

KANSAS CHILDREN’S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MINUTES

The **June 4, 2021** regular session of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Board commenced at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Kim Moore presiding. The meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting with a quorum. Proper notice was published in the Kansas Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Moore, Chair, LeEtta Felter, John Wilson, DiAnne Graham, Deliece Hofen, Terri Rice, Monica Murnan, Tyler Smith, M.D., Senator Dinah Sykes Ex Officio members: Justice Keynen Wall (Supreme Court), Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Rachel Sisson (KDHE), Tanya Keys, (DCF), 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.

Chairman Moore asked Melissa if the matter relating to the USD 216 Deerfield ECBG application would be added as an agenda item or if she would be covering the topic in her updates. Melissa reported she would be discussing an alternate proposal for the Cabinet’s consideration as part of the agenda. The recommended application is from the 2021 RFP submissions. Chairman Moore stated that item #4 “ECBG Change” would be added to the agenda ahead of the CIF Accountability Process & Budget Recommendations item. There were no objections from the board.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2021 MINUTES

Chairman Moore asked if there were corrections to the April minutes and, if not, he entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION

DiAnne Graham moved the board approve the minutes of April 9, 2021. Motion seconded by John Wilson. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

COMMUNITIES ALIGNED IN EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (CAEDE)

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Program Director reported on the CAEDE RFP.

- The Family Conservancy’s Start Young Program submitted the only application,
- Grant Request: \$1,000,000 with Cash Match. \$665,000,
- Promotes Kindergarten Readiness for some of Kansas’ most vulnerable children,
- Serves 775 children, ages birth to five, 235 parents, 190 early childhood staff in Wyandotte County,
- Technical Assistance offered through RFP questions and Help Desk Support, and
- Three external reviewers read and scored the application.

COMMUNITIES ALIGNED IN EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (CAEDE)
(Contin.)

This would be the fourth year for funding of this project and Start Young plans to continue the same programs and services. Today's request is for the Cabinet to consider approving The Family Conservancy Start Young program for \$1 million dollar grant. Amy remarked there are three guiding principles which include: Providing capacity building in Wyandotte County, technical assistance for child care providers, and professional development for teachers and incentives for staff to continue their education.

John Wilson asked for clarification on whether CAEDE was its own line item in the budget with the same organization receiving the funding every year since the funding was made available. Melissa responded that was correct and elaborated the project was funded for a three-year pilot grant, as a single funding line item within the CIF budget. It was a set aside category for a specific county, and that being Wyandotte. Initially, CAEDE was opened up through RFP and The Family Conservancy was the recipient of that grant. The Family Conservancy's Start Young project has been successful over the past three years and the Kansas Legislature allocated funding for a fourth year for CAEDE.

After further discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Dinah Sykes moved the Cabinet approve The Family Conservancy application for the CAEDE grant award for SFY 2022. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter.

Chairman Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

LeEtta Felter	Yes
DiAnne Graham	Yes
Monica Murnan	Yes
Terri Rice	Yes
Tyler Smith, M.D.	Yes
Senator Dinah Sykes	Yes
John Wilson	Yes
Chairman Kim Moore	Yes

Motion carried.

ECBG CHANGE

Melissa Rooker reported that USD 216 Deerfield had been approved under the slate of ECBG awardees for SFY 2022 at the last Cabinet meeting. Since then, USD 216 notified the Cabinet in writing (see attached) of their decision to decline the \$49,000 grant due to the decision of their school board to outsource their early childhood program to a private vendor.

As a replacement grantee, the review team selected the Phillipsburg Child Care Center from the ECBG applicants and recommended them for a \$50,000 award.

Chairman Moore was encountering audio challenges, so to keep the meeting moving, the board elected John Wilson as chair pro tem by unanimous consent.

MOTION:

DiAnne Graham moved to elect John Wilson, Chairman Pro Tem. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter. Motion carried on voice vote.

Chairman Pro Tem John Wilson entertained a motion on the Phillipsburg Child Care Center application.

MOTION:

Monica Murnan moved the board approve awarding a \$50,000 ECBG award to Phillipsburg Child Care Center in Phillipsburg, Kansas, for SFY 2022. Motion seconded by Tyler Smith, M.D.

Chairman Pro Tem John Wilson called for a Roll Call vote.

LeEtta Felter - Yes

DiAnne Graham – Yes

Monica Murnan – Yes

Terri Rice - Yes

Tyler Smith, M.D. - Yes

Senator Dinah Sykes – Yes

Kim Moore – Yes

John Wilson – Yes

Motion carried.

CIF ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS

Owen Cox, Associate Researcher, Center for Public Partnerships and Research, The University of Kansas

Owen went over how the CIF program data gets collected, accountability process, and budget recommendations. He explained that to better align with the legislative process in making budget decisions, the Cabinet moved the CIF approval process and timelines to June.

CIF ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS (Contin.)

Owen discussed each of the CIF program descriptions and provided updated information on each program. He shared details on current funding, agency and program profiles, principal populations targeted, data trust updates, and key take aways. The power point slides contained how each program aligned with the All-in For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan, state level, capacity and access, workforce and impact COVID-19 had on programs. (See attached slate of CIF programs and recommended State Fiscal Year 2023 awards)

SENT Prep Academy opened on May 3, 2021 with 18 students and counting. SENT has been meeting its times since December 2020. Owen discussed the SENT alignment with the Strategic Plan (All In for Kids), community level engagement, workforce, capacity and access, quality and environments. SENT scheduled an open house event on June 7, 2021.

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director led discussion of CIF funding recommendations including increasing transfer of tobacco funding to CIF, consolidating and streamlining funding within CIF, moving CAEDE under ECBG funding for SFY 2023. (See attached recommendations.)

After consideration discussion, the board made a motion.

MOTION:

LeEtta Felter moved the board approve the recommendations #1 A, B, C, and D as presented. For a total of \$51,591,333. Motion seconded by Terri Rice.

Chairman Kim Moore’s audio was working again, however, he asked Melissa to take roll call. Melissa Rooker called for a Roll Call vote.

- LeEtta Felter - Yes
- DiAnne Graham - Yes
- Monica Murnan – Yes
- Terri Rice – Yes
- Tyler Smith, M.D. – Yes
- Senator Dinah Sykes – Yes
- John Wilson - Yes
- Kim Moore - Yes

Motion carried.

CIF BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Melissa discussed Item #1 e) Reallocate funding from the Children’s Mental Health Waiver, Child Care Quality Initiative, and Infant Toddler Hearing Aid Bank as outlined in items A,B, C, and D totaling \$4,400,773 to the following CIF line items:

- i) \$1,600,000 to the Early Childhood Block Grant
- ii) \$1,400,000 to Maternal Child Health Home Visiting
- iii) \$1,400,773 to Early Childhood Infrastructure (a new budget line)

After consideration discussion, the board made another motion.

MOTION:

John Wilson moved the board adopt the slate of recommended CIF Program Budget Proposals for SFY 2023 outlined on Page 6 of the attached CIF recommendations. Motion seconded by Dinah Sykes.

Melissa called for a Roll Call vote.

- LeEtta Felter - Yes
- DiAnne Graham – Yes
- Monica Murnan – Yes
- Terri Rice - Yes
- Tyler Smith, M.D., - Yes
- Senator Dinah Sykes - Yes
- John Wilson - Yes
- Kim Moore - Yes

Motion carried.

Melissa referenced K.S.A. 38-2102 d (4) of the Cabinet’s statute about the 102.5% transfers from the KEY Fund to CIF every July 1st. The board discussed requesting an increase be made to the CIF in SFY 2023. Melissa read the statute, “KSA 38-2102 reads: “On July 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, or as soon as thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children’s initiatives fund the amount equal to 102.5% of the amount transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children’s initiatives fund pursuant to this section during the immediately preceding fiscal year.”

Melissa discussed that a portion of the interests from the KEY Fund gets dispersed to the Judicial branch for compliance purposes, Kansas Department of Revenue, and the Kansas Attorney General for compliance purposes, staff time in helping manage the tobacco settlement dollars that are received into the state.

CIF BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (Contin.)

After discussion, the board made a motion.

MOTION:

Monica Murnan moved that the Cabinet direct the Children’s Cabinet staff to develop a recommendation that includes compliance with K.S.A. 38-2102 (d) (4). Motion seconded by John Wilson.

Board member LeEtta Felter had to depart the meeting.

Melissa called for a Roll Call Vote:

- DiAnne Graham – Yes
- Monica Murnan – Yes
- Terri Rice – Yes
- Dr. Tyler Smith – Yes
- Senator Dinah Sykes – Yes
- John Wilson – Yes
- Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL UPDATES

Debbie Deere, Early Childhood Systems Coordinator with the Children’s Cabinet discussed and presented a slate of recommended appointees to the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel for SFY 2022. If approved, appointees will begin serving on July 1, 2021. (The slate of appointees list is attached.) Chairman Kim Moore entertained a motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by Dinah Sykes the board approve the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel slate of re-appointments and new appointees as presented. Motion seconded by Terri Rice.

Melissa Rooker called for a Roll Call vote.

- DiAnne Graham - Yes
- Monica Murnan - Yes
- Terri Rice - Yes
- Tyler Smith, M.D. – Yes
- Senator Dinah Sykes - Yes
- John Wilson - Yes
- Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Melissa Rooker reported the Preschool Development Grant crossed the first year anniversary. The Dolly Parton Imagination Foundation will be new project included in Year 2 PDG renewal services. She will have more to report at the next board meeting.

Melissa reported she and Chairman Moore had discussed the board returning to in-person meetings, if it is the pleasure of the board. After discussion, the board decided the August 6 meeting would be conducted as a virtual meeting. They could determine whether to meet in-person for the October and Dec meetings at next meeting. The staff will reserve space for the October 1 board meeting at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB).

Monica Murnan thanked the KU CPPR staff for collecting the CIF program data.

Chairman Moore remarked since time was running out, he suggested that Ex Officio representatives that had reports should e-mail any reports to Melissa and Dyogga to be shared later.

UPCOMING CABINET MEETINGS

August 6, 2021 (virtual)

October 1, 2021 TBA

December 3, 2021 TBA

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Kim Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.