

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

The **June 24, 2022**, special session of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Board virtual meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Kim Moore presiding. There was a quorum. Proper notice was published in the Kansas Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Moore, Chair, DiAnne Graham, Deliece Hofen, Terri Rice, John Wilson, Monica Murnan, LeEtta Felter, Senator Renee Erickson, Amanda Petersen (KSDE), Tanya Keys, (DCF), Carla Whiteside-Hicks (DCF), Justice Keynen Walls, (Supreme Court), Kelli Mark (KDHE), Karla Wiscombe (KBOR). Cabinet Staff: Melissa Rooker, Amy Meek, and Dyogga Adegboro.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:

Chairman Kim Moore welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the special meeting.

Chairman Moore remarked there were no minutes to take action on at this meeting. He said since the last meeting, staff were given additional time to prepare suggested CIF recommendations for the board’s consideration. He remarked that it was Melissa’s plan that after this discussion, she would have a collective judgment from the board with the idea there would be flexibility to make changes if needed. Chairman Moore asked Melissa to give a re-cap of the recommendations sent earlier in the morning and provide any other details she wanted to share.

KEY FUND TRANSFER TO CHILDREN’S INITIATIVES FUND (CIF)

Melissa Rooker remarked the objective is for the Cabinet to decide how best to leverage available funds to address the needs documented in the early childhood care and education system.

Melissa had provided documentation to the board earlier on how the KEY Fund transfers to Kansas Attorney General and Kansas Department of Revenue are used by those agencies. (attached)

Melissa also provided the full history of both the KEY Fund annual transfers and the CIF actual expenditures since 2000. (excel files available on request)

Melissa then presented the following recommendations for Board consideration:

**Recommendation 1**

**Transfer \$5,311,851 from the KEY Fund ending balance to the CIF in FY24 and \$5,444,473 in FY25 for targeted investments as recommended by the Children’s Cabinet.**

In accordance with the responsibilities outlined in Kansas statute, the Kansas Children’s Cabinet has conducted a thorough review of historical KEY Fund and CIF transfers, ending balance trends and the KEY fund current ending balance.

Transfers from the KEY Fund to the CIF over time have failed to keep up with inflation. Most programs have received flat funding although real costs to run their programs have increased.

Adopting a two-year transfer approach allows for strategic investment decisions and balances risks associated with one-time funding increases for local programs.

The proposed budget below represents the FY24 recommendation, which builds on the statutory increase (102.5% from previous year or \$1,311,851) by adding **installment one** of a two year plan. Including initial budget recommendations made at the 6/3/22 Cabinet meeting, the Children’s Cabinet recommends a transfer from the KEY Fund to the CIF for FY24 of \$5,311,851 allocated as follows:

1. Parent Education (Parents as Teachers) – increase of \$1,300,337 for a total of \$9,737,972
2. Early Childhood Block Grant – increase of \$2,985,782 for a total of \$23,715,630 (includes \$311,851 increase approved 6/3)
3. SIDS Network – increase of \$25,732 for a total of \$122,106
4. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library – increase of \$1,000,000 for a total of \$1,500,000 (\$1,000,000 increase approved 6/3)

## CIF Budget

CIF Program	FY23 Actual	Recommended increase	FY24 Cabinet Rec. Final
<b>Human Services</b>			
<i>Dept. for Children and Families</i>			
*Child Care Services	\$5,033,679		\$5,033,679
Family Preservation	\$3,241,062		\$3,241,062
<b>Total -- Children and Families</b>	<b>\$8,274,741</b>		<b>\$8,274,741</b>
<i>Dept. of Health and Environment</i>			
Healthy Start/Home Visitor	\$1,650,000		\$1,650,000
*Infants & Toddlers Program	\$5,800,000		\$5,800,000
Smoking Prevention Grants	\$1,001,960		\$1,001,960
SIDS Network Grant	\$96,374	\$25,732	\$122,106
<b>Total -- KDHE - Health</b>	<b>\$8,548,334</b>		<b>\$8,574,066</b>
<b>Total -- Human Services</b>	<b>\$16,823,075</b>		<b>\$16,848,807</b>
<b>Education</b>			
<i>Department of Education</i>			

Children’s Cabinet Accountability Fund	\$375,000		\$375,000
CIF Grants (ECBG)	\$20,729,848	\$2,985,782	\$23,715,630
Parent Education (PAT)	\$8,437,635	\$1,300,337	\$9,737,972
Pre-K Pilot Program	\$4,200,000		\$4,200,000
Early Childhood Infrastructure	\$1,400,773		\$1,400,773
Imagination Library (DPIL)	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Total -- Dept of Education</b>	<b>\$35,643,256</b>		<b>\$41,929,375</b>
State Employee Pay Plan	\$7,739		\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$52,474,070</b>	<b>\$5,311,851</b>	<b>\$57,778,182</b>

*\* denotes programs with a Maintenance of Effort requirement*

 *denotes programs with a Match requirement*

**Additional Context**

- FY 23 budget (governors rec) \$52,474,070
- On April 21, 2022, the Kansas Attorney General’s Office reported that Kansas had received \$61,332,865 from the annual tobacco settlement payout

The Transfer Approach Fiscal Considerations were:

1. Transfers from the KEY Fund to the CIF over time have never kept up with inflation. Many of the programs funded received only flat funding when in fact real costs to run those programs have increased.
2. By considering a two-year transfer approach,, it would allow for strategic investment decisions to be made and balances risks connected with a one-time-only funding increase for local programs.
3. Current KEY Fund balance is \$31,907,562.
4. The MSA distribution to Kansas for SFY23 is estimated to be \$50M.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by LeEtta Felter the Board accept Recommendation 1 transferring from the KEY Fund for SFY 2024, \$5,311,851 as presented. Motion seconded by John Wilson. Chairman Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

- Sen. Renee Erickson – Yes
- LeEtta Felter =Yes
- DiAnne Graham – Yes
- Deliece Hofen - Yes
- Monica Murnan -Yes

Terri Rice – Yes  
John Wilson – Yes  
Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

## Recommendation 2

**The Children’s Cabinet, in its role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council, requests the State Home Visiting Leadership Team provide an initial proposal for a more aligned approach to funding the multiple home visiting models in Kansas.** The Children’s Cabinet recognizes the important role that home visiting services play in supporting both the goals of the *All in For Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan and the building blocks outlined in the Early Childhood Blueprint, and has directed CIF funding to support multiple models, including statewide funding for Healthy Start/Home Visitor, the Infants & Toddlers Program and Parent Education (Parents as Teachers), and ECBG funding for these and other home visiting programs at a local level. The *All In For Kansas Kids* strategic plan outlines that state agencies, partners, and elected officials will “develop recommendations to expand promising and evidence-based home visiting models, and support a statewide home visiting infrastructure with a variety of sustainable home visiting service options that meet the needs of families and communities” ([tactic 5.2.6](#)).

The Children’s Cabinet makes this request as part of both its statutory role ([K.S.A. 38-1901\(g\)\(1-7\)](#)) and its role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council ([Executive Order 20-02](#)) to ensure an aligned and collaborative early childhood care and education system. The State Home Visiting Leadership Team is a key member of the Kansas Early Childhood Care and Education Governance structure and includes representatives from many of the nine home visiting models in Kansas. As such, this team is well-positioned to gather the information and build an initial proposal. A deeper understanding of the options for increasing funding for the different models in Kansas will help strengthen the case for increased, ongoing investment in the home visiting services that will meet the unique needs of all Kansas families.

The Cabinet discussed Recommendation 2 relating to the State Home Visiting Leadership Team. After discussion, Chairman Moore asked for a motion.

### MOTION:

It was moved by Monica Murnan the Children’s Cabinet in its role as State ECAC requests the State Home Visiting Leadership Team provide an initial proposal for a more aligned approach to funding the multiple home visiting models in Kansas, under Recommendation 2. Motion was seconded by Terri Rice. Chairman Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Sen. Renee Erickson – Yes  
LeEtta Felter =Yes  
DiAnne Graham – Yes  
Deliece Hofen - Yes  
Monica Murnan -Yes  
Terri Rice – Yes

John Wilson – Yes

Chairman Kim Moore – Yes

Motion carried.

The Cabinet discussed recommending the Governor and state legislature provide additional investments from the state general fund to the specific CIF line items to account for the cost of inflation and increased demand for services. The Cabinet decided to hold off taking action until a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled Friday, August 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) facility in Topeka. Members will also have option to join by zoom..

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.