

**KANSAS CHILDREN’S CABINET AND TRUST FUND
MINUTES**

The **August 5, 2022** regular session of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Board virtual meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Kim Moore presiding. Quorum present. Proper notice was published in the Kansas Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Moore, Chair, Senator Renee Erickson, and LeEtta Felter, DiAnne Graham, Deliece Hofen, Monica Murnan, Tyler Smith-Howells, M.D., Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Tanya Keys, (DCF), Kelli Mark (KDHE), Dena Russell-Marino, (Supreme Court), and Karla Wiscombe (KBOR).
Cabinet Staff: Melissa Rooker, Amy Meek, and Dyogga Adegbore.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:

Chairman Kim Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 3 AND JUNE 24, 2022 MINUTES

Chairman Moore remarked the June 3 and 24, 2022 minutes had been sent for review. Chairman Moore asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes, and if none, he asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Deliece Hofen moved the Children’s Cabinet board approve the minutes of June 3, 2022 and June 24, 2022, as written. Motion seconded by DiAnne Graham. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director discussed the slate of recommended individuals to serve on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library advisory committee. At the June 3 meeting, Cabinet approved a recommendation to form an advisory committee to assist the Cabinet in its role in the statewide lead for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project and help sustain the program. Melissa proposed a slate of people to serve on the advisory committee for approval. Membership on the advisory committee will include representatives of the business sector, philanthropy, education, elected offices and interested Children’s Cabinet board members. Approving the advisory board will fulfill a requirement of the DPIL foundation. Chairman Moore if there were questions. He asked if there would be additional people added to the committee at a later time. Melissa responded yes.

Slate of names includes:

- DiAnne Graham, KCCTF board member
- Rep. Troy Waymaster, Kansas House of Representatives
- Betsy Wearing, Dane G. Hansen Foundation
- Scott Hall, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- Nancy Wallerstein, Johnson County Museum Foundation
- Lisa Gleason, United Way of Reno County
- Zach Vincent, Office of the Kansas Governor

Chairman Moore entertained a motion.

MOTION:

Monica Murnan moved the Cabinet accept the slate of recommended individuals to serve on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library advisory committee as presented. Motion seconded by Renee Erickson.

Chairman Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Senator Renee Erickson – Yes

DiAnne Graham – Abstained since she is on the slate of names

Deliece Hofen - Yes

Monica Murnan -Yes

Tyler Smith-Howells, M.D. – Yes

Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT EVALUATION REPORT 2021-2022

Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, Senior Research Scientist, Center for Applied Research & Evaluation (CARE) at Wichita State University presented the Early Childhood Block Grant annual evaluation. Dr. Schrepferman’s report consisted of longitudinal data results collected and analyzed from the ECBG programs. The report also included data on 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 5 meeting.

Board member LeEtta Felter joined the meeting.

Board members commended Dr. Schrepferman on her reporting. Chairman Moore thanked Dr. Schrepferman for her presentation.

ECBG TIMELINE REVIEW

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director, gave an overview about the ECBG funding. ECBG grantees face uncertainty from year to year as they plan for program staffing and budgeting. The Cabinet places value on long-term perspective in investing in early childhood care and education, That investment incorporates both maintaining stability of grantees over time and capitalizing on innovative new projects and ideas. Melissa added that for State Fiscal Year 2024 awards, a fast-track application for existing grantees will include more stability in program planning, efficiencies for submission and review processes and reduced grant-writing burdens on the grantees. Also, there will be an open competition RFP for contemplation of new programs. This topic required no formal Cabinet board action but was well-received.

COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT RENEWAL

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director gave an overview of the CBCAP renewal process and slate of recommended programs for awards for the October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 grant year. The annual awardee renewal grants will go to six community-based and one statewide grantees, The renewal applications submitted through Kansas CommonApp portal, and the Federal funding award begins October 1, pending Congressional budget action and formal award notice. The slate of grantees awards total \$1,319,274. We are recommending flat funding. The federal award and the amount of funding that would be available to allocate was unknown. The federal award should be received sometime in September. Melissa explained if the

Cabinet approves the recommendations, then initial award letters will be sent to each recipient only notifying them they have been recommended for approval contingent on federal funding arriving and pending the amount of the federal award received.

Chairman Moore asked for a motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by LeEtta Felter moved the Children’s Cabinet board approve the existing CBCAP grantees for renewals subject to the receipt of federal funding. Motion seconded by DiAnne Graham.

Chairman Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Senator Renee Erickson – Yes

LeEtta Felter - Yes

DiAnne Graham – Yes

Deliece Hofen - Yes

Monica Murnan -Yes

Tyler Smith-Howells, M.D. – Yes

Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Melissa Rooker remarked the Kansas Children’s Cabinet serves as the state lead as the designated Early Childhood Advisory Council for Kansas. This is a federal requirement for Kansas Head Start legislation. The recommendations panel for ECAC to bring forth information and recommendations to the Cabinet to act upon. During the Cabinet’s June 3 meeting, the board approved a slate of new and renewed members to the panel. The panel met July 15 as an introductory and orientation discussion on meeting procedures and state-wide collaboration efforts.

PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT UPDATE

Melissa Rooker reported the following:

- PDG Year 2 Annual Performance Progress and Annual Financial Reports (April 30, 2021 to April 29, 2022) were submitted to federal office,
- Federal Year 2 funding remains so staff submitted a no-cost carry-forward request to the federal office. In conjunction with Year 2 funding, Cabinet staff began working on Year 3 program work and grant payments. This is the final year of the grant.
- Workforce Registry RFP was announced and three (3) applications have been received. Kansas Department of Administration will work with all three vendors for the procurement demonstration process in the next 10 days. The workforce registry will serve the workforce in Child Care agencies and help in tracking licensing requirements,
- Strategic Plan will be updated to share progress by the end of the PDG grant period
- Coordinated Sustainability Planning underway for the PDG programs
- Child Care Technical Assistance Network Highlighted Kansas Intragovernmental Partnerships as a Function of ECCE Governance

AGENCY UPDATES

Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Amy Meek, Early Childhood reported

- Shared a video on messaging produced by the Thriving Families and Safer Children in Kansas team that include partners Amanda Petersen, Kelli Mark, and Tanya Keys along with materials posted on the www.ksthivingfamilies.org website and partial funding contributed by the Casey Foundation. Plans for more videos and dissemination plan are in the works.
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grantees are wrapping up the grant year that ends September 30. Along with KU team support, two virtual meetings will be conducted with the CBCAP grantees on Ripple Effects Mapping.

Kansas State Department of Education

Amanda Petersen, Director, Early Childhood reported:

- KSDE/Dr. Randy Watson ready to kick-up a successful 2022-2023 school year in Kansas.
- KSDE's Early Childhood team are ready to begin the school for 40,000+ children starting kindergarten. Prepping the technology that goes into operating the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot portal
- KSDE offered USDs opportunity to integrate KRS portal and ASQs into their spring school activities particularly during orientation for incoming kindergarteners. KSDE received positive feedback about that option.
- Sept 20 is account day to view the first snapshot of enrollment for the upcoming school year.

Kansas State Health and Environment

Kelli Mark, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Family Health reported:

- KDHE will be announcing its Home Visiting Model RFP soon.
- Child Adolescent Health Consultant recruited
- Child Care Licensing Director position is vacant and position posted.
- Early Childhood Systems Coordinator position created
- Continuing to work on updates to Child Care Licensing regulations

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Tanya Keys, Deputy Secretary report:

- During month of August, DCF will conduct six (6) stakeholder meetings in various communities relative language in the Omnibus regulation bill revolving around early intervention and prevention of foster care in performance-based contracts. Engaged in dialogue and listening. Locations are Emporia, Kansas City, Topeka, Pittsburg, Hays, and Wichita, Kansas followed by a report to the Kansas Legislature in January 2023.
- DCF obtained time limited federal funding. An RFP announced for local sites of a family resource center providing a variety of resources, parental supports and parent leadership in neighboring communities. Open to all families. Q&As are due August 15 and bids due on September 16, 2022.

Kansas Board of Regents

Dr. Karla Wiscombe, Director of Academic Affairs reported:

- Discussed the system-wide General Education package at a previous meeting. The package is an exciting achievement for Kansas providing all higher education institutions will have the identical 34-35 general education credit hours framework effective fall of 2024.
- KBOR Retreat held last week. New tasks assigned to KBOR staff revolving around KBOR goals.
- KBOR and Kansas Board of Education (KBOE) meeting jointly in September 2022 for a third time. Purpose to share and update each other and collaborate on projects.

Kansas Supreme Court

Dena Russell-Marino, Court Improvement Specialist, Office of Judicial Administration

- Justice Keynen Wall participated in a judicial duties nominating commission today. Ms. Marino attended on his behalf and reported. Ms. Marino works on citizens review board and the CASA program.
- Office of Judicial Administration sponsoring Best-Practices and Law Training on August 24-25, 2022 via zoom. Open to all stakeholders in the child welfare sector. Registration is open now. Topics are procedural fairness and termination of parental rights.
- OJA will be offering a six-part training to new judges or new to Child-in-need of Care sector in the fall. Sessions will cover Child-in-need-of Care cases and Child-in-need-of Care Nuts & Bolts,

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Melissa Rooker acknowledged the work at KSDE on the Sunflower Summer program. Last year, KSDE started the program with Pandemic Relief funding underwriting the costs. Appreciative of KU CPPR team members, particularly Janine Hron, for assisting and instrumental in developing the game plan in creating the enrichment program during the summer months. The program helps family's engagement in educational opportunities with their children in their communities. Approximately 152,000 Kansas participated in over 90 venues in the state and downloading the App through Google Play or Apple App. As school starts up, the program will end August 15.

Melissa discussed the possibility of the Cabinet board revisiting a plan to meet in-person on December 2 at KASB along with the zoom option. The board could not meet in-person today due to most voting members not available to attend. Cabinet members were open to that idea.

NEXT MEETING:

The Cabinet will meet next on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via virtual meeting. The December 2, 2022 meeting is tentatively scheduled as in-person and more than likely held at KASB in Topeka.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION:

Deliece Hofen moved the Children's Cabinet board adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.