

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2024

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on March 18, 2024, in Conference Room “A” of the Office of the Attorney General, East office, by Board Chair, Heather Wagers.

Present

Heather Wagers, Office of the Attorney General  
Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Mona Womack, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet  
Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police  
Jill Seyfred, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

Present Virtually

Shannon Moody, Kentucky Youth Advocates  
Michelle Sanborn, Children’s Alliance  
Caroline Ruschell, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Kentucky  
Dr. Christina Howard, Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network, Inc.  
Steve Shannon, Kentucky Association of Regional Programs  
Eboni Thompson, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Guests in Attendance

Stacy Woodrum, Office of the Attorney General  
Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of the Attorney General

**II. Review of January 29, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes for action by the Board**

Ms. Womack made a motion to accept the January 29, 2024, minutes as presented. Captain Stotts seconded this motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

**III. Financial update by Stacy Woodrum, Office of the Attorney General**

The Board received financial documentation reflecting the revenues, expenditures, and balances for January and February 2024. Ms. Woodrum advised the Board of the revenue received from the Child Victims’ Trust Fund Specialty License Plate through the end of February 2024. This year’s receipts are less than the amount received at this point last year.

**IV. Review of conference sponsorship grant application for action by the Board**

Pennyrile Allied Community Services/Community Collaboration for Children Pennyrile Regional Network submitted a conference sponsorship grant application requesting funding for “Playing of Prevention,” an event to be held on April 20, 2024. Prior to the Board’s consideration, Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Seyfred abstained from voting and left the meeting.

The Board supported the overall purpose of the event but questioned its impact on child maltreatment prevention. Suggestions were made to award funding at a reduced amount. Captain Stotts made a motion to award up to \$1,400.00 to cover the costs of food, drinks, and food supplies; Child Abuse Awareness Month items to be given out at the event; and mental health tools. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Members who recused themselves from voting returned to the meeting.

The Board discussed the continued funding of conference sponsorship solicitations during the strategic planning process. The Board determined that the applications should be halted so that the Board can 1) evaluate what the term ‘conference’ will include in the future, and 2) tailor this funding to address or further the Board’s strategic priorities. Ms. Wagers made a motion that based on this discussion the conference sponsorship grant application should be removed from the Board’s webpage. Ms. Seyfred seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

#### **V. Advancing the Board’s Mission**

The Board considered the next steps in developing its strategic plan and the information needed to move forward in the process. Ms. Bruns told the Board that she spoke with a facilitator who is willing to provide up to three (3) hours of assistance at no charge and asked if the Board was interested in his help. Ms. Wagers made a motion to work with the facilitator. Ms. Seyfred seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

The Board considered the facilitator’s location and available dates to meet with him. Ms. Wagers made a motion to meet the facilitator on May 9, 2024, from noon to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Louisville at the offices of either CASA or Kentucky Youth Advocates. Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

#### **VI. Partner Updates and Announcements**

Ms. Wagers updated the Board on the legislative bills discussed during the last meeting. House Bill 68, sponsored by Rep. Banta, was recently assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee and if passed, this would potentially increase the revenue received from specialty license plates consistent with the revenue earned from other specialty license plates. The language contained in House Bill 68 was recommended in the Board’s annual report.

Ms. Wagers, Ms. Moody, and Ms. Seyfred provided information on other pieces of legislation relating to children.

Ms. Seyfred advised the Board that Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky will be holding its Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff and pinwheel planting on March 28, 2024. The event will take place at the Capitol Rotunda. All Board members were invited to attend.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Wagers made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Seyfred seconded this motion. The motion was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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