. Janice added that successful applicants that receive awards would be provided a three-year investment. Dr. Valdenia Winn asked whether the applicants clearly understood that the awards are for three years. Janice responded yes, the RFP stated so. Janice said the Legislature provided a proviso granting the Kansas Children's Cabinet the authority to certify which CIF programs meeting all criteria can receive the last 10 percent of their allocation for FY 2016. The CIF recipients may receive 90 percent of their budget and receive the 10 percent upon being certified by the Kansas Children's Cabinet via a letter sent to the Department of Administration, Division of the Budget.

Executive Session

It was moved and seconded by Shannon Cotsoradis and LeEtta Felter the Cabinet board go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the recommended list of Early Childhood Block Grantees for FY 2016 with Cabinet staff, KU CPPR and WSU CCSR evaluator staff, for a period of one hour. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by Terrie Huntington and Shannon Cotsoradis to return to regular session. The board returned to regular session at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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Motion on 2016 ECBG List

It was moved and seconded by Terrie Huntington and Valdenia Winn the Cabinet board accept the recommended list of Early Childhood Block Grants (ECBG) for FY 2016. Motion carried.

Next Cabinet Meeting

The Kansas Children's Cabinet scheduled the next meeting 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015, at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, it was moved and seconded by Terrie Huntington and Shari Weber the Kansas Children's Cabinet board adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.