

KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MINUTES

The **August 6, 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, Monica Murnan, Terri Rice, Tyler Smith, M.D., Senator Dinah Sykes, and Ex Officio Members: Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Tanya Keys (DCF), Dr. Karla Wiscombe (KBOR)
Cabinet Staff: Melissa Rooker, Amy Meek, Debbie Deere, and Dyogga Adegboro

WELCOME AND CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Kim Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2021 MINUTES

Chairman Moore asked if there were corrections to the June minutes and, if not, he entertained a motion for approval.

MOTION:

John Wilson moved the board approve the minutes of June 4, 2021, as written. Motion seconded by DiAnne Graham. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT PROPOSAL

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director reported on the CBCAP RFP. There were 15 eligible proposals received with six new applicants. The total funding requested was \$3,046,853. Proposals ranged from \$54,000 to \$400,000. Melissa explained that as of this meeting, the Cabinet had not received the federal award and the amount of funding that would be available to allocate was unknown. The federal award should be made sometime in September.

Melissa Rooker said that she, Amy Meek, and the review team had discussed recommending increasing existing CBCAP grantees funding should additional funds be received. She also expressed a desire to add several of the new programs, if funding is allowed.

Amy Meek discussed the timeline for acceptance, review team scoring, and recommended selected recipients for the CBCAP grant. Successful candidates will be notified pending the Federal award notice with grants running from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Melissa Rooker explained the difficulty of needing to announce awards to applicants prior to the October 1 deadline given that they could not be certain how much the CBCAP federal award would be. She asked for the Cabinet to vote on guidance for the decisions that would need to be made before the next Cabinet meeting.

After considerable discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Tyler Smith moved the board approve the slate of recommended CBCAP recipients at level funding, with the plan to channel any additional funds received in the following order: #2 Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, #3 Next tier of eligible applicants, and #1 Existing CBCAP grantees. Motion died without a second.

There was additional discussion about allowing Cabinet staff to use their discretion to weigh the merits on which applicants to grant any additional dollars to when making awards.

MOTION:

LeEtta Felter moved the board approve the recommended slate of CBCAP grantees at level funding as presented and authorize Cabinet staff to use discretion in awarding any additional funding received. Motion seconded by John Wilson.

Chairman Moore called for a Roll Call Vote:

- LeEtta Felter - Yes
- DiAnne Graham – Yes
- Deliece Hofen – Yes
- Monica Murnan – Yes
- Terri Rice - Yes
- Tyler Smith, M.D. – No
- Senator Dinah Sykes – Yes
- John Wilson – Yes
- Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT EVALUATION

Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, Wichita State University, presented longitudinal data results from the ECBGs. The data included outcomes, screening tools, and reporting from early childhood programs across Kansas. The report is available to the public on the Children’s Cabinet website as part of the meeting materials posted with this August 6 meeting.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Debbie Deere, Early Childhood Systems Coordinator, gave an update on the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel and the group’s last meeting.

PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT UPDATE

Melissa Rooker reported on the Preschool Development Grant. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be added to the PDG as a partnership in Kansas. As part of the partnership, KCCTF will be providing 50% of funding. More details will be provided at the next Cabinet meeting.

Amanda Petersen provided information and Bright Spots on the program. The KCCTF website has been updated and the PDG information expanded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa Rooker reported

- DiAnne Graham and Terri Rice were both re-appointed on the Cabinet by Governor Kelly.
- She was invited to give a presentation about early childhood recommendations to the Governor's Commission on Racial Equality and Justice. Their July recommendations report to the Governor included early childhood.
- She visited the Kansas Children's Discovery Center to learn more about their participation in the Shawnee County kindergarten transition partnership.
- The remaining Cabinet meetings for October 1 and December 3, 2021 will be conducted as virtual meetings. Next year's schedule of meetings will be discussed and set at the next meeting.
- The next meeting of the Children's Cabinet will be October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held virtually. The 2022 meeting schedule will be discussed at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.