Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., on July 20, 2026, in Conference Room "A" of the Office of the Attorney General, East office, by Board Chair, Serah Wiedenhoefer. The Board welcomed Janna Estep-Jordan, who was recently appointed as designee for Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

Present
Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Janna Estep-Jordan, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (joined at 1:19 p.m.)
Natalie Pasquenza, Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky (joined at 1:12 p.m.)
Captain Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police
Mona Womack, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of the Attorney General

Present Virtually
Lynn Baker, Education and Labor Cabinet
Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network, Inc.
Dr. Christina Howard, Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Michelle Sanborn, Children's Alliance
Eboni Thompson, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Guests in Attendance
Debbie Abreu, Office of the Attorney General

II. Action Item: Approval of May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Womack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Captain Stotts seconded the motion. Ms. Carpenter abstained from voting. Ms. Pasquenza and Ms. Estep-Jordan were not present for the vote. The motion was approved by the remaining members present.

III. Reports from the Standing Committees

a. Annual Report Committee

Ms. Pasquenza, chair of the Committee, reported on the Committee's work. The Committee met in June and adopted a quarterly meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held in August to review a draft of the Annual Report. The Annual Report is expected to be finalized in October for Board approval at the November meeting. The Committee is also considering ways to engage the Board's legislative liaisons and additional uses of data from the gaps analysis survey.

b. Governance Committee – 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

The Governance Committee presented the proposed FY 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, which had been distributed to Board members in advance. Ms. Carpenter provided an overview of the

tasks proposed for the two-year cycle and explained how the tasks relate to the Board's recent work and statutory duties. The Board discussed which committees would be responsible for the tasks and recommendations were made. Changes were also suggested to clarify some of the tasks.

Following discussion, Ms. Pasquenza made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan with the discussed revisions. Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. Key revisions to the adopted Strategic Plan included:

- Clarifying that the Annual Report Committee will compile and monitor child abuse prevention information to help inform Board priorities and decision-making.
- Revising the strategic priority to focus on identifying gaps in child abuse prevention programming and initiatives, rather than solely gaps in abuse prevention.
- Assigning financial oversight and monitoring responsibilities, including oversight of grant funding and the Child Victims Trust Fund, to the Grants Management Committee, with staff support.

Consistent with the Board's Committee Policy, committee memberships are determined with the adoption of the strategic plan and remain in place throughout the strategic planning period. A committee interest survey will be distributed to Board members following the meeting to collect committee preferences and identify interest in ad hoc work. Committee memberships will be decided based on the responses.

c. Grants Management Committee

Ms. Bruns, chair of the Committee, reported on the Committee's work. The Committee met in June to review the FY 2027 grant process and discuss committee support needs. The Committee also talked about reviewing ideas presented in the FY 2027 prevention applications to inform the next Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The Committee will meet again in August.

IV. Financial Update, May and June 2026

The Board received financial documentation reflecting revenues, expenditures, and balances for the Child Victims' Trust Fund during May and June 2026. Ms. Wiedenhoefer provided an overview of the financial statements.

V. Unfinished Business

Nothing was reported.

VI. Partner Updates and Announcements

The Board acknowledged upcoming organizational transitions, including the retirements of Jill Seyfred from Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky and Dolores Smith from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Board was also informed that Dr. Shannon Moody has transitioned into her new role as Executive Director of Kentucky Youth Advocates. Dr. Christina Howard was recognized for her contributions and service at her final meeting of the year. Dr. Melissa Currie will rotate back in as the representative for the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, serving from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky participated in a full day training for new Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) workers. The training addressed child sexual abuse and the CAC response process, with a total of 65 workers trained.

DCBS is partnering with CHESS Solutions Group to provide early childhood training on recent policies related to early care and education. The training is designed to strengthen staff connections to early care resources and services.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky shared updates on statewide prevention efforts, including the *Upstream Prevention Academy*, which offers four training curricula across Kentucky. The child sexual abuse prevention curriculum *Are They Good for Your Kids?* has also been updated to include information on grooming, consistent with House Bill 4, now codified as KRS 510.160.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky also highlighted the *120 in 120* initiative focused on supporting families across the Commonwealth before they become involved with the child welfare system. The initiative provides free community resource cards with statewide resources and space for individuals to add personalized resources. The cards are available at no cost to organizations interested in distributing them and are intended to support warm, one-on-one referrals.

At Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky's Kids Are Worth It! Conference in September, the Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse will present the updated 2026 Kentucky Model Protocol for Local Multidisciplinary Teams.

VII. Meeting Reminder – September 21, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment
Ms. Womack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wiedenhoefer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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