

## MINUTES OF THE KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET MEETING

**Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library  
Marvin Auditorium Room 101-A  
1515 SW Tenth Street, Topeka, Kansas  
Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

Present: Melissa Ness, Chair, Sylvia Robinson, Gwen Perkins, David Wysong, Tim Cruz, Shari Weber, Bill Nelson, Russell Jennings, Gayle Stuber, (KSDE Designee), Mandy Cawby, (KDHE Designee), Candace Shively (SRS Designee), and Elizabeth Reimer (Supreme Court Designee).  
Cabinet Staff: Jim Redmon, Jane Weiler, and Dyogga Adegbore

Absent: Jose' Olivas, Laura Kelly, Carol Beier, Roderick Bremby, and Reginald Robinson

Guests: The University of Kansas Institute for Educational Research & Public Service: Jackie Counts, Elenor Buffington, Karin Chang-Rios, and Heather Rasmussen

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Cabinet Chair Melissa Ness called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

### **Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2008**

Cabinet members received the October 23 minutes. Bill Nelson moved and Tim Cruz seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

### **Introductory Remarks from the Chair**

Melissa Ness, Chair, talked about the budget crisis in Kansas. She had recently met with State Budget Director/Secretary of Administration Duane Goossen and they discussed the \$150M gap that needs to be filled. The Cabinet discussed their comfort level with the potential impact of eliminating CIF funding from one program and recommending reassignment to another CIF program. There is always a real potential for legislative action that pulls CIF funding to fill-in the gaps due to the budget crisis.

### **Discussion and Recommendations on Children's Initiatives Fund Programs**

Prior to the meeting, Cabinet members received a Briefing Binder providing information such as funding charts and at-a-glance tables on each of the CIF programs.

The purpose of today's meeting was for Cabinet members to reach consensus on CIF program recommendations. Programs that met both CIF criteria and Children's Cabinet priorities were recommended for continued funding.

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**Motion**

It was moved and seconded by Bill Nelson and David Wysong to eliminate funding with CIF the SRS program Community Services for Child Welfare and an alternate funding source should be sought. Motion carried.

**Motion**

After further discussion, it was moved and seconded by Bill Nelson and Sylvia Robinson to reassign the \$3,208,938 funding to Early Head Start; funding now eliminated from Community Services for Child Welfare. There was additional discussion, David Wysong recommended the Cabinet establish a process and rationale for reassignment of funding eliminated from one program to another. Tim Cruz recommended the Cabinet complete review of the remaining programs before determining which funds to recommend reassigning to another program.

Robinson and Nelson were in favor of the motion and Cruz, Perkins, Weber and Wysong were opposed to the motion. Motion died 4-2.

Four programs were recommended for elimination from funding by CIF and they included:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>CIF Funding Elimination</b>
Community Services for Child Welfare	SRS	\$3,208,938
Healthwave	KHPA	\$2M
Medical Assistance	KHPA	\$3M
Special Health Services	KDHE	\$ 208,000
<b>Total funding to be reassigned</b>		<b>\$8,416,938</b>

David Wysong, Gwen Perkins, and Sylvia Robinson discussed two recommendations for reassignment of the eliminated funding from four CIF programs to the remaining CIF programs.

**Motion**

It was moved and seconded by Sylvia Robinson and Bill Nelson the Children’s Cabinet reassign funding to the following seven CIF programs. Motion carried.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>CIF Reassigned funding</b>
Smart Start Kansas	SRS/Children’s Cabinet	\$2.5M
Early Head Start	SRS	\$2.5M
Parents As Teachers	KSDE	\$1,916,938
Newborn Hearing Aid Loaner Program	KDHE	\$ 100,000
Infants and Toddlers Program	KDHE	\$1M
Reading and Vision Research	KSDE	\$ 100,000
Health Start Home Visitors	KDHE	\$ 300,000
<b>Total reassigned funding</b>		<b>\$8,416,938</b>

**Motion**

It was moved and seconded by Bill Nelson and David Wysong the Children's Cabinet approve FY 2010 CIF recommended funding of 21 programs including the reassigned funding. Motion carried.

After review and discussion of each program, Melissa Ness and Jim Redmon will present the Cabinet's CIF recommendations summary to the State Budget Director and Governor's Office representatives by November 30.

**Report from the Executive Director**

**Early Childhood Block Grant**

Jim Redmon presented a slate of recommendations for 14 applicants to be awarded Early Childhood Block Grants. Three groups of teams reviewed and scored the applications and included a national team and a state team with Cabinet member oversight.

**Discussion and Recommendations on Early Childhood Block Grants**

Jane Weiler, Early Childhood Director, distributed the final recommendations for funding for Early Childhood Block Grants (ECBG). The Children's Cabinet office received 36 applications in September totaling \$35M. The list contained a slate of 14 applications recommended for funding out of the \$11.1M ECBG. The grants will run January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 with the option to renew for an additional two years, depending on funding and outcomes.

**Motion**

It was moved and seconded by Bill Nelson and David Wysong the Children's Cabinet approves the recommendations to fund 14 applications with Early Childhood Block Grant funding. Motion carried.

Shari Weber suggested the Cabinet staff personally contact the applicants who were not awarded a grant before mailing the denial letters.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business for discussion, it was moved and seconded by Sylvia Robinson and Bill Nelson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## Early Childhood Block Grant Recommendations

As approved by Kansas Children's Cabinet 11/18/2008

FY 2009

Communities in Schools Rice County	\$165,602
Four County Mental Health/ Montgomery, Wilson, Elk, Chautauqua	\$244,345
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Riley County	\$400,000
Hutchinson Community Foundation Reno County	\$157,447
Kansas Early Learning Collaborative Cherokee, Crawford, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Harvey, Johnson, Leavenworth, Montgomery, Saline, Shawnee, Wyandotte Counties for all services	\$6,015,040
Kansas Head Start Association Montgomery, Seward and Shawnee Counties	\$876,493
Marion County Early Childhood Task Force Marion County	\$159,708
Mitchell County Communities That Care Resource Council Mitchell and Jewell Counties	\$139,234
Rainbows United, Inc. Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties	\$1,100,000
Russell Child Development Center Clark, Gray, Hodgeman, and Meade	\$200,000
Success by Six Douglas County	\$725,515
The Opportunity Project Sedgwick County	\$630,888

**USD #380/Vermillion  
Marshall and Nemaha Counties**

**\$100,728**

**USD # 498/Valley Heights  
Marshall County**

**\$85,000**

**# of Grantees  
14**

**Total  
\$11,000,000**