Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board

March 16, 2022
Special Meeting - Video Teleconference
Host Site: Zoom
10:00 a.m. ET
Primary Physical Location
Conference Room “C”
1024 Capital Center Drive
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Roll Call - Heather Wagers, Beverly Weinhold, Delana Sanders, Amanda Corzine, LeAnna Homandberg, Vinod Rao, Mae Suramek, Cal Pfeiffer, Christina Weeter, Yvette Smith, and Christa Belle.
Guests included Caroline Rinehart, Cathy York, and Stacy Woodrum.

III. Review and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2022. LeAnna Homandberg motioned to approve the January 20th, 2022, meeting minutes. Delana Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business
a. Committee Reports & Assignments
   i. Assignment of additional members to committees - Heather Wagers discussed that members who had not been assigned to a committee must submit their preferred committee before the end of day.
   ii. Finance and Grant Management
      1. Financial Report of the CVTF - Cathy York discussed the financial report. The current cash on hand is $809,596.71. In February 2022, the board had $4,976.00 in receipts from the income tax check off. $3,630 license plate revenues. Year-to-date, the board brought in $25,051.22. Heather Wagers inquired if any board members had questions from Stacy Woodrum regarding the financial state of the board. There were no questions.
      2. Update from Committee - None
   iii. Operations and Legislation
      a. Update from Chair - HB 38 was signed into law by Governor Beshear on March 10th. Several bills on corporal punishment that have not seen committee hearings have been filed. Cal Pfeiffer added that Senate Bill 155 passed unanimously and returned to the committee. It is a bill regarding the statute of limitations.
      b. Update on Senate Bill 8 - It was assigned to the House Health and Safety Committee on March 9, 2022.
      c. Status of CSAEP Board regulation 40 KAR 6:020 - Cathy York stated that the regulation became effective on March 1, 2022. Beverly
Weinhold asked if the Board has a strategic plan for child sexual abuse. Heather Wagers stated that the Board is required to have a strategic plan that is provided to the General Assembly and that the Operations and Legislation Committee is responsible for renewing the plan. The State and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services also have strategic plans, and the Board attempts to collaborate with on-going efforts.

iii. Training and Fundraising  
   a. Update from Chair—None  
   b. Update on KECC—Heather Wagers stated that her office is working with the Personnel Cabinet on regulatory changes needed so CVTF can be part of KECC.

b. PCAKY - Heather Wagers stated that PCAKY have created a video on body safety and asked if the Board was comfortable with issuing a statement on behalf of the Board. If the Board agrees, this statement can be used in press releases. LeAnna Homandberg made a motion to approve the statement for PCAKY to use. Cal Pfeiffer seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

c. Election of individuals to represent Board at the upcoming launch of the PCAKY press conference on CVTF funded project - PCAKY has invited a member or two from the Board to attend the launch of their video and press conference. Amanda Corzine and Cal Pfeiffer offered to attend. Heather Wagers made a motion to recommend Amanda Corzine and Cal Pfeiffer be the Board’s representatives at this event. LeAnna Homandberg seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

d. 2022-2023 Grant Applications and Deadlines—Heather Wagers discussed the roll-out of grant applications if SB 8 passed as it had an emergency clause. After some discussion, Delana Sanders made a motion to recommend posting the Medical, State, and Regional grant applications. Cal Pfeiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval of funding for board member’s attendance to Zero Abuse Project’s "Adverse Childhood Experiences & Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care Training"- Heather Wagers discussed the need for on-going training for board members. Discussion ensued and the Board determined that training cost over $500 would require board approval, but that if members sought training less expensive than that threshold, it did not require a board vote. Delana Sanders made a motion to approve funding any training that is $500 or less. Beverly Weinhold seconded the motion. Yvette Smith abstained from voting. The motion passed by majority.

f. Approval of inclusion in KECC—Cathy York stated there is an administrative fee associated with becoming part of KECC. Considering the amount raised through KECC, the administrative fee does not seem to be a concern. Delana Sanders made a motion to approve the Board’s inclusion in KECC. Christa Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Application of PACS/Community Collaboration for Children for sponsorship of 3/26/22 event- Heather Wagers stated that this will be their inaugural event and they hope to hold it annually. The Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution
within the Office of the Attorney General will have a table there to represent the CVTF. It will cost PACS approximately $10,00 to hold the event and they have asked the Board to approve $3,000 in funding from the CVTF. Delana Sanders made a motion to approve funding in the amount of $3,000. LeAnna Homandberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Partner Updates & Announcements-Heather Wagers stated that the National Children’s Alliance has contacted her. They have not had a lot of representation from Kentucky in the past. A representative from other state’s CVTF attends these meetings. They will be having an in-person conference in November that will include maximizing the CVTF in every state and exploring ways to prevent child abuse. Heather Wagers asked if the Board would be amendable to paying for her to attend and represent the Board at this conference. Beverly Weinhold made a motion to approve paying for Heather Wagers to attend and represent the Board. Yvette Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Christina Weeter shared that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) passed a regulation on corporal punishment that seeks to define corporal punishment more specifically and provide guidance in accordance with a “harm-reduction” approach since corporal punishment is still legally permissible in Kentucky schools. Incidences of corporal punishment have dropped since the discussion of this regulation. The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) has put out an advisory that she will share with the Board.

Heather Wagers asked if anyone has information on “Pass the Trash” legislation. In 2014 national legislation was passed requiring all schools in the Country, to receive funding, to adopt policies regarding teachers that have been disciplined. Very few states seem to have implanted this though. Christina Weeter agreed to research this. Heather Wagers will share information on this to the Board.

Christina Weeter discussed the School Safety and Resiliency Act that requires all school districts to have a trauma informed plan to support trauma informed approaches in their schools. She asked Board members to share any information they may have on this subject.

Heather Wagers asked Christa Bell to share any strategic plan the Cabinet for Health and Family Services may have. The Cabinet has a Federally required strategic plan as well as a statewide plan.

VII. Adjourn- Cal Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn. Christina Weeter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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