

KANSAS CHILDREN’S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MINUTES

The **October 1, 2021** regular session of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Board meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. with 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 Owen Graham, Deliece Hofen, Monica Murnan, Tyler Smith, M.D., Senator Dinah Sykes, Ex Officio Members: Tanya Keys (DCF), Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Justice Keynen Wall (Supreme Courts), Kelli Mark (KDHE)
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 AUGUST 6, 2021 MINUTES

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

MOTION:

DiAnne Graham moved the board approve the minutes of August 6, 2021, as written. Motion seconded by Dinah Sykes. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT UPDATE

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director gave a funding overview and updates on the CBCAP program.

New CBCAP awards were approved for \$1,376,576, federal awarded received in mid-September, New Supplemental Award was approved for \$2,335,613, and New Demonstration Project Award was approved for \$486,582.

Based on the board’s August 6 vote for CBCAP Funding:

Children’s Cabinet voted to approve flat funding for existing grantees with the following additional funding recommendations, at the Cabinet Staff’s discretion:

- Increase current grantees awards in an amount up to, but not to exceed, requested amounts,
- Fund new grantee, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department,
- Work with other the next tier of eligible applicants to fully or partially fund additional projects

The Cabinet members received a handout with the approved CBCAP grantees, Supplemental Fund and Demonstration Project Funding awardees’ amounts and project overviews.

The Supplement Funding Awards were approved for a three-year pilot.

The Demonstration Project Fund was awarded to two recipients for one year only with no promise of renewal.

ECBG/KANSAS PRESCHOOL PILOT COMBINED RFP

Amanda Petersen, Director of Early Childhood, KSDE, reported on the latest Request For Proposals for the Early Childhood Block Grant and Kansas Preschool Pilot grants. The new RFP is a collaborative effort by KSDE and KCCTF to integrate ECBG and KPP grant applications into the Common App, streamline the application process for applicants interested in both programs, making the grant-writing and quarterly reporting less burdensome for applicants. The ECBGs will continue to receive final Cabinet board approval and ECBG and KPP funding streams will continue to be awarded and tracked separately. The application will include award maximum amount, At-Risk child criteria, cash match and indirect amounts. The new process will provide for more efficient reviewing and grant awarding for the staff. Applications will be reviewed and scored by KSDE and KCCTF staff. Melissa and Amanda discussed how both programs will align in the application.

Amanda and Melissa discussed the recommended decision points for Cabinet approval:

- Award Maximums: Remove award maximum for ECBG
- At-Risk Criteria: Update ECBG application to indicate expectation of meeting at-risk criteria and serving children at-risk first
- Match Amount: Remove match requirement and request applicants describe how they will meet statutory requirements to demonstrate mobilization of community support
- Indirect Amount: Reduce allowable budget indirect percentage to 8% to align with KPP.

After considerable discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion. It was noted that Board member Monica Murnan stepped away from the meeting discussion. Board member Terri Rice had not yet joined the meeting.

MOTION

It was moved by John Wilson the Cabinet board authorize the use of the combined ECBG/KPP RFP along with the four updates presented. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter.

Chairman Moore called for a Roll Call Vote:

LeEtta Felter - Yes
DiAnne Graham – Yes
Deliece Hofen – Yes
Tyler Smith, M.D. – Yes
Senator Dinah Sykes – Yes
John Wilson – Yes
Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT UPDATE

Melissa Rooker reported on the Preschool Development Grant.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be expanding statewide with KCCTF as a partner. KCCTF will be providing 50% of the funding using PDG funds for year 1. The initial roll-out is happening in six Kansas counties.

ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS/AGENCY UPDATES

Kansas Future Fellows
Professional Career Pathway and Workforce Registry
Early Childhood Integrated Data
PDG B-5 Virtual Convening scheduled 10/18/2021

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Debbie Deere, Early Childhood System Coordinator, KCCTF, gave an update from the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel. She discussed various work groups and their focuses. Debbie also discussed changes on the Panel and requested Children's Cabinet board approval.

Lori Kravitz, KDHE resigned her position and Kate Roggenbaum is the Family Advisory Council - Title V Delegate Elect. Debbie asked for approval to appoint Kate to the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel.

MOTION:

Dinah Sykes moved the Cabinet accept the resignation of Lori Kravitz from the Panel and appoint Kate Roggenbaum to the Panel. Motion seconded by Tyler Smith. Chairman Moore called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa announced this would be Senator Dinah Sykes last meeting as her term expires. Melissa thanked her for her service to the Children's Cabinet. Senator Sykes will continue to be an advocate and champion for children's issues in Kansas. The Cabinet thanked Senator Sykes for her service on the board.

EX OFFICIO REPORTS.

Tanya Keys, DCF, Deputy Secretary, reported on:

- Child Care Aware of Kansas Sustainable Grants and Request for Proposals and timelines.

Kelli Mark, KDHE, Bureau of Family Health, Director of Administration and Policy, reported:

- There are 4,499 childcare licensed facilities with 135,330 childcare slots.

- KDHE is involved in initiatives and collaborating with Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities Inc. (KCCTO), Child Care Aware of Kansas, DCF and KSDE.

Amanda Petersen, (KSDE) Director of Early Childhood, reported

- Many childcare providers and early childhood personnel are challenged with maintaining adequate numbers of staff at facilities and at schools keeping classrooms opens that are COVID related.
- Between September and October, KSDE will be collecting and review data reports from Kansas schools. The preliminary numbers for enrollment will be collected later in the year KSDE will also be reviewing data and feedback as a result of the Kansas CAN Tour.
- Kansas CAN Star Recognition Program recognizes Kansas USDs.

Justice Keynen Wall, Supreme Court reported

- Courts have rescheduled Mental Health Summit for next spring due to COVID related issues and an overwhelming demand for participation. Several agencies are stakeholders and involved with helping plan the event. The Summit will bring in national and local speakers to strategize and educate attendees on the courts involvement with mental health individuals coming into the court system either through DCF or criminal prosecution.

Melissa reported on behalf of Hope Cooper, Deputy Secretary of Juvenile and Adult Community-Based Services, Kansas Department of Corrections.

- DOC announced several prevention grants that help families relating to substance abuse, parent engagement, and cultural sensitivity engagement. The total grant award for the RFP is \$500,000 with \$1 for \$1 match dollars attached.

2022 MEETING DATES

Upcoming meetings are at 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, and December 2, 2022. There were no objections to the 2022 meeting schedule.

The **next meeting** of the Children’s Cabinet is scheduled at **9:00 a.m., Friday, December 3, 2021** and will be conducted as a virtual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Kim Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.