



Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas
Board Meeting Minutes

Name of Group: Child Care Provider Coalition of Kansas Location: Virtual

Date: March 11th, 2023 Time: 9:05 am

Convener: Angie Carnes Submitted by: Desiree Streight

Approved:

Attendees		Collaborating Partners	Guests
X	Angie Carnes, President	Marie Treichel-Childcare Aware of Eastern KS	
X	Emily Barnes, Vice President	Melissa Schoenberger-KDHE	
X	Tiffany Mannes, Treasurer	Robyn Kelton-McCormick Institute	
X	Laura Gunderson, Secretary		
	Alexis Amos, Member At Large		
	Julia Bardsley, Member At Large		
X	Desiree Streight, Member At Large		
	Stacy Hook, Member At Large		
X	Melissa Bowles, Member at Large		
X	Beth Kirk, Member At Large		
X	Emily Welborn, Member At Large		
X	Annell Harmon, Member at Large		
	Brenda Schoen, Past President		

Motions Discussed and Voted Between Meetings:

1/18/2023: Melissa motions that CCPC move forward with ordering the books from Scholastic for provider appreciation. Beth seconds the motion. Motion carries.

2/7/2023: Tiffany motions that CCPC awards a total of 5 CCPC Professional Development Scholarships for the virtual event to providers that meet the following requirements: family provider, CCPC member, and has not received a scholarship in the past year. This will be a first come, first served award. These 5 spots will be added to the 150 spots reserved for paying registrations, making a total of 155 participants. Melissa seconds the motion. Motion carries.



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2/20/2023: Emily B motions that CCPC use up to \$150 to purchase snacks to provide at Advocacy Day in Topeka, KS on March 1st, 2023. Tiffany seconds the motion. Motion carries

2/20/2022: Emily B motions that CCPC order 250 information cards to present at Advocacy Day on March 1st. Purchase total not to exceed \$150. Tiffany seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Discussion Topics Between Meetings, No Vote Required

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Call To Order- (Time)

Approval of Past Meeting's Minutes- (We need treasury

Executive Reports-

President- Angie Carnes

Advocacy Day in Topeka at the capital went really well. They are looking at renaming it for next year to allow it to be more inclusive. They are also going to look at planning it early in the year to get more people to participate.

Vice President- Emily Barnes nothing at this time.

Treasure- Tiffany Mannes \$27,264.94 is the current balance.

Secretary- Laura Gunderson nothing at this time.

Collaborating Partners-

Marie Treichel with Childcare Aware of Eastern KS shared that their a lot of community based grants coming down to try and help communities find solutions to open up more infant/toddler spots.



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Melissa Schoenberger is the Assistant Director for licensing with the surveyors of KDHE. She is also apart of host system improvement team, the go team, and the career pathways.

- KDHE opposes SB 282.
- She loved Tiffany's visual used in Topeka on Wednesday and has been sharing pictures of it to many colleagues.
- KDHE plans to be looking at all regulations.
 - They want to make sure that we are following federal guidelines to ensure our DCF families receive equal care.
- KDHE is takin on the proclamation of Provider Appreciation Day and are planning a media campaign.
- A provider toolkit for FCC is in the works.
- Systems improvement team is working on updating and improving how to educate parents of how and when to file complaints against providers. We planed a seed about creating something to help providers navigate those complaints and about how devastating that process can be to the provider.
- Their was a discussion brought up by Beth Kirk about how difficult it is for providers to sign up for DCF subsidy. Maybe some navigation tools could be provided in the provider toolkit that KDHE is working on.
 - Robin shared with us that reframing how DCF pays for slots is vital for Childcare and that their has been some progress made on this in Illinois.
 - DCF is federal money but once each state receives it they then determines how to use it.
 - Annelle shared that as a DCF provider for over 30 years her biggest complaint is how difficult it is for families to sign up in addition to the poor treatment those parents receive from the DCF workers when they are going the process.
 - Desiree shared that as a DCF provider for the past 6 years she has never had any issue with DCF not paying for care whether a child is in attendance or not.

Robyn Kelton is with the McCormick Institute.

- Shared some national trends that she is seeing.
 - There is a national trend of quality trends with equity in mind.
 - There is a reorganizing of the quality rating systems.
 - We need to advocate that FCC pay themselves with budgets/charts. FCC needs to start showing and writing checks to pay themselves to provide that paper trail to showcase the business side of FCC.
 - In August of 2022 the Erikson Inst. Started discussing and advocating what universal PreK looks like to include childcare. To look closer at this here is the link
<https://www.erikson.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/PKFCC-Conceptual-Framework-final.pdf>



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- There is talk about rebranding what FCC are called such as Early Childhood Professionals.
- United WE is an organization in the Kansas City, Mo area that is focused on getting women to the table. They are looking more at FCC so they could be a good resource to reach out to.

Board Of Administration-

1) Membership- Lots of new memberships (large part due to KCCTO). Membership renewal letters will be going out soon. Continued partnership with surveyors to spread the word about CCPC and about the membership drive.

2) Advocacy-

Advocacy Day-definitely a success. In the event debrief, the group discussed details for next year (will start planning earlier), and what metrics to use to gauge success. Callie Hoffman has already reserved a day; the date has not been announced.

Systems improvement team meeting is on March 21st at 6:30pm it is on YouTube and Emily is going to see if she can pass along the zoon link to get more people to the meeting.

Systems engagement piece is working on the website of KDHE to be more positive and easier to navigate and access. She's suggested that our surveyors add positive feedback along with the corrections.

Angie is hoping that this can be connected to the Links 2 Quality piece whenever it rolls out.

There was a discussion about the rights of providers such as a right to challenge surveyors.

There was a discussion about trying to build relationships with the surveyors in the regional groups.

Orange Sparkle Ball-the media production company who is putting together a positive media campaign about childcare is contracted by DCF. These advertisements have been seen on the KDHE Facebook page.

Go Team meeting:

Lucas Neece from the children's cabinet is trying to get businesses financially involved.

We also want to see family childcare and not just centers.



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Rachel Stinson has the contracted role with KDHE and with DCF and is involved with the regulation review process. She connected with Emily to discuss upcoming regulation reviews. She has sent Emily the 1 pager and talking points for CCPC to use.

The Review process will include 62 total regulations.

- Comparing them to other states
- They would like CCPC involved.
- Estimated timeline.
 - Start between March and April.
 - Have the first draft between May and June.
 - Round 2 review between July and August
 - Formal approval process between October and December

Childcare Aware's quality improvements team had a community advisory meeting in January. Emily would like to pass it off to someone else. Melissa has accepted to step into this role.

Callie Hoffman from Parents as Teachers is resigning/retiring. They are looking for people to be on this board.

SB282 is looking to be tabled with possible interim committee for the fall. Drop dead day is March 31st for bills.

Angie has suggested to form a group of board members for advocacy (Co-chairs) Melissa and Tiffany are interested in being apart of this.

SB282 Amendment Suggestions: Emily would prefer not to have ration tables because we don't want it to become a law and it would take the providers voice away. Tiffany shared that in the meeting with O'Shea she has asked CCPC to be specific and provide examples of what we would be comfortable with if it does get passed. This was discussed and decided that Tiffany and Melissa would work on building some charts to add to the 282 Amendment recommendation to be voted on in chat.

CCDBG is the childcare development block grant in which the changes to the fingerprint requirements, training hour increase, and toothbrushing requirements have been implemented from. DCF subsidy comes out of this, however we do not receive the full 4-million-dollar federal match. Marie shared that Kansas does not meet the full requirements of the CCDBG funding. That Kansas did not set up the QRIS system initially when there was funding to help so it will cost more to get started if Kansas chooses to now.



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3) Regional Professional Development

Melissa shared that in Riley/Pottawatomie County childcare task force is shifting focus onto FCC. They are working on some community-based grants. Their provider appreciation event is being planned.

USD 383 is trying to bridge the gap between FCC/centers/Kindergarten programs. In addition, they are working on getting ASQ resources out to FCC.

Desiree shared that there is no update about the childcare task force for Kingman Co at this time. Next meeting date is March 21st.

4) Newsletter- Final submissions due this week due to go out Tuesday 3/14/2023.

5) Social Media/Website-

6) Provider Appreciation-

Angie has the books. Beth will get with her to start getting ready to be sent out in May.

7) Kansas Family Child Care Week-

8) Conference-

a) Conference Chair Report-

i) Hotel-

ii) Catering-

iii) Keynote Speaker

iv) Workshops-

(1) All but one KDHE approval letter has been received. Need the info from K-State.

(2) Melisaa Schoenberger offered to help track down the final KDHE approval process.

v) T-Shirts-

b) Registration and Printing-

i) Ends March 17th, email confirmation and registration gifts will be sent out after that.

ii) Currently we have 127 participants registered, so Angie will put a post out on Facebook Monday to try to fill the remaining spots.

c) Advertising-

d) Donations-

i) Grant funds are almost all accounted for. About \$200 left.

24 give-a-ways planned (2 at each session and 1 in each discussion based on participation, roughly \$50 each.)

ii) Suggestion made that once evaluations are submitted participants names will be put in a final drawing for a \$100 gift card from the remaining funds.

iii) We have gift cards from Discount School Supply. Melissa is reaching out to Kaplan, Lakeshore, and Constructive Playthings.



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- iv) Robyn offered to donate some BAS books for additional giveaways.
- v) **Swag Bags**
- e) **Exhibits/Vendors**-Several online vendors have signed up.
 - i) Red Aspen
 - ii) Norwex
 - iii) Tupperware
 - iv) PaperPie
 - v) Tina Cash-Q-sciences a dietary/nutrition co.
 - vi) Possibly 2 more?
- f) **Members Only Social-**
- g) **Decorations-**
- h) **Hospitality-**
- i) **Board Nominations-**
- j) **Provider of the Year**
- k) **Hunter Award-**
- l) **Scholarships-**
- m) A zoom meeting before the conference will be held to train the board.
 - i) A sign-up sheet will be sent out to assign who will watch chat, camera, and take attendance.
- n) Certificates are done and waiting to be sent out.
- o) Evaluations will be updated next week.

9) **CACFP-Food program**

Beth has sent out appreciation post cards to all of the CACFP programs around the state.
Beth and Desiree continue to reach out to make connections.

10) **Old Business-**

10) **New Business-**

Angie would like to set up a team building activity in Emporia date to be determined.

Marketing: Table clothes, upright banner, and swag was discussed. The upright banner was preferred.

Board Nominations was discussed. The terms of 8 board members is up. Julia will be leaving. This leaves at least 2 positions to fill this year. A discussion about the requirements to be on the board was discussed.

Next Meeting Date-May 13, 2022

A discussion about the fact the this fall on graduation weekend as well as mother's day weekend. A decision to change this meeting date to May 6, 2023, was made.

Meeting Adjournment-1:32 pm



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Respectfully Submitted on _____,

Laura Gunderson, Secretary

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