

CKLECC Board of Director Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC Board of Directors Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
NOTE TAKER	Julie Witt, CKLECC Coordinator
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	<p>In Person: Haley Leonard (Financial Manager); Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Louie Morphew (Morgan Community College); Luci Reimer (Secretary/Limon Memorial Library); Katie Zipperer (Lincoln County Bookmobile); Amber Ellis (Treasurer/Parent); Candace Chamberlain (CKLECC Fun Tote Program and Child Care Coordinator)</p> <p>Zoom: Dennis Pearson (Chair/Kiowa County DHS); Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Kailey Meardon (Southeast Health Group); Michelle Pugsley (CDE); Autumn Pelton (Cheyenne County Public Health); Tammy Yoder (Karval Preschool); Collene Walsh (Cheyenne County)</p> <p>Absent Board Members: Cindy Ferree; Tami Stephenson</p>

Agenda topics

OCTOBER 4TH BOARD MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD.

COLORADO 529 EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN

BEN SAMUELS, COLLEGE INVEST

DISCUSSION	<p>Community Relations Coordinator for College Invest, Ben Samuels presented on the Colorado 529 Education Savings Plan. College Invest is housed in the Colorado Department of Education. There is a projected 6% increase per year for the cost of a student to attend college. It is estimated that in 10 years in state tuition could cost up to \$146,000. In 2021, the average student debt will take 20 years to pay off at approximately \$393/month. What can parents do now to help? Anyone can open a 529 savings plan. The account is interest earning and a tax savings. Qualified expenses that can be used from the account include tuition, books, lodging, food plan, etc. Non-qualified expenses include travel, student loans, and not for K-12 education. Key benefits of a 529 savings plan are they can be transferred to another child, niece, nephew, etc. They can be used for vocational, technical, or trade schools, and can be used nationwide. Accounts can be opened with \$25, and no monthly minimum is required. There are different plan options – Direct Portfolio, Stable Value (interest never falls below 1.5% and resets every Dec.), Smart Choice (1 year CD options with 1st Bank). The First Step Program is a kick starter and will auto enroll children in a matching grant program. First Step is for any child born in Colorado as of 1/1/20. If signed up for an account, they get \$100 contribution by College Invest. The Matching Grant Program helps middle- and lower-class families boost savings with College Invest by matching \$1 to \$1 up \$1,000 per year. Kids that sign up must be eight years or younger. The application period is October to December.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie reported that new CKLECC advertising is in the works. The new banners promoting childcare licensing just arrived. A banner will be placed in Limon, Hugo, Kit Carson, Cheyenne Wells, and Eads. Julie is working with NFHS Network in Limon to promote CKLECC programs during live streams of Lincoln County sporting events. Tim Anderson is the contact and is not requesting a fee, but Julie would like to make a donation to the organization. Julie is working on a flyer to put in newspapers and distribute at upcoming holiday events that will highlight all programs and funding opportunities available through CKLECC. The majority of preschool programs are participating in having students supply art for the CKLECC Early Childhood Advocacy Calendar. The theme for the artwork is "How Does Your Preschool Teacher Make Preschool Fun?" Candie has 12 Family, Friend, Neighbor Resource Bags ready to distribute this month. She added one new signup. The theme is Social- Emotional Development. Updates have been given on some of the Federal Stimulus Funding. All councils will receive funding for FTE for a Family Child Care Home Navigator. Haley and Julie submitted a request to add funding for .5 FTE. They feel like a new hire is unnecessary, but duties can be added on to existing staff time. Candie has agreed to take on some of the role. The Child Care Stabilization Grant and Workforce Sustainability Grants will be non-competitive. All licensed programs will be eligible. All that will be required is a brief application. Exempt providers can also</p>
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	become eligible if they become licensed or become a CCCAP qualified exempt provider. An exact date of when these applications will open has not been announced. Circle Grants which are intended for providers and partners to address childcare challenges will be a competitive process. A date has not been announced yet on when applications will open. There will also be a competitive grant for a Workforce Retention and Recruitment Program. In addition to the strategies, councils will be receiving an increase to their current systems building and quality improvement funding. CKLECC will receive an additional \$15,000 in systems building and an additional incentive award will be added to the Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Funding. The Emerging and Expanding Grant opportunity is on hold for now as there is only so much funding left and a lengthy wait list. Julie received program update forms back from all twelve licensed providers. It is required that as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency that CKLECC update information annually in Salesforce. Staff is working to schedule holiday events in each county. Julie is hoping book/bag distribution can happen at FREE Christmas movie events.
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MINUTES QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATES JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	Carole is currently sick with COVID. Julie reported that the October 27 th training had to be cancelled. Hopefully, Carole will be able to reschedule soon as she has five preschool programs to do coaching with for Colorado Shines. CKLECC has MOUs with five sites who have applied for Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Funding – Karval, Limon Child Development Center, Country Living Learning Center, Little Leaders Learning and Care Center, and Genoa-Hugo Preschool. Julie is providing technical assistance to Eagles Nest and Kit Carson Preschool on their applications, so there is a possibility that seven programs could participate this year.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES COUNCIL MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	Jennifer Paintin with Baby Bear Hugs (BBH) reported that BBH will be starting the Cash for Christmas Raffle. Money earned supports on a regional basis. Tickets are \$10 each. The grand prize is \$1,000. Dennis reported that Kiowa County is being hit hard with COVID right now. He is currently in quarantine with COVID but doing better. Louie Morphew with Morgan Community College reported that registration has opened for spring and summer semesters.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES OCTOBER FINANCIALS/CHECKS/EXPENDITURES HALEY LEONARD

DISCUSSION	Haley provided the check detail report. Checks included: liabilities, payroll, Otero Junior College scholarship, utilities, Quill, rent, advertising in the Limon Leader, Lakeshore Learning, mileage, new banners, meals, books for holiday distribution, and office supplies. Monthly expenditures by funding source were Buell \$1,933.42; Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI) \$2,973.49 Expanding & Emerging (E&E) \$944.92; Lincoln County DHS (LCDHS) \$791.00; Systems Building (SB) \$1,702.02 totaling \$8,345.77. The deposit detail report was as follows: CSQI \$2,607.94 and SB \$2,744.51. The balance sheet for October was \$41,263.07. Balances remaining per funding source are SB \$35,977; CSQI \$42,263; Child Care Resource & Referral \$3,586; E&E \$18,228; and Buell \$17,503. Haley anticipates budget amendment documents being sent out to councils to include the funding increases we will be receiving for SB, CSQI, and the Family Child Care Home Navigator duties. The financials and checks were approved by consensus of the board.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES FUTURE MEETINGS DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	The next regular Board/Council Meeting will be on Monday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. For those who can join in person, a luncheon will be held at noon prior to the meeting at the Limon CKLECC Office. Julie would like the council to pick the top twelve pieces of art for the Early Childhood Advocacy Calendar at the meeting.
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