

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board

March 17, 2021
Regular Meeting-Virtual
10:00 a.m. EST

Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** -Welcome new members
- II. **Roll Call.**
Members/Proxies present: Heather Wagers, Christa Bell, Yvette Smith, Captain Charles White, LeAnna Homandberg, Heather Storm, Iman Ali, Cal Pfeiffer, and Dr. Vinod Rao. Guests present- Cathy York, Theresa Gargan, and Ali Parham.
- III. **Review and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2021.**
 - a. Leanna Homandberg made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Christa Bell seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
 - c. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **Financial Report**-Heather Wagers discussed the Financial report. The OAG-Division of Administrative Services provides the financial report for the CVTF. It contains a breakdown every month for the CVTF and provides the source of funding, how much money is on hand, the balance, and how much money has been spent. Current amount in the CVTF is \$1,095,162.09. The majority of that balance is from the license plate and receipts to the CVTF.
 - i. Tax Contribution Poster-Heather Wagers stated that there is a new poster that talks about the CVTF and ways to donate. The new posters have been sent out to all FY21 grantees for distribution throughout the state.
 - b. **Rescue and Roses Derby Gala Update**-Claudette Patton provided an update that Rescue and Roses have filed for non-profit status through the Bluegrass Foundation. The Gala has been postponed until 2022. Their website is being revamped to include Gala information. There will be advertisements for this Gala during the 2021 Derby that will include CVTF information.
 - c. **Rebranding Ad Hoc Committee**-Iman Ali will Chair this Committee. Cathy York and Theresa Gargan will send her the information about current branding.
 - d. **FY21 Grant Program Announcements and Updates**-All of the grantees are meeting their deliverables with the pandemic, although some services have had to be in a virtual format.
 - e. **CVTF Annual Report**-Cathy York drafted the report. This report is a requirement for applying to the KECC campaign. The report will be completed every year hereafter. Christa Bell made a motion to approve the Annual Report. Heather Storm seconded the motion to approve the Annual Report. The motion to approve the Annual Report passed unanimously.

f. Committee Updates

i. Legislative

a.

- HB 273 would require that the Open Records Act not share with the requester any photos of rape, assault, or death.
- SB 52 would make it illegal for a peace officer to sexually assault anyone that is under investigation or in custody.
- HB 254 would increase the penalty for people who possess, share, and download child sexual abuse material when the victim is under the age of 12.
- There have been recent discussions about increasing the length of time in which a child can report and still have a misdemeanor crime of child sexual abuse. The length of time is currently one year. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

b.

- Strategic Plan Update-LeAnna Homandberg stated there are a few deadlines for the May meeting which include researching activities to make an appearance at, Facebook advertising (will need to ask for guidance from Executive Branch of Ethics), the coverage area for each board member, and fundraising.

ii. Training/Fundraising

a. PACS Conference Request for \$5,000.

Heather Wagers stated this is the Pennyrile Community Collaboration for Children training to be held throughout March and April. Dr. Rao discussed their previous request for funding and asked for the reason they were not fully funded. Heather Wagers stated they were fully funded last year, but due to the pandemic, they had to scale back and didn't incur the full cost. Discussions were held on the high cost of their platform and stipends. Funding will be for presentation and speaker fees. Heather Wagers made a motion to approve the request of PACS for funding of \$1,000. Yvette Smith seconded the motion to approve funding. The motion to approve passed unanimously

b. OAG-OVA Conference Request for \$4,500.

Iman Ali asked for the amount per national speaker. Ali Parham explained that the cost for speaker Flores is \$4,500. She estimated that travel fees would be \$1,000 and speaker fees would be \$3,500. The importance of having Ms. Flores as a speaker is that she is relatable to everyone and her story is one of a middle-class all-American girl who was trafficked by high school acquaintances. She is a perfect example that anyone can be trafficked and of survivorship. They hope that the training will be in person. If the training is virtual, some of this cost may be reduced. Heather Wagers abstained from voting. Dr. Rao made a motion to fully fund the request. Captain Charles White seconded the motion to fully fund the request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.

- c. STARK Symposium Update-Heather Wagers provided a draft agenda. This qualifies for the annual training that the CSAEP Board is required to offer. The training is scheduled for June 24-25, 2021 with no cost to attendees. All CACs and all prosecutors in the country have been invited. Request for some flexibility in the budget since it will be held virtually. The amount requested will not exceed the amount approved. Heather Wagers abstained from voting. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to approve the request. Iman Ali seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
- iii. **Finance/Grants**
- a. FY22 Medical Grant Applications-15 applications submitted totaling \$88,000. The amount of reimbursement for FY22 was increased from \$75 per exam to \$100 per exam. CACs are only reimbursed for the number of exams completed. If a CAC goes over the number of exams requested, they can be reimbursed if they inform the board by April or May of the current fiscal year.
 - 1. Barren River-requested \$10,000
 - 2. Buffalo Trace-requested \$2,000
 - 3. CAC of the Bluegrass-requested \$19,000
 - 4. Cumberland Valley-requested \$3,000
 - 5. Family and Children's Place-requested \$10,000
 - 6. Gateway-requested \$3,000
 - 7. Green River-requested \$4,000
 - 8. Hope's Place-requested \$2,000
 - 9. Judi's Place-requested \$12,000
 - 10. Ky River-requested \$2,500
 - 11. Lake Cumberland-requested \$8,000
 - 12. Northern Kentucky-requested \$3,000
 - 13. Pennyrile-requested \$4,000
 - 14. Lotus-requested \$2,500
 - 15. Silverleaf-requested \$3,000Dr. Rao abstained from voting. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to approve full funding for all 15 CACs in the total amount of \$88,000. Yvette Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. FY22 Regional Grant Applications; 3 applications
 - 1. Child Watch- requested \$24,685 for the Totally Awesome Super Important You curriculum which includes sexual abuse prevention, body safety, and internet safety education to pre-school and elementary school students in thirteen counties in Western Kentucky, the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch, and other child-serving agencies. The program will reach 13,000 children, 400 teachers/staff, and 5,000 parents/caregivers. Child Watch adjusted their cash match to comply with the board's interpretation of the statute. Christa Bell made a motion to fully fund the request. Yvette Smith seconded the motion to fully fund the request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.

2. ECHO-requested \$29,325 to fund the adopted MBF Prevention Education Curriculum, which is an evidence-based/evidence-informed comprehensive prevention presentation that educates and empowers children and adults with universal strategies and safety rules. These apply to bullying, cyber-bullying, digital dangers, and all types of child abuse for grades K-12 in both public and private schools. The program will reach 6,000 children and 3,500 adults. Dr. Rao voiced his concerns about funding for staff salaries. Yvette Smith explained that the board has funded this in the past but should look at this issue for future grants. Heather Wagers made a motion to fully fund the request. Yvette Smith seconded the motion to fully fund the request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.
 3. Family Nurturing Center-requested \$55,223 for the Stewards of Children program. This program educates adults on how to prevent, recognize and respond responsibly to child sexual abuse. Special attention is paid to adults with significant access to children. It also promotes core competencies in the areas of prevention strategies, recognizing the signs of sexual abuse, reporting requirements, and responding appropriately to disclosures. They will provide 195 trainings in the community to 2,000 adults in target groups. All board members are invited to attend at no cost. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to fully fund the request. Heather Storm seconded the motion to fully fund the request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.
- c. FY22 Statewide Grant Applications; 3 applications
1. CAFCA Cares, Inc.-requested \$98,960.88 to fund telehealth technology to make access to mental health services and targets at-risk populations including children who are at risk from removal from the home or have already been removed from the home and are working to reunify with their family of origin. Most of their goals have nothing to do with child sexual abuse prevention. Since CHFS already does CANS assessment, there is no need to have another organization do this for a cost. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to deny the request for funding. Captain Charles White seconded the motion to deny the request for funding. The motion to deny the request for funding passed unanimously.
 2. KY Kids on the Block-requested \$24,532.90 to hold 50 educational puppetry programs around the state and reach an estimated 6,000 children with a target area of grades K-6. Child Abuse 1 program is for grades K-2 and Child Abuse 2 is for grades 3-6. The program covers physical, emotional, and sexual abuse as well as neglect, and educates children about personal safety, abuse, and services available. Iman Ali made a motion to fully fund the request. Christa Bell seconded the motion to fully fund the

request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.

3. PCAKY-requested \$32,465 for the campaign for “Are they Good for Your Kids”. Their goal is to prevent child sexual abuse before it occurs by promoting evidence-informed strategies to the public by working in concert with organizations and local communities, statewide online. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to fully fund the request. Heather Wagers seconded the motion to fully fund the request. The motion to fully fund the request passed unanimously.

V. **Partner Updates & Announcements**

- a. Dr. Rao discussed being part of a group working on model protocols and documents related to SANE nurses. There was a change in the statute that made it allowable for pediatric SANE nurses to be able to practice within Kentucky, but it has not been fully implemented. They want SANE trainees to spend time at CACs to have hands-on experiences, but they would have to maintain their malpractice insurance. Would this be within the scope of the Board as far as funding towards malpractice insurance? Heather Wagers stated that KRS 15.935 sets forth the current requirements for funding, which does not include this. The board would have to have a discussion to consider this type of funding. It would be helpful to the board if they could put something in writing as to why they believe they should qualify for funding. Dr. Rao said he would request that and provide to the board when completed.
- b. Kentucky was selected as a jurisdiction to be included in round two of the National Thriving Families Safer Children initiative.
- c. Heather Wagers discussed the April 5th press conference with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. All board members are welcome to attend. Family Nurturing has provided dates for board members to attend Stewards of Children training and will be shared with the board. She also discussed a prosecutor’s institute training on child sexual abuse on May 10-11, 2021, for prosecutors only.

- VI. **Adjourn**-LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to adjourn. Yvette Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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