

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 17, 2022



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Members Present

Jennifer Adhima, Kansas Head Start Assoc
Director
Marites Altuna, Kansas State Schools for the Deaf
& Blind
Mallory Arellano, Newman University School of
Education
Paula Branizor, Kansas Department of Health and
Environment
Gail Cozadd, Kansas Children Service League
Kelly Davydov, Child Care Aware of Kansas
Tabitha Ewing, YMCA Early Learning Center
Jeremy Fite, hilltop Child Development Center
Jennifer Forker, Hutchinson Community College
Jennifer Francois, Kansas Institute for Early
Childhood Education and Research
Crystal Henry, Family Conservancy
Callie Hoffman, Kansas Parents as Teachers
Association
Audra Kenneson, Rainbows United
David Lindeman, University of Kansas Life Span
Institute at Parsons
Kelli Mark, Kansas Department of Health and
Environment
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Department of
Education
Lucas Neece, Sprout House Learning
Patty Peschel, Kansas Child Care Training
Opportunities, Inc.
Amanda Petersen, Kansas State Department of
Education
Kate Roggenbaum, Parent Leader
Dannah Schatz, Russell Child Development Center
Lisa Schmidt, Women's Community Y
Cassandra Sines, Parent Leader
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and
Environment
Jenny Welch-Buller, Research Project Manager

Reva Wywadis, Child Care Aware of Eastern
Kansas

Minutes

Welcome

Amanda Petersen called the meeting to order with a quorum present, described processes for a remote meeting, and directed participants to **the [Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website](#)** for meeting materials.

Meeting Agenda

Gale Cozadd moved to approve the agenda and Natalie McClane seconded, with a unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented

May 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DCF notified Hannah McGahey of a minor inaccuracy on the draft minutes from May. May minutes reported licensing fees and background check funding through the American Rescue Plan stabilization funds will end June of 23', the correct end date is September of 23'. Cassandra Sines moved to approve the May minutes and Jennifer Francois seconded, with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes with corrected information.

Kansans' Open Forum - Written and Verbal Comments:

No comments submitted.

Budgeting Tool Presentation

Tanya Koehn and Laura Crater introduce themselves as Child Care Aware of Kansas staff. They introduce a budgeting tool to aid communities when collaborating and engaging to increase local childcare capacity. The budgeting tool is also designed to help child care staff and interested parties make decisions and understand the total overhead and start up costs related to the running of a child care program.

The presentation was a visual walk-through of the budgeting tool including which fields are static and those that can be altered to benefit the user. Overall, the budgeting tool presented by Child Care Aware of Kansas can be used by both communities and individuals. It is a way to project start up expenses as well as future operating costs based on a variety of preset variables within the tool.

One of the guiding principles used to develop this tool is the Iron Triangle which includes enrollment revenue, balancing revenue and expense, and calculating long term self sustainability. The presentation wrapped up with a high level overview of which pieces of the tool can be modified to suit the user including preset calculations for subsidy, federal food program reimbursements, and enrollment based on regulatory ratios.

Child Care Aware of Kansas staff anticipate the next few months to be a soft launch opportunity to gather feedback from communities and make adjustments to the budgeting tool as needed. The official launch is anticipated for fall of 2022'.

Questions/Comments?

One member articulated how impressed she was with how much this tool can capture and how convenient it will be to not have to use multiple resources to locate information about ratios etc. This member commented that she anticipates this will be very helpful for child care providers.

Another member inquired about the best way to connect school staff and other personnel to a point of contact with Child Care Aware of Kansas and get more information. Members were instructed to direct interested parties with Tanya Koehn and she will connect them with the appropriate outreach and engagement staff member. Tanya's contact information is Tanya.Koehn@ks.childcareaware.org or she can be reached at 785-357-5171 at the Child Care Aware of Kansas offices.

1-800-CHILDREN Presentation

Pamela Noble from the Kansas Children's Service League presents information about 1-800-Children- Supporting Parents and current social media and engagement resources.

Kansas Children's Service League staff provided an overview of how they've been connecting with licensed child care providers through KDHE to provide resources about free lunch programs. Staff also briefly went over their last 12 month campaign and how more traffic was evidenced on the site when there was an active campaign.

Future campaign initiatives for 1-800-CHILDREN should begin July 1, 2022 and will include online display advertisements including social media and streaming, as well as Spotify and local television. Panel members were encouraged to utilize and share campaign materials which can be found at the 1800CHILDREN.org website, by downloading the mobile app and searching 1800CHILDREN in the app store, or by calling 1-800-332-6378 (1-800-CHILDREN). Interested parties can also text or e-mail 1800CHILDREN@KCSL.org for additional information. Another option that has proved to be innovative and useful is the ability to embed a hyperlinked graphic directly onto an interested organization's website or e-mail. Panel members were very responsive to this.

Let us know your suggestions and ideas so we can move forward with those.

Contact 1-800-CHILDREN – Kaitlyn Moore at kamoore2kcsl.org

Collaboration Survey

Panel members were invited to respond to the latest iteration of the Collaboration Survey compiled by Kansas University Center for Public Partnerships and Research. Panel Chair explained that all current and future members will receive a link via e-mail and are encouraged to complete this two part survey. The survey includes a Likert-scale set of questions about collaboration as well as a set of questions assessing one-on-one interactions between organizations that comprise the Panel. Panel members were reminded that they are not rating the organization, rather they are rating collaboration with that organization.

- Link: [Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#)

Bright Spots:

- A member advised they are wrapping up their Family First grant which was titled, Flex Funds. They used the opportunity to work with families to overcome barriers related to financial support. The reporting Panel member advised they've been able to help with car repairs, home appliances, gas cards, and other resources.
- A member shared that they have an activity called MUSIC and ME which is virtual music therapy for children aged birth to five. This grant funded opportunity will kick off this fall.
- Panel member Cassandra Sines gave a brief overview of a documentary opportunity to educate shareholders about unique barriers families with special health care needs may encounter. Panel members were provided with contact information to acquire a viewing link and instructions on where that link could be shared. There is no cost to attend and viewing will take place June 16-18, 2022.

UNSEEN: How We're Failing Parent Caregivers & Why it Matters

Special **THREE**- Day Kansas Viewing

Where: EMAIL- unseencaregiverdocksshowing@gmail.com for registration link

- Outgoing Panel Chair Amanda Peterson shared a heartfelt thank you to all outgoing Panel Members for their service and willingness to ask questions and work collaboratively. These sentiments were echoed by Executive Director Melissa Rooker, who also included her thanks to Panel Chair Petersen for her commitment and vision throughout her tenure.
 - Outgoing Panel members
 - Rachel Anno, Gail Cozadd, Shelly Crome, Jeremy Fite, Shelia Hermocillo, Eva Horn, Audra Keneson, Esther Kottwitz, Lucas Neece, Kate Roggenbaum, Cassandra Sines, Heather Staab, Jenny Welch Buller

Upcoming Meetings: (all via Zoom)

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting – Friday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. (schedule changed)
- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Meeting – Friday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Stakeholders Group Meeting – Friday, August 5, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am