

CKLECC Council & Board of Director Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, CKLECC Board Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC Council & Board of Directors Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, CKLECC Coordinator Board Chair
NOTE TAKER	Julie Witt, CKLECC Coordinator
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	<p>In Person: Haley Leonard (Financial Manager); Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Luci Reimer (Secretary/Limon Memorial Library)</p> <p>Zoom: Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Autumn Pelton (Cheyenne County Public Health); Kailey Meardon (Southeast Health Group); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Vicki Folkerts (Eastern Colorado Services); Amber Ellis (Treasurer); Jenni Mortimeyer (Cornerstone Resource Center); Karla Rosas (Centennial Mental Health); Michele Pugsley (Colo Preschool Program); Ameer Gibson (Centennial Mental Health); Ryann Wollert (Prowers County Public Health); Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Mathew Biszak (Prowers County); Kris Schell (Centennial Mental Health) Tamela Williams (Centennial Mental Health); Kara Downing (Cornerstone Resource Center); Katie Johnson (Centennial Mental Health); Kathleen Bither (Cheyenne County DHS)</p> <p>Absent Board Members: Dennis Pearson, Cindy Ferree,</p>

Agenda topics

MARCH 7TH MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD. AUTUMN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND LISA SECONDED THE MOTION.

COLORADO CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN KID'S COUNT
REPORT – 2021 DATA

KATIE CREEDON & ERICA MANOATT

DISCUSSION	<p>The last time we had a presentation in-person from the Colorado Children's Campaign was in October 2019 pre-pandemic. The 2021 Report data looks at pre-pandemic data from 2019, traditional sources, emerging and experimental sources, and highlights collected during the pandemic. The poverty rate has fallen to its lowest in Colorado since 2000. This is great for Colorado, but there are still 135,000 children living in poverty. There was a drop seen in Lincoln and Kiowa Counties. Cheyenne saw a minimal increase. The unemployment rate increased from 2.7% in Colorado in January 2020 to 6.9% December 2020 during the pandemic. All three counties had an unemployment rate increase from January to June but saw a decrease by December 2020. Since the pandemic 1/2 of families in Colorado have reported a loss of household income. One in five have reported having little or no confidence in paying rent or mortgage. One-third of families have reported difficulty in paying usual monthly expenses. The suicide rates in teens in Colorado increased to 21.6% in Colorado. Eighty-three teens lost their lives. In 2019, 62% of families had access to licensed child-care slots (152,000 kids). This left 38% of families with no child-care slot access (94,000 kids). One in ten child-care providers report closing during the early months of the pandemic. Nearly 2/3 of families in the state had to alter child-care arrangements. Between February 2020 and September 2020, 42,000 Colorado women left the workforce. Working mothers had to change their roles. In March of 2020, there was a 63% drop in referrals to Early Intervention in Colorado. A big reason is because the majority of referrals come from providers who were not able to provide services during the pandemic. In 2021, 20% fewer kids were served by early intervention. There was a 23% drop seen in preschool enrollment. There was a 9% drop seen in kindergarten enrollment. This was the first decrease in kindergarten enrollment in a decade. It was determined that 54,000 children had no internet access when learning went remote. Looking forward kids will need support with the fallout from the past two years for many years to come. To find the data visit Coloradokids.org and datacenter.kidscount.org.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie reported that the Share the Spirit Foundation event at Limon Child Development Center went well. The children enjoyed the event and 75 pairs of shoes were provided to kids. With the funding left over that CKLECC provided the foundation, we are going to work on arranging an event in the fall in Cheyenne and Kiowa Counties. Seven CKLECC Child Care Assistance applications have been received; however, families have not returned requested verifications for the applications to be processed. Training Day is scheduled</p>
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	for Saturday, April 23 rd . A virtual and in-person option will be available. Six hours of continuing education credit will be offered to those attending. Presenters will include Clayton Early Learning Center, Amy Nations with Centennial Mental Health, and Elisa Stewart with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The council Buell application will be due May 2 nd . Haley and Julie will be working on the application
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MINUTES CAROLE SPADY
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH REPORT

DISCUSSION	Carole provided training in Limon in March. She had eight in attendance. She continues to work with six Colorado Shines sites. She is helping sites with submitting their spending requests. Four people inquired about home child care pre-licensing training. Two would like to schedule training in May or June.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES JULIE WITT
FFN & FUN TOTE PROGRAM

DISCUSSION	The tote program has been slower at the libraries. Candie has given out 20 FFN bags this month.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES COUNCIL MEMBERS
COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

DISCUSSION	Lisa Thomas informed the group that Kids Coalition would be meeting tomorrow at noon. There will be a presentation from Friends of Man.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES HALEY LEONARD
MARCH CHECKS/EXPENDITURES/FINANCIALS

DISCUSSION	Haley provided the March check detail report. Checks included taxes, payroll, Share the Spirit \$5,000, Centurylink, Stop n Shop for utilities, rent, and training day meals, mileage, Limon Leader, credit cards, Food Program stipends to Cheyenne Wells Grocery, Crowe's Stop n Shop, Kit Carson Market, Stop n Shop, and Osbornes. Monthly expenditures by source were: Buell \$949, Child Resource and Referral \$938, Colorado Shines \$6,147, Expanding and Emerging \$350, Family Home Child Care Navigator \$1,892, Lincoln County \$628, System's Building \$5,678 totaling \$16,585. The March balance sheet was \$17,940.86. We are missing approximately \$18,000 in state reimbursements. Lisa motioned to approve the checks and financial report. Amber seconded and the board approved.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES HALEY LEONARD
2023 SFY BUDGET

DISCUSSION	Haley reported that the SFY 2023 budget had to be submitted to the state prior to the May board meeting. She asked the board if she would need to send it out to the board electronically for approval prior to submitting it to the state. The board suggested she send it out with any questions, but if there weren't going to be any major changes the board could review and approve it at the May Board Meeting.
CONCLUSIONS	

MINUTES JULIE WITT
TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that it appears a couple of families who have applied for the tuition assistance program may be eligible for CCCAP. She asked the board how they felt about CKLECC providing assistance for one month, but letting the family know that it would be the only payment CKLECC could assist with until they apply for CCCAP and provide proof of denial. The board decided it was very important to refer families to CCCAP and because the CKLECC application clearly states denial of CCCAP is required we must stick with that. It was agreed that CKLECC would not make any assistance payments if it appears a family may be eligible for CCCAP.
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MINUTES JULIE WITT
BOARD VACANCIES

DISCUSSION	Julie introduced Jenni Mortimeyer with Cornerstone Resource Center and Kathleen Bither with Cheyenne County Department of Human Services to the board. Each of submitted letters of interest to join the CKLECC Board. Julie had provided board members with a copy of each letter prior to the board meeting. Lisa motioned to nominate both Jenni and Kathleen to fill the board vacancies with the request that Kathleen provide a new letter on official letterhead. Jennifer seconded the motion and the board approved. The CKLECC board now has a complete 10 members.
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MINUTES JULIE WITT
FUTURE MEETINGS

DISCUSSION	The next regular Board/Council Meeting will be Monday, May 2nd from 1 – 3 p.m. with a virtual and in person option.
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SECRETARY APPROVAL SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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