

Minutes of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Virtual Meeting

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board met in **special session** via virtual meeting 2:00 p.m., on **November 9, 2016** with a quorum.

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins asked for a roll call of voting members:

Participating: Amanda Adkins, Terri Huntington, LeEtta Felter, Shari Weber, Annie McKay, Sierra Scott Tamra Mitchell (KSDE Designee), Karen Beckerman (DCF Designee),
KU CPPR Team members: Jackie Counts, Jessica Sprague-Jones, and Shabrie Perico
Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith, Amy Blosser, and Dyogga Adegbore

Approval of Minutes

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins asked if there were corrections to the minutes of August 12, 2016. Hearing none, Chair Adkins entertained a motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by LeEtta Felter and seconded by Shari Weber that the Children's Cabinet approve the August 12 minutes, as written. Vote: 6-0: Adkins, Felter, Huntington, McKay, Scott, and Weber in favor. Motion carried.

CIF Recommendations and Conditions

Janice Smith, Executive Director, remarked that at October 28 meeting, she recollected that Annie McKay suggesting the Cabinet board request full restoration of Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) receipts for FY 2018 to match up with the 2015 funding level of \$59,124,916. With that amount of dollars restored there will be extra dollars that could be put into CIF programs. We could decide later where to allocate dollars above the 2015 level, if more dollars are received. These dollars had been swept to the State General Fund (SGF) before a second set of cuts took place. The Cabinet viewed a spreadsheet for FY 2017 and FY 2018 programs recommendations. Annie clarified that her suggestion was for the Children's Cabinet recommend requesting the full Master Settlement Agreement receipts, which is an unknown amount for FY 2018. The amount could be around the \$59 million or more. Annie added that Scenario 3 on the handout to the board does not take into account the TANF replacement dollars to Kansas Preschool Program and to Parents as Teachers. Dr. Sprague-Jones said the spreadsheet could be updated to include the last CIF allotments to Kansas Preschool Program and Parents as Teachers which were received in FY 2015. Chair Adkins said that at the October meeting, the Cabinet talked about families at-risk. There are common measures data and we noted that percentage of families that have one or more at-risks factors. She recalled that the Cabinet board agreed that Kansas Preschool Program and Parents as Teachers, in particular, should be factored into future CIF funding. That local school districts are in best position to make decisions on their funding. The Cabinet discussed to continue partnering with KSDE in measuring and monitoring these programs currently using TANF dollars on an ongoing basis. Terrie Huntington asked if PAT had to meet means testing as a legislative requirement for TANF funding? Chair Adkins said yes, means testing is a requirement for TANF.

Annie said yes that was correct and added that she had met with KSDE about the legislative intent and there are certain income requirements for families. Annie McKay remarked it was critical to request the full amount so that we send the message that funding is to support high quality programs and we stand behind it.

Shari Weber clarified the statute does not reference early childhood programs and that it only mentions children's programs. Chair Adkins said she agreed that the discussions should reference children's programs instead of early childhood. Chair Adkins said she recalled at the last meeting mentioning the State is moving to performance based funding. If the Administration implements requirements from the A&M Efficiency Report, the Children's Cabinet's work with common measures data and evidence based data will make us a shining light. She was hopeful that the Administration and Legislature can reinvest any extra dollars into Children's Initiatives Fund programs because of the measures that we already have in place. Dr. Sprague-Jones said Tammy Mitchell, KSDE, commented in the chat box that Parents as Teachers programs use local funds to serve families that are not TANF-eligible.

MOTION

Annie McKay moved the Children's Cabinet recommend full amount of the Master Settlement Agreement, which is around \$59,124,916 to Kansas, be allocated to CIF programs. Motion seconded by Terrie Huntington. Vote 6-0: Adkins, Felter, Huntington, McKay, Scott, and Weber were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Adkins said we can note on the FY 2018 recommendations to the governor that TANF dollars are still being used by Kansas Preschool Program and Parents as Teachers. Terrie Huntington asked if the Cabinet is presupposing that TANF dollars will still be used by the same two programs. Chair Adkins asked Janice if she had more details about the legislative intent for the existing programs switched over to use TANF dollars. Janice responded that the governor's office made an 11th hour decision with the Commissioner of Education to swap out CIF for TANF for Kansas Preschool Program. Janice remarked that no one discussed the plan with the Kansas Children's Cabinet board beforehand. Annie McKay commented that TANF was used for temporary school finance for one year and there are no plans for TANF funding beyond June 30, 2017 for Kansas Preschool Program and Parents as Teachers. Janice said there was \$9 million of CIF taken last year and put into SGF prior to the Children's Cabinet making its recommendations. Terrie remarked if there are extra dollars, they could be put into the ECBG or we can decide to put a portion into Smoking Prevention or some other selected program by the Cabinet. Currently the Kansas Preschool Program and the Parents as Teachers are not involved in the common measures, however, the extra dollars would assist them with paying for training and building capacity on use of the DAISEY so that they could participate directly. Chair Adkins suggested funds could be put into the Cabinet Accountability line item for this purpose.

LeEtta suggested the Cabinet add a line item call CIF Innovation RFP for \$9M to \$10M as a placeholder for the funds for the programs. Cabinet Adkins said she thought that was an interesting idea. Allocating a new line item without providing a caveat for how the funds will be spent may leave the funds at risk for being swept. LeEtta said we could put the extra funds into ECBG then for programs such as PAT and KPP if they did not get backfilled. This will help with issues of transparency. Chair Adkins said we might be moving toward motion. Terrie talked about putting \$1M in Smoking Prevention and rest in ECBG. LeEtta suggested putting the extra into ECBG and if more is needed for the other programs, we could take it out of the ECBG. Scenarios 3 has \$5.8M to Kansas Preschool Program which is restored to FY 15 level. Janice said the legislature might sweep the \$7.2M for Parents as Teachers since they are using TANF in FY 2018. Janice said as long we have access in ECBG to collect the data and provide CMI training to KPP and PAT program managers, setting aside extra dollars under ECBG for these two programs could work.

MOTION

LeEtta Felter moved the Children's Cabinet adopt Scenario 3 as its recommendation for funding in for FY 2018 and FY 2019 without TANF replacement. Annie McKay seconded the motion. Vote 6-0: Adkins, Felter, Huntington, McKay, Scott, and Weber were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, Chair Adkins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

Terrie Huntington moved the Children's Cabinet adjourn the meeting. Shari Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2017.