

Minutes of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., **Friday, October 26 2018**, Marvin Auditorium 101-C of the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, located at 1515 SW 10th Avenue in Topeka. Amanda Adkins, Chair presiding. There was a quorum. Kansas Children's Cabinet publishes its meeting dates in the Kansas Register.

Present: Voting Members: Amanda Adkins, Gerald Henry, LeEtta Felter, Dinah Sykes, and Annie McKay, Ex Officio Designees: Karen Beckerman, *DCF*, Amanda Petersen, *KSDE*, Max Fridell, *KBOR*, Rachel Sisson, *KDHE*
Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith, Amy Meek, and Dyogga Adegbore

Approval of the Minutes

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins asked if there were edits to the August minutes. Hearing none, Annie McKay moved that the Cabinet board approve the minutes of August 17, 2018, as written. Motion was seconded by LeEtta Felter. Motion carried.

Introductory Remarks from the Chair

Amanda Adkins remarked she was pleased to see children in the audience and thanked Amanda Cavaness, with USD 445 Coffeyville Schools, for bringing her children to the meeting. Several school districts are not in session today because of parent-teacher conferences taking place. Amanda Adkins said that her own children are also out of school today for that reason. She said she would have loved to have brought them to observe what takes place at these meetings and they would have found it fascinating.

Amanda Adkins commented that at the last meeting, she said she would be stepping down as the Children's Cabinet board chair after the October meeting. With a new governor coming into office in January, a new appointment for board chair will be made. Amanda said she has enjoyed her eight years on the Children's Cabinet board, and plans to continue her work as a philanthropist for early childhood and helping align early childhood to the workforce. Amanda has been reporting for the past year on a 501©3 she helped create. The organization is called SOCI Incorporation, SOCI stands for Systems of Care Initiatives, Inc. SOCI board of directors held their first meeting earlier in the week and will be adding on two additional directors. Their focus is targeting early childhood investments and workforce in Wyandotte County.

Executive Director Updates

Janice Smith, Executive Director reminded everyone the Kansas Children's Cabinet has moved to a paperless board. Agendas, minutes, meeting slides, and policies could be accessed on BoardDocs <http://www.boarddocs.com/ks/kcct/Board.nsf/public>. Janice said that audience members could participate in the meetings by asking questions using note cards located in the room. The audience can write questions down, write their e-mail address, and give the card to one of the KU CPPR representatives in the room. Questions may be answered during the meeting, if time permits or will be responded to by e-mail.

Special Presentation

Annie McKay made a special presentation to Amanda Adkins, thanking Amanda for her seven years of service and leadership to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. Amanda was presented with a card of appreciation and artwork, on behalf of the Kansas Children's Cabinet. The artwork with a sunflower theme was painted by Kansas artist, Jenny Lu with *JennyLu Designs*. Amanda thanked the Cabinet members.

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CIF Accountability Process & Recommendations and Conditions

Janice Smith provided an overview and updates on the 2018 Annual Investment Impact Report (AIIR). Since the Communities Aligned in Early Development and Education (CAEDE) and Kansas Preschool Program do not have outcomes for FY18, they are not reflected in the AIIR. CAEDE was introduced as a new program funded through the CIF in FY 2019. KPP was funded 100% by TANF dollars in FY 2018, and therefore, was not a part of the FY 2018 Accountability Process. However, KPP received CIF for FY 2019 and is expected to participate in the common measures process for FY 2019. At this meeting, the Cabinet will be making recommendations to the Governor and Kansas Legislature on CIF programs for the fiscal year 2020. This year's AIIR includes minor changes which will be reflected in version posted on BoardDocs tab of the KCCTF website and available in hard copy next week.

Janice asked Jessica Sprague-Jones and Shabrie Perico, KU CPPR to provide an overview about the Accountability Process and timelines for the FY 2018 AIIR.

Dr. Jessica Sprague-Jones explained the accountability process includes gathering information through program interviews, an online survey and through supporting documents. The information is synthesized, described and contextualized before compiled into a report of findings and presented to the Cabinet to make the recommendations. The gathering of information followed a timeline that includes: conducting a program meeting in May, from mid-June to early July, conducting CIF program interviews, conducting a fielded online survey in the month of August and synthesizing the information from September 1 to early October. KU CPPR team developed the AIIR and presented the final product to the Cabinet prior to the board making recommendations at its scheduled October meeting.

Dr. Sprague-Jones said the goal for the FY 2018 AIIR was to focus on historical overview, evolution of the Cabinet body and document aspirations for the future of the Cabinet. In this year's AIIR, the Cabinet can review comparative outcomes data for individual programs as it makes recommendations for funding programs. Dr. Sprague-Jones turned the Cabinet's attention to the CIF Funding Allocations sections of the AIIR. The Cabinet reviewed the following pages in the AIIR: FY 2018 funding by Agency and Program, a historical page of funding levels from FY 2000 to FY 2019. Additionally, they reviewed pages showing outcomes, funding sources beyond CIF, and populations served. The Cabinet reviewed FY 2018 programs by Primary Population Served and FY 2018 funding by Blueprint Building Block. The Cabinet reviewed a page on CIF Allocation methods that shows how the funding flows from CIF to an organization that administers or provides direct service to consumers. The AIIR's theme was depicted on the cover by sketches of space ships, satellites, constellations symbolizing the Children's Cabinet's trajectory into the future. The AIIR included interviews on hopes and goals for the Cabinet's future that were provided by CIF program staff, past and present Cabinet members and early childhood stakeholders.

Chair Adkins asked what is the board's pleasure regarding the approach to take in how in depth to discuss the programs. The Cabinet chose to look at each program individually and discuss whether to add on funding.

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Janice asked the Cabinet if there were any programs that the Cabinet would prefer to identify as receiving less funding. Annie McKay responded with a *strong no* to recommending less money to any program. Janice asked if the Cabinet wanted to identify any program to receive additional funding. Annie McKay replied that last year, the Cabinet recommended certain programs to receive more dollars, however, it turned out the Legislature did not add-on those dollars. In FY 2018, there was a dip in funding for programs such as the *KIDS network*.

LeEtta Felter said she noticed there was not across the board increases to programs. Some programs received 16 percent and others only 2 percent. Annie McKay responded those decisions were made by the Kansas Legislature. LeEtta Felter asked if the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program will receive TANF dollars. Amanda Petersen responded no, PAT is currently under the CIF for FY 2019. LeEtta commented the *Child Care Assistance program* should be recommended for additional funding based on number of providers. Karen Beckerman provided background information about the program. Jerry Henry commented that the *Infant Toddler Services program* has asked for more funding over the years. It is his understanding there is a waiting list. The program is a historic program providing services to a high number of kids annually using the same amount of money. Annie suggested the Cabinet restore dollars to programs that received reduced funding as far back as FY 2011.

Amanda Petersen provided an update on the Parents As Teachers (PAT) on meeting common measures and providing an approved evaluation plan to the Cabinet. KSDE has committed to working with both WSU and KU on meeting criteria and entering common measure data into DAISEY for PAT. She is still working with KSDE legal on the external evaluation and data sharing piece.

Rachel Sisson commented, as someone looking at the matter, as an outsider, they might expect to see descriptive language explaining why program details cannot be shared or included in the AIIR. Janice Smith remarked the Children's Cabinet tries to keep the reporting in the AIIR simple by only reporting on program outcomes on programs funded by CIF. Janice reiterated that the Cabinet has spent the last four years trying to obtain data from KSDE on their KPP and PAT programs. Chair Adkins agreed with Janice that the Cabinet has never seen any data collected from KSDE on the PAT program. Amanda Petersen commented that KSDE has strong evidenced based information for their programs and outcome information has been provided to a national organization. Janice remarked that several of the other CIF programs also have independent evaluators that they work with to comply with requirements for program support outside of CIF funding criteria. CIF recipients understand that participation in Cabinet approved systems is their responsibility if they want CIF funding. Chair Adkins said she understands that KSDE and Janice Smith are working to capture data for the KSDE programs funded by CIF so results can be published in the FY 2019 AIIR.

Janice discussed the CAEDE program which is new to FY 2019 CIF funding. The Family Conservancy of Kansas City has been working with both WSU and KU on meeting and reporting common measures and providing an approved data plan. The program received a \$1M grant. Chair Adkins said kudos to The Family Conservancy for providing the 50% match dollars in a short timeframe. CAEDE manager, Crystal Henry was in the audience and answered questions.

Janice asked the Cabinet to discuss the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) program for consideration for increased funding. The program is worthy of more dollars, touches almost all other CIF programs, and is data driven. LeEtta asked if all ECBG programs complied with Cabinet data collection system. Janice said, yes.

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After considerable conversation, Chair Adkins recapped the discussion which included:

- No reductions to any CIF program
- Restore \$1.2M lost funding since FY 2011
- Determine which programs receive the \$5.9M extra dollars
- Table considering adding extra dollars to the Infant Toddler Services program until the Cabinet's Feb 1 or April 5, 2019, meeting after additional community need information is provided

LeEtta Felter asked about the CBCAP and how it plays into the CIF recommendations. Janice explained that the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant opportunity is financed through federal dollars awarded to Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. There are ECBG dollars used as the 20% match for the CBCAP grants.

Annie McKay suggested the Cabinet earmark the \$5.9M for ECBG or open the RFP to either add-on other programs to receive the dollars or add on dollars to the existing ECBGs for program needs. Annie had asked the staff, prior to this meeting, about the source of funding for the \$3,787 State Employee Payment Plan as recommended in the Governor's budget.

Note: Since the 10/26 meeting, staff verified with fiscal agent KSDE that the State Finance Council approved appropriating tobacco settlement funds received for the three Children's Cabinet staff. For FY 2019, \$1,198 in tobacco settlement funds were appropriated to the CIF Grants Fund to cover one salary paid from that fund and \$2,928 in tobacco settlement funds were transferred into the KEY Fund/Children's Cabinet Administration Fund to cover the other two staff salary increases, which are paid from that fund. Total additional funds approved is \$4,126.

Chair Amanda Adkins asked for a motion on the \$57.5M.

Annie McKay moved the Cabinet recommend level funding for the slate of CIF programs for FY 2020 totaling \$50,489,703, and include:

Restore the \$1.2M bundle to the funding back to FY 2011 levels,

Earmark the remaining \$5.9M to ECBG, and

Designate additional funds, above anticipated check received, in KEY Fund or transferred into CIF to be leveraged for high quality early education programs. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter. Motion carried. CIF Funding Recommendations for FY 2020 list is attached.

New Business

Jerry Henry requested Cabinet Chair Adkins and Janice Smith prepare written testimony and attach the CIF recommendations and today's minutes when meeting with the new governor or governor's staff and Division of the Budget representatives, and send copies to the board.

Dinah Sykes requested that a copy of the National Governor's Association (NGA) Kansas team's recommendations also be attached to the testimony.

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Cabinet Meetings in 2019

Friday, February 15, 2019 – Curtis State Office Building, Conference Room #530

Friday, April 5, 2019 – Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, Marvin Auditorium 101-B&C

Friday, August 23, 2019 - Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, Marvin Auditorium 101-B&C

Friday, November 1, 2019 - Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, Marvin Auditorium 101-B&C

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, Annie McKay moved that the Cabinet adjourn its meeting. Dinah Sykes seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Cabinet adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.