

KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MINUTES

The **April 9, 2021** regular session of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Board commenced at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Kim Moore presiding. This was a virtual meeting with a quorum. Proper notice was published in the Kansas Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Moore, Chair, LeEtta Felter, DiAnne Graham, Deliece Hofen, Terri Rice, Senator Dinah Sykes, Ex Officio members: Justice Keynen Wall (Supreme Court), Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Rachel Sisson (KDHE), Tanya Keys, Dr. Carla Whiteside-Hicks, (DCF), Dr. Karla Wiscombe (KBOR), Hope Cooper (DOC). Cabinet Staff: Melissa Rooker, Amy Meek, Debbie Deere, and Dyogga Adegboro

WELCOME AND CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Kim Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that several voting members would not be able to join the meeting and a few other members would be departing the meeting early.

Chairman Moore asked Melissa Rooker to talk about the significance of everyone wearing blue at the meeting. Melissa remarked the wearing of blue is in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Governor Kelly signed an executive order announcing April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and to acknowledge the ongoing work that is being done to prevent child abuse and neglect in our communities. Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) provided the blue pinwheels that could be viewed in the backgrounds of the board members and staff members' screens and across the state. For pinwheels, lapel pins, yard signs and general information, send requests to pinswheels@kcsl.org.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director gave updates on the following topics:

- COVID Relief- As a result of the massive federal relief funding provided, state agency partners have been collaborating and working across sectors to provide relief funding for to children and families in the state.
- SENT Prep Academy – Completed updates to recently purchased facility and will be providing infant and child care services to children in the Hi Crest community. April 17 will be their ribbon cutting ceremony,
- Accountability Process – Common measures initiatives will resume after being eased back for the past year due to COVID. It was not feasible for grantee organizations to meet measures during that period.
- Legislative Update – House Bill 2414 tax bill if passed will provide tax credits to child care provides that are “C” Corporations.
- Communities Aligned in Early Development & Education (CAEDE) Request For Proposals (RFP). The CAEDE program has being in operation as a pilot for the past three year and is up for re-application. An RFP was announced and applications are due by April 19.

APPROVE OF FEBRUARY 5, 2021 MINUTES

Chairman Moore entertained a motion on the February, 2021 minutes.

MOTION

DiAnne Graham moved the board approve the minutes of February 5, 2021. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT (ECBG) RECOMMENDATIONS

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director discussed the timeline and process for the ECBG Requests For Proposals for SFY 2022.

- Eligible Proposals received total 26 and were due by February 9, 2021
- Ten (10) new applicants and 18 existing applicants applied
- Funding available to be awarded is \$17,100,000
- Total Funding Requested was \$19,388,778
- Proposals ranged from \$13,000 to \$2,200,000

The applications were reviewed by Cabinet staff in February, scored by outside reviewers in March and a final slate of recommended recipients was presented for final Cabinet board approval today. Notification of awards will be announced once the Kansas Legislature adjourns and the state budget is finalized. Awards will be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

After considerable discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion:

MOTION

Dinah Sykes moved the board approve the slate of ECBG recommendations. Motion seconded by Deliece Hofen.

Chairman Moore called for a Roll Call Vote:

LeEtta Felter	Yes
DiAnne Owen Graham	Yes
Deliece Hofen	Yes
Terri Rice	Yes
Senator Dinah Sykes	Yes
Chairman Kim Moore	Yes

Motion carried.

Melissa discussed the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Demonstration partnership project with DCF, KSDE and other state agencies. The project focuses on racial disparities in child welfare system. It provides Kansas an agenda to maximize opportunities to collaborate and create positive, nurturing and safe experiences for children using four phases: Phase I Investigate, Phase II Vision & Design, Phase III Experimentation and Phase IV Evaluation measures.

Tanya Keys, DCF Deputy Secretary reported on the National Governor's Association (NGA) Safe and Nurturing technical assistance project in collaboration KSDE and KCSL. Tanya also reported that DCF has completed the first 18 months mark of the two-year Family First Prevention Grant project.

PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT RENEWAL GRANT UPDATE

Melissa updated the Cabinet on the PDG Renewal Grant and discussed the follow:

- ECIDS Data Trust Agreement
- Professional Development Implementation Team
- Needs Assessment updates
- PDG Year 2 will run 4/30/2021 to 4/29/2022
- State Level Alignment and gap fillers

EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL UPDATES

Debbie Deere, Early Childhood Systems Coordinator with the Children's Cabinet reminded everyone about the role of the Early Childhood Recommendations Plan. The Panel serves as an advisory group to the Kansas Children's Cabinet board.

(See <https://www.kschildrencabinet.org/pan-meetings> for the latest information.

Debbie reported the final Kindergarten Transitions Toolkit is available on the Children's Cabinet website at <https://www.kschildrencabinet.org/mou-toolkit>. It is a product of the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel.

Melissa Rooker announced the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel 2021-2022 applications will be accepted April 10-May 1, 2021. See the Children's Cabinet website for more information. A slate of approved applicants will be included on the June Cabinet meeting agenda. Melissa encouraged Cabinet members to review the criteria for applicants in the meantime and to contact Debbie Deere at ddeere@ksde.org with questions.

EX OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

Kansas State Department of Education

Amanda Petersen, Director, Early Childhood reported:

- KSDE is working with USDs as they spend federal Relief funds and in determining how schools can better address, over the next several years, the needs caused by the COVID pandemic,
- Kansas State Board of Education met in February and discussed the *Navigating Change* guidance which assists local districts as they consider plans for both operation and learning and ways to better support incoming kindergarteners.

Kansas State Health and Environment

Rachel Sisson, Director, Bureau of Family Health reported:

- KDHE is in collaboration with other states agencies worked toward Medicaid coverage for Maternal, Post Partem Depression screening and pediatric well-child visits
- Working with The University of Kansas to obtain assistance a comprehensive review of the Universal Home Visiting program
- Child Care Licensing Improvement Team will be convening in small groups in April and continue meeting monthly to focus on three areas: 1) Starting and maximizing child care business; 2) Elevating childcare through resources and awareness 3) Reviewing Regulatory Standards and Practices.
- Recruiting for Home Visiting Manager and State Part C Coordinator

Kansas Supreme Court

Justice Keynen Wall reported:

- Many of the courts are re-opening. There are transitions from virtual hearings to in-person hearings
- Legislation passed helping put a hold on the "speedy trial clause" particularly involving the backlog of criminal cases.

Kansas Department of Corrections

Hope Cooper, Deputy Secretary of Juvenile and Adult Community-Based Services reported:

- Department of Corrections is working on efforts to prevent clients going into judicial and child welfare crossover multi systems. DOC is contracting with Georgetown University for assistance.
- Melissa and Hope will be joining in Thriving Families Safe Families forum.

EX OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES (contin.)

Kansas Board of Regents

Dr. Karla Wiscombe, Director of Academic Affairs reported:

- KBOR is creating a clear pathway for commonality of the General Education courses at the Universities and community colleges. It could be a two year process to complete.

Melissa reported that DCF staff had to depart early to join another meeting.

UPCOMING CABINET MEETINGS

June 4, 2021 (Virtual)

August 6, 2021 TBA

October 1, 2021 TBA

December 3, 2021 TBA

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Kim Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.