

MINUTES OF THE KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET MEETING

Hayden Building, LL Conference Room

212 SW 8th Avenue, Topeka

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

Present: Melissa Ness, Chair, Jose' Olivas, Tim Cruz, Shari Weber, Jonathan Freiden, Terrie Huntington, Laura Kelly, Andy Tompkins, Gwen Perkins, William Nelson, Don Jordan, Russell Jennings, and Roderick Bremby Lee Johnson, Dennis Casarona (JJA Designee), Gayle Stuber (KSDE Designee), Mark Gleeson (Supreme Court Designee), and Bobbi Mariani (SRS Designee)
Cabinet staff: Jim Redmon, Jane Weiler, and Dyogga Adegbore

Guests: *The University of Kansas Institute for Educational Research and Public Service*
Karin Chang-Rios, Annie McKay, and Mary Morales

Remarks from the Chair

Melissa Ness, Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. There was a quorum.

Melissa said the Division of the Budget office reported there is a \$1.85 million shortfall in the tobacco settlement funds for FY 2011. The Cabinet has been asked to weigh-in on how the remaining funds will be distributed among the CIF programs.

Approval of the Minutes – October 19, 2010

The Cabinet received copies of the October 19, 2010, minutes prior to the meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Tim Cruz and Jose' Olivas, the Cabinet approve the minutes of October 19, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Discussion and Recommendations on Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) Programs

The KU Institute team provided the Cabinet members with responses to questions asked about some of the programs at the October meeting. Questions concerning some of the programs related to roles of fiscal agents to the CIF program, to decline in number of consumers served from year to year, and to any populations not captured by the population served figures.

The Cabinet reviewed the program information in CIF briefing binder before making recommendations.

Jim Redmon suggested the Cabinet request additional information about services being provided by the Family Preservation Services program administered by SRS. The Cabinet agreed with the suggestion and determined a qualifier was not necessary for this program. The Cabinet recommended qualifiers for Early Head Start and Family Centered Systems of Care programs.

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Cabinet staff will be sending letters to SRS Secretary Don Jordan and program contacts for the Early Head Start and Family Centered Systems of Care programs about the qualifiers.

Questions about the fiscal agent, Northeast Kansas Education Service Center-Keystone Learning Center for the KU Medical Center Diagnostic Autism program had been adequately addressed. The program was found to be worthy for continued funding at the current level.

Jim Redmon reported on the Smart Start Kansas and Early Childhood Block grant programs. Both CIF programs along with Cabinet Accountability are administered by the Kansas Children's Cabinet office. Jim had reported at the October meeting that Smart Start and ECBG grantees were informed about the possibility of both funding streams being combined in the future at the discretion of the Cabinet. Melissa Ness remarked that the Cabinet can decide what results such a change would provide it by looking at pros, cons and impact of combining funding streams. Jim will be putting information together to share with the Cabinet with these details for a future meeting.

MOTION

It was moved and seconded by Tim Cruz and Laura Kelly the Kansas Children's Cabinet approve continued funding at current levels for all 18 Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) programs for FY 2012. The Early Head Start and Family Centered Systems of Care programs are included in the funding approvals, however, with qualifiers. Motion carried.

OTHER

Jim Redmon announced that Kansas was recognized for its dedication to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through implementation of The Period of Purpose Crying. The program is administered by the Kansas Children's Service League. The program is designed to prevent shaken baby syndrome. Along with KCSL, the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Service and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, the grant funders, were honored at the 34th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Wichita on November 4th. A representative of the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome attended the conference to present the awards.

Master Tobacco Settlement Shortfall

Jim reported that Kansas is one of few states that have designated its portion of the tobacco settlement dollars to children's programs. Many states have dumped tobacco settlement dollars into State General Fund. Kansas has the accountability and evaluation framework in place. Melissa remarked the Cabinet could not give \$63M dollars to programs that could not demonstrate CIF priorities and alignment.

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Melissa thanked the KU team for the work they do. It does not speak the volume of work that goes behind this process. She said the Cabinet understands the accountability and evaluation framework. Also, the Cabinet knows what is viable in the state. She asked the Cabinet to champion the projects recommended for funding. There is enough information to approach misinformation that is out there. Melissa added that the Cabinet can talk articulately about why the work of the Cabinet is important in the State. We have one of the best accountability frameworks in the country.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, there was a motion and second by Tim Cruz and Jonathan Freiden that the Cabinet adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.

The Cabinet did not schedule meetings for the spring at this time.

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FY 2012 Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) Recommendations

Program Name	Agency	FY11 Funding	Cabinet Recommendation	Proposed FY12
Child Care Assistance Program	SRS	\$1,400,000	Continue funding at current level	\$1,400,000
Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund	KCCTF	\$541,802	Continue funding at current level	\$541,802
Childcare Quality Initiatives	SRS	\$500,000	Continue funding at current level	\$500,000
Children's Mental Health Initiative	SRS	\$3,800,000	Continue funding at current level	\$3,800,000
Early Childhood Block Grant	KCCTF	\$11,049,830	Continue funding at current level	\$11,049,830
Early Childhood Block Grant - Autism	KCCTF	\$50,000	Continue funding at current level	\$50,000
Early Head Start	SRS	\$3,452,779	Continue funding at current level with qualifications	\$3,452,779
Family Centered Systems of Care	SRS	\$5,000,000	Continue funding at current level with qualifications	\$5,000,000
Family Preservation Services	SRS	\$3,241,062	Continue funding at current level	\$3,241,062
Healthy Start Home Visitors	KDHE	\$250,000	Continue funding at current level	\$250,000
Infants and Toddlers Program	KDHE	\$5,700,000	Continue funding at current level	\$5,700,000
Newborn Hearing Aid Loaner Program	KDHE	\$50,000	Continue funding at current level	\$50,000
Newborn Screening	KDHE	\$2,219,766	Continue funding at current level	\$2,219,766
Parents As Teachers	KSDE	\$7,539,500	Continue funding at current level	\$7,539,500
Pre-K Pilot	KSDE	\$5,000,000	Continue funding at current level	\$5,000,000
SIDS Network Grant	KDHE	\$75,000	Continue funding at current level	\$75,000
Smart Start Kansas	KCCTF	\$8,443,161	Continue funding at current level	\$8,443,161
Smoking Prevention Grants	KDHE	\$1,000,000	Continue funding at current level	\$1,000,000

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CIF TOTALS		\$59,312,900		\$59,312,900
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