

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board**  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2024  
Video Teleconference

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m., on August 22, 2024, via Zoom video teleconference, by Board Chair, Serah Wiedenhoefer.

Present Virtually

Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police

Shannon Moody, Kentucky Youth Advocates

Janna Estep Jordan, proxy for Jill Seyfred, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network, Inc.

Michelle Sanborn, Children's Alliance

Steve Shannon, Kentucky Association of Regional Programs

Dr. Christina Howard, Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Eboni Thompson, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of the Attorney General

**II. Correction of Information from May 20, 2024, Meeting Regarding Grant Awards and Notice to Prevention Grant Partners (Agenda Item IV.)**

Ms. Wiedenhoefer corrected two (2) pieces of information provided during the meeting on May 20, 2024.

First, the Board was mistakenly advised that prevention grant partners had been notified of the Board's decision not to accept grant applications while formulating a strategic plan. Those conversations did not occur.

Second, the information provided on conference sponsorship grant funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was incomplete. It did not reflect a grant awarded by the Board to sponsor the "It Saves to Know" training conference presented by the Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution. Additional information regarding this grant and corrected amounts for all conference sponsorship grant funding awarded during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 will be provided at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

**III. Consideration of Factors Pertaining to Grant Funding Discussions**

The Board was of the understanding that the prevention grant partners had been advised that grant funding would not be awarded during the current fiscal year and expressed its disappointment that those conversations had not occurred. The Board discussed the strategic planning goals for the grant funding process and considered potential impacts if grant funding is not available during the current fiscal year. The Board contemplated ways to provide grant funding while reassessing the grant funding process and identifying the types of prevention services and supports to fund in the

future. The Board also considered the sustainability of the Child Victims' Trust Fund and the ability to provide long term financial support for child abuse prevention efforts.

#### **IV. Discussion of Grant Funding for the Current Fiscal Year and Action by the Board**

Doctor Howard made a motion to pause grant applications while the Board fully assesses funding, application processes, and reporting in order to better align with the Board's strategic plan moving forward and such will be communicated in writing to recent grantees and posted on the Board's website. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. Ms. Carpenter, Captain Stotts, Ms. Bruns, Ms. Thompson, Doctor Howard, and Ms. Moody voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Sanborn and Ms. Wiedenhofer voted against the motion. Ms. Estep Jordan and Mr. Shannon abstained from voting. The motion was approved by majority vote.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Mr. Shannon made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sanborn seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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