

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Special Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023
Video Teleconference

I. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on August 16, 2023, via Zoom video teleconference, by Board Chair, Heather Wagers.

II. Roll Call by Heather Wagers

Present Virtually

Heather Wagers, Office of the Attorney General
Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network
Jill Seyfred, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police
Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Shannon Moody, Kentucky Youth Advocates
Steve Shannon, Kentucky Association of Regional Programs
Jamie Link, Education and Labor Cabinet

OAG Staff

Jami McLemore, Office of the Attorney General
Serah Wiedenhofer, Office of the Attorney General

III. Consideration of Proposed Funding Application for Prevention and Public Education and Awareness Programs and Action by the Board

Ms. Seyfred abstained from voting and left the Zoom meeting.

The Grant Management Committee reviewed the prevention grant funding application from Fiscal Year 2023 and recommended changes for Fiscal Year 2024. The recommended changes were incorporated into a proposed funding application for prevention and public education and awareness programs. The proposed funding application was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Bruns, Chair of the Grant Management Committee, provided an overview of the proposed changes and explained that additional revisions will occur after the Board updates its strategic plan. Mr. Shannon made a motion to adopt the proposed funding application for prevention and public education and awareness programs. Mr. Link seconded the motion. The motion to adopt was unanimous.

IV. Review of Sponsorship Application submitted by the Office of the Attorney General for Action by the Board

Chair Wagers and Ms. Seyfred abstained from voting and left the Zoom meeting.

Ms. Wiedenhofer provided an overview of the conference sponsorship application submitted by the Office of the Attorney General. The application requests funding for the “It Saves to Know: Missing Children Conference,” which will be held in Louisville, from September 6th to September 8th. The purpose of the conference is to reduce child maltreatment and mitigate child

exploitation for missing and runaway youth by providing training to those who work directly with vulnerable youth and their families. The application requests funding in the amount of \$5,000 to cover a variety of expenses for the event. Mr. Link made a motion to approve of the conference sponsorship application. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous approved.

Chair Wagers and Ms. Seyfred rejoined the meeting after the voting.

V. Partner Updates

Ms. Bruns advised the Board that Kentucky CASA Network is holding its state conference in Lexington, on October 4th. She provided information on some of the topics to be covered during the conference. Approximately 400 people are expected to attend, which is a new record for the event.

Ms. Seyfred spoke about the “Kids Are Worth It! Conference”, which was sponsored by the Board. The conference will be held in Louisville, on September 11th and 12th. Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is anticipating record attendance.

Chair Wagers talked about the “It Saves to Know: Missing Children Conference” that will be held in Louisville, on September 6th, 7th, and 8th. She also advised the Board that the Child Victims’ Trust Fund will be represented at the state fair. The Child Victims’ Trust Fund will distribute brochures and hand out spinners for children on sensory day.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Wagers made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Seyfred seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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