

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Ad Hoc Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2025

I. Roll Call

The Ad Hoc Committee meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m., on August 15, 2025, in the conference room of Kentucky CASA Network. Andrea Bruns, Shannon Moody, Eboni Thompson, Caroline Ruschell, Serah Wiedenhofer, and Melissa Paris (guest, Director of Training and Impact with Kentucky CASA Network) were present.

II. Review Gaps Analysis Survey Responses and Identify Gaps in Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Efforts

Doctor Moody provided an overview of the gaps analysis survey responses. She discussed major themes in the responses regarding barriers in services and prevention efforts that should be prioritized. The overarching concern for both was the lack of concrete supports.

III. Discuss Ideas for Aligning Grant Process with Identified Gaps in Prevention Efforts

The Committee discussed the lack of concrete supports and considered ways to fill gaps in existing programs and services. The Committee concluded that grant funding should be utilized to enhance the ability of individual localities to provide concrete supports to strengthen child abuse and neglect prevention efforts. The Committee agreed that the Board should offer grants for events/conferences and prevention programming with more funding allocated to prevention program proposals. The Committee also decided that priority should be given for projects addressing concrete supports in communities with high incidents of child abuse and neglect. These proposals will be presented to the Board at its meeting on September 22, 2025.

IV. Discuss Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025

The Committee reviewed the Board's accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2025 and discussed possible topics for inclusion in the annual report.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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