

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

February 6, 2015

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins called the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2015, with a quorum. The Cabinet met in Anton Room 202 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, Tina Ames, Shannon Cotsoradis, Terrie Huntington, and LeEtta Felter,  
Rachel Sisson, (KDHE Designee), Gayle Stuber (KSDE Designee), and Pamela Beach (DCF Designee),  
Staff: Janice Smith and Dyogga Adegboro

*Presenters:* Jackie Counts, Mary Hess, and Margaret Brumberg,  
The University of Kansas 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 she recognized everyone's concerns about continued cuts to CIF and the Legislature sweeping the KEY Fund. She and Executive Director Janice Smith met with Governor Brownback recently and were pleased he kept the CIF funding at level funding for FY 2016. Amanda and Janice will be meeting with Governor Brownback, his policy staff and key business leaders in the state in the spring concerning sustainability of the KEY fund and stressing the importance of investing in early childhood.

### **Approval of the Minutes of November 14, 2014**

Cabinet members had received the November minutes prior to the meeting. Cabinet Chair Adkins asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

### **MOTION:**

Tina Ames moved the Cabinet approve the minutes of November 14, 2014, as written. Following a second by LeEtta Felter, motion carried.

### **Board Records Storage Program**

LeEtta Felter shared information about a paperless records storage system the Olathe School Board purchased. An all in one online library that links board documents such as agendas, minutes, board calendar, and policies at your fingertips. Boarddocs provides transparency and ease of access to boards or committees. [www.boarddocs.com/ks/olathe/Board.nsf/Public](http://www.boarddocs.com/ks/olathe/Board.nsf/Public). Pamela Beach commented that the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Early Childhood Developmental Services, which she is a member, uses a similar program. She remarked the ICC found it both useful and a worthwhile investment. Janice and Dyogga will be exploring the program to see if it is something the Children's Cabinet could purchase and utilize for board records.

### **Blueprint Connection – KU**

Margaret Brumberg, Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR) at KU distributed copies of the new Cabinet member guide. The guide provides information on the Cabinet's history, board duties, description of programs administered along with the Blueprint for Early Childhood. The Cabinet and others will find the guide a useful tool to refer to often. The Cabinet member guide will be posted on the [www.kschildrenscabinet.org](http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org) website.

Margaret reported the Blueprint Conference on Early Childhood "Power Up Summit" is a two-day conference the CPPR Team is helping the Cabinet host at The Oread Hotel in Lawrence on March 31 and April 1, 2015. Invited speakers, presentations, and break-out sessions are planned with lunch and networking reception in the evening. All Cabinet grantees: ECBG, CBCAP and CIF programs along with Cabinet board members and other guests have been invited. There will be a session where Cabinet voting members will be invited to participate.

Margaret shared snapshot data that will be posted to the Cabinet website. Cabinet members, grantees and other interested parties can share success stories and videos on the website. Cabinet snapshots included Fall 2014 ECBG Developmental information on Socio-Emotional Development, Environmental and Interactive Parenting Snapshots were shared with the Cabinet. She talked about the Tweet campaign and plan on the website and interested parties can tweet on the Cabinet Social Media Presence: @KCCTF. <https://twitter.com/KCCTF> with monthly and weekly themes related to Cabinet's work; Evergreen tweets and snapshots, relevant research articles and Cabinet specific tweets such as meeting and event announcements and highlights.

### **CBCAP – Protective Factors Survey Analysis-KU**

Mary Hess, Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR) at KU, gave an overview about the Children's Cabinet community based child abuse prevention and neglect program, the federally funded program for the prevention of child maltreatment before it occurs. The program promotes, creates and supports the development of safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. Kansas currently funds 12 grants across the state. She also talked about protective factors survey trend data report. The PFS uses pre-test/post-test administered to families to assess the presence of protective factors using five subscales: family functioning, social support, nurturing and attachment, concrete support in times of need and knowledge of parenting and child development. The current CBCAP grantees also participate in the common measures initiative.

### **Master Tobacco Settlement**

Executive Director Janice Suzanne Smith reported the Cabinet will need to prepare for a reduction in Tobacco MSA funds: Currently the states receive two types of payments: 1) Base annual payment which will continue, however, 2) Strategic Contribution will not continue. The Base annual payment is determined by a formula including the state population, tobacco sales and other factors, which will continue in perpetuity. However, the Strategic Contribution payment, which was determined by a formula calculating the contribution of the state toward resolution of the tobacco lawsuit, which Kansas played a key role in the litigation, receives a larger strategic contribution payment than many states. The Strategic Contribution payments will be available from 2008 to 2017. Cabinet Chair Adkins remarked that the least positive move would be reducing all CIF programs

**Master Tobacco Settlement discussion continued**

receiving those funds by \$15M in FY 2018. Janice added that she and Amanda had discussed looking into public/private partnerships to offset the reducing tobacco dollars coming into the state in future years.

The Cabinet will need to begin conversations regarding positioning to apply for a social innovation fund. The grant requires a 50 percent cash match. The Cabinet will pursue continual education of policy makers on the importance of discontinuing using KEY fund to backfill state budget shortfalls year after year.

Shannon Cotsoadis suggested the Cabinet explore the idea of establishing a private endowment fund and request, \$3M for example come out of tobacco dollars for deposit into the private endowment fund. Tina Ames suggested the Cabinet start a marketing campaign directed to communities for public/private partnership to shore up funding.

**Kansas Reading Initiative -**

Janice Smith reported that the Kansas Reading Initiative through Educational Design Solutions, Lexia Core5 reading software, was left out of the Governor's recommendations for FY 2016 funding. The Cabinet recommended KRI for continued level funding at \$6M for FY 2016. Those funds still remain in the KEY Fund for now and soon to be swept by Legislature to backfill the State's budget shortfall.

**Cabinet Retreat**

Executive Director Smith asked the Cabinet if they would be interested in conducting a Retreat in late June or early July. Janice and Dyogga would look at dates and potential meeting space if the members approved holding a Retreat. Cabinet members said they were interested in meeting in a Retreat.

**Cash Match Discussion**

Janice Smith reported that of the 24 Early Childhood Block Grant applicants approved for FY 2015, very few applicants provided 100 % cash match at the 10 % level. Many applicants viewed cash match and in-kind the same way instead of cash match as "cash" and in-kind "service, time, rent, equipment or staff" as an example of a contribution toward the grant project. Janice asked if the Cabinet felt strongly about grant applicants providing the required cash match called for in an Request For Proposals. LeEtta Felter remarked that providing adequate cash match for a grant is important part of the application process but that she understood the dilemma and detriment to the communities that may not be able to come up with adequate cash match. Tina Ames remarked that some items such as free rent provide a high level of in-kind that could be considered just as important and in place of the cash match. The Cabinet talked about establishing a point system for cash match and providing a sliding scale with different categories for in-kind and cash match in future Cabinet RFPs.

### **CIF Funding Qualifications Updates**

Gayle Stuber reported on progress in meeting terms and conditions required by the Cabinet for the Kansas Preschool Program and Parents As Teachers Program for CIF funding. Dr. Stuber reported she and Janet Newton, Parents as Teachers Coordinator met with Janice Smith, Cabinet Executive Director, Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, WSU CCSR and Dr. Teri Garstka, KU CPPR regarding data sharing agreement versus a data governance policy for Common Measures Initiative. Dr. Stuber said that KSDE Legal Counsel has raised questions about KPP & PAT participating in the DAISEY data collection and common measures initiative. KSDE inputs into other databases. Nancy Keel, USD 233, Olathe and Executive Director of KPATA expressed concern with PAT constituents being required to input into another database. It meant additional costs and time being demanded of staff. Nancy suggested if KSDE programs are required to participate in common measures initiative that only a random sample be requested versus 100 percent. Cabinet Chair Adkins expressed that the Cabinet understands the demands of the request to KSDE, although it is the same expectation of all Cabinet administered programs. She said the KU CPPR/DAISEY team is available and more than willing to provide technical assistance and support, if needed. Chair Adkins said she felt confident that everyone involved could work through this situation successfully. Janice Smith added that the Cabinet is being proactive because after FY 2017, the CIF funding will not be at the current level. Everyone will need to work together and be engaged in educating policymakers why investing in early childhood programs as a whole is so important. Dr. Stuber shared that she will continue to have dialogue with the KSDE Leadership Team and report at future Cabinet meetings. Janice Smith reported that several program managers will be presenting progress updates on how they are coming along with aligning logic models to the Cabinet CIF priorities at the April 10 Cabinet meeting.

### **Cabinet's Future Meeting Dates**

The next three meetings will be held 9:30 a.m. at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library:

April 10, 2015

*June 26, 2015 Cabinet Retreat*

August 7, 2015

October 16, 2015

### **Kansas Children's Cabinet Retreat:**

***Note: Since the last meeting Cabinet staff reserved space at The Eldridge Extended Conference Center, at 201 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence for the Retreat on June 26. More details will follow.***

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business for discussion, it was moved and seconded by Terrie Huntington and Shannon Cotsoradis that Cabinet adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried.