

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022

I. Call to Order

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on November 21, 2022, in Conference Room A of the Office of the Attorney General, East Office, by Board chair, Heather Wagers.

II. Roll Call by Serah Wiedenhoefer

Present

Heather Wagers, Office of Attorney General
Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police
Jill Seyfred, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Caroline Ruschell, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Kentucky
Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network, Inc.
Steve Shannon, Kentucky Association of Regional Programs
Mona Womack, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Virtual attendees

Jaime Kirtley Pittenger, Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Michelle Sanborn, Children’s Alliance
Ebony Thompson, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (Left the meeting at 1:24 pm., no impact on quorum.)
Shannon Moody, Kentucky Youth Advocates (Left the meeting at 2:55 pm., no impact on quorum.)

Guests

Ali Parham, Office of Attorney General
Jami McLemore, Office of Attorney General
Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of Attorney General
Jonathon Scott, Executive Advisor, Department for Medicaid Services
Justin Derringer, Assistant Director Department for Medicaid Services
Michelle Lacy, Budget Specialist III, Office of Attorney General
Marc Manley, Division Director, Office of Civil and Environmental Law, Office of Attorney General
Elisha Mahoney, Executive Advisor Office of the secretary

III. Review of the September 19, 2022 Minutes for Action by the Board

Ms. Wagers ask if the Board had reviewed the meeting minutes from the last board meeting. Ali Parham asked for a change to item number VI, line 6 to add the word “will” to “never be the same”. Michelle Sanborn asked that “Child’s” Alliance be changed to “Children’s” Alliance. Mona Womack made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Andrea Bruns seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

IV. Open meeting Act Presentation

Marc Manley, Division Director, Office of Civil and Environmental Law, Office of the Attorney General, appeared virtually. There were difficulties hearing the presentation, the Board agreed that Mr. Manley’s presentation would be added to a later agenda when he can appear in person.

V. New Administrative Regulation Governing Medicaid Coverage of Medical Examinations Presentation

Jonathon Scott introduced himself and Justin Derringer. Mr. Scott stated there were some changes being made to the Child Advocacy Center Regulations. He stated Medicaid filed an emergency regulation on September 30, 2022 and will start having hearings about those emergency regulations next month. Mr. Scott stated CHFS is awaiting approval for funding the medical examinations, and mental health screens at the Child Advocacy Centers. He advised the Child Advocacy Centers should submit billing for medical exams from April 1, 2022. He advised to bill under code 538, and they would catch it up to 894 billing. Mr. Justin Derringer stated the IT department is working on a system to submit the invoices. Ms. Wagers requested Mr. Derringer provide updates along the way as to the new process to share with the Board.

VI. Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel Presentation A PowerPoint for the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel was presented. Mr. Shannon reports the panel meets monthly and reviews cases from DCBS and

Department for Public Health. The Panel has SharePoint (Data Collection), analyst summary, comprehensive in-depth discussion, categories, family characteristics and Panel discussion. Mr. Shannon explained that of the case reviews 62% were Abusive Head Trauma cases involving substance abuse by a caregiver, 53% of all Blunt Force Trauma cases involved impaired caregiver, 62% of all physical abuse cases involved caregivers with a criminal history and 68% of Sudden Unidentified Deaths in Infants cases involved substance abuse by caregivers. Mr. Shannon reported that access to suboxone was a big issue causing danger within families where children are present in the home.

A discussion on prevention and education efforts was held. Ms. Wagers inquired if there were any programs with the prison/or jails for re-entry that discuss child safety issues, abuse prevention, etc. Mona Womack recommended partnering with the Department of Education to work on getting some skills into the classrooms. Ms. Wagers explained that Colorado has a program, Illuminating Colorado, which is a pilot program for childcare while the parent/parents are receiving services. She stated the program involves three RVs outside substance facilities and mental health facilities that offer childcare.

Ms. Wagers suggested the Board add programmatic recommendations to the grant solicitations for the applicants to reference. Dr. Pittenger stated that further discussion of safe sleep is important due to the increase of opioid abuse.

VII. Kentucky Youth Advocated Presentation

Shannon Moody, Chief Officer of Strategic Initiatives appeared virtually. Due to continuing technical difficulties, Ms. Wagers stated that Ms. Moody will present at the January 2023 meeting. She stated Ms. Moody would be asking the Board what role they will play in Child Advocacy Week.

VIII. Financial update

Michelle Lacy provided the financial report for September and October 2022. A discussion followed as to funding that is available to the Board. Ms. Lacy indicated there should be a certain amount earned from the Child Victim Trust Fund license plates for the Transportation Cabinet to continue offering the plate. Ms. Wagers stated historically funding has decreased and described the necessity of having a steady stream of funding for the Child Victim Trust Fund. Ms. Wagers stated that while at the Alliance National Membership conference in Denver, there were 2 -12 people from other states hired just for work on the Trust Fund.

Ms. Seyfred stated at the conference in Colorado they had parents on the board representing parent leadership and/or a consumer. Mary Carpenter stated they have the Birth Parent Advisory Council that could speak at a Board meeting. Ms. Wagers stated having a council member from Birth Parent Advisory Council speak at a board meeting would be helpful. Ms. Seyfred will ask a member from The Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families to come and speak at a future board meeting.

Ms. Ruschell suggested completing some benchmarking to define the Board priorities. Ms. Wagers stated the Trust Fund Alliance is going to create a dashboard with a map of the data they have collected from all the Trust Funds over the years, and it will be operational in January. Andrea Bruns stated her agency brought in a facilitator to define the mission, what the Board's priorities are, what other states are doing, and what direction the Board wants to move towards. Ms. Wagers stated that bringing a facilitator in to help drive the mission of the Board would be beneficial.

Ms. Wagers made a motion to approve \$5000 for a facilitator to work with the Board. Ms. Bruns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Presentation Grant Contracts with Grantees and Pending Amended Proposal.

a. Update on Status by Heather Wagers

Ms. Wagers stated the amended proposal would be for the period on November 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

b. Review of Grant Award Modification Proposals for Action by the Board

Jill Seyfred, Mary Carpenter, Jaime Pittinger, and Andrea Bruns abstained from voting and left the room.

Steve Shannon made a motion to approve Child Watch, Echo, Kentucky Kids on the Block, and PCAKY modified proposals.

Caroline Ruschell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous

c. Review of Family Nurturing Center Amended Proposal for Auction by the Board.

Jill Seyfred, Mary Carpenter, Jaime Pittinger, and Andrea Bruns abstained from voting.

Caroline Ruschell made a motion to approve Family Nurturing Center's proposal for \$10,000, Steve Shannon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

Jill Seyfred, Mary Carpenter, Jaime Pittinger, and Andrea Bruns returned after the voting.

X. Review Sponsorship Application from Pennyryle Allied Community Services (PACS) for Action by the Board.

Mary Carpenter and Jill Seyfred abstained and left the room.

Ms. Wagers stated the Board frequently sponsors child abuse prevention events.

In the past Child Victims' Trust Fund has funded outside agencies, but not in an amount exceeding \$5000 for trainings, conferences, expert witnesses, and travel expenses. Bradly Stotts made a motion to fund at the gold level at \$1000 dollars. Steve Shannon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

XI. Committee Update

a. Grants Management, Chair Andrea Bruns

i. Discussion of future Request for Proposal language

Andrea Bruns provided a red-line document updating the Request for Proposal. Ms. Bruns updated the language to reflect changes to the board with the passage of SB. She stated the RFP had not been updated in 20 years. She stated the instructions for the RFPs were going to be a large task. Ms. Bruns suggested a facilitator to target what the Board is seeking to accomplish. Ms. Bruns asked about a facilitator to work with the Board to find the direction and goals of the Board before voting on the RFPs. Ms. Wagers stated that typically the RFP goes out in January, and the Board votes at the March meeting. Ms. Wagers stated usually it is 6 weeks for the grant applications. The timeline for grants required that the contracts be sent to Finance Cabinet by May 30th to be effective by July 1st. The Board decided to table the discussion for the January 30, 2023 meeting.

b. Marketing & Development, Chair Steve Shannon

Mr. Shannon reported on marketing and getting the word out about what services are provided and sustainability.

c. Operations & Finance, Chair Michelle Sanborn

i. Review of proposed modifications to the Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board's Mission Statement and Bylaws for Action by the Board

Ms. Sanborn reported that members received a marked-up version and the non-markup version of the revised mission statement and bylaws. She noted that the mission statement's name changed. The Board decided to table the discussion of the mission statement and bylaws until after the facilitator meeting.

d. Strategic Planning, Chair Mona Womack

i. Review of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board Annual Report for 2022 for Action by the Board

Ms. Womack reported that since the law changed so late in the year, there was not much new to report on. She stated the report is due on December 1st. She stated that this annual report contains a listing of the programs that the Board funded. Ms. Womack asked that additional information needs to be added under Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. Ms. Wagers stated the wording can be incorporated as an administrative change. Steve Shannon made a motion to approve the report with the necessary administrative changes, and Mona Womack seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

XII. Rescheduling of meeting currently scheduled for January 16th 2022 (Martin Luther King Junior, Holiday.)

The next board meeting is rescheduled for January 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

XIII. Partner Updates and Announcements

There were none.

XIV. Adjournment

Ms. Wagers made a motion to adjourn, and Caroline Ruschell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.