

CKLECC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

MAY 5, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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	Phone/Zoom: Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Dennis Pearson (Board Chair/Kiowa County DHS); Haley Leonard (Financial Manager); Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Luci Reimer (Secretary/Limon Memorial Library); Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Louie Morphew (Morgan Community College); Amber Ellis (Treasurer/Parent); Jenni Mortimeyer (Cornerstone Resource Center); Tami Stephenson (South East Health Group); Autumn Pelton (Cheyenne County Public Health); Tammy Yoder (Karval Preschool) On Site: n/a Absent Board Members: Collene Walsh, Cindy Ferree

Agenda topics

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD.

EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY & LEGISLATION

MAEGAN LOKTEFF, ECCLA DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION	<p>ECCLA Director, Maegan Lokteff provided updates on policy and legislation in the early childhood world. In her 25 years in the field she has never seen this much momentum. As a result of the state stimulus dollars package passed last November councils received relief grants and Expanding and Emerging Child Care grants that are to be spent by June 2022. More stimulus funding is anticipated this fall. The Federal Stimulus, CRRSA, passed 12/20. There will be a \$119 million to go towards licensed care. It is anticipated this funding will be dispersed in summer 2021-2023. There are seven strategies being discussed for CRSSA Funding. 1) Circle grants supporting workforce programs, scholarships, etc. 2) Workforce Supports such as competitive grant/scholarships, possibly ECE being free, continued CDA Program, the TEACH Program would be funded. 3) Access (two year allocation) to councils, \$8 million to use over four years. 4) Lowering copayments for CCCAP families. 5) Sustainability Grants increasing absence days, increase rates, figuring out how to pay staff. 6) CCCAP rates and absences. 7) Early Childhood Mental Health. The American Recovery Act passed congress in February 2021. There is 400 million to support CO early care and education through CCDBG/CCDF. Prop EE/Universal Pre-K – tax on tobacco and vaping products approved broadly across the state. By 2020 there will be 10 hours per week of universal Pre-K for all four year old children in Colorado. The newest development and possibility to go through legislation is to create a new department of Early Childhood, same as the Office of Education. The goal is to consolidate management and avoid duplication.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie reported that she and Haley completed the Buell application and would be submitting it today. Julie will also be submitting the third quarter report to the state. Julie had a virtual meeting with other coordinators in the northeast region and Mary Alice Cohen the new Office of Early Childhood Director. CKLECC purchased a membership to the Child Care Education Institute. The membership allows for 20 users to do training. Julie will be sharing this with licensed providers in the counties. BLAST Babysitting Classes have been scheduled in Eads, Sheridan Lake, Limon, and Kit Carson. Each participant will be given a backpack full of supplies for babysitting and the BLAST manual. Candie is working to schedule dates to promote the Family, Friend, and Neighbor Resource Program. In Limon, Julie will partner with Luci at the Limon Library to promote both the program and a meet the council event at Ahimsa Coffee in Limon. CKLECC will be covering the cost of a FREE drink and having providers complete a survey, in hopes they sign up for a monthly FFN resource bag. In each county we are hoping to partner with summer reading programs to promote the program and reach providers. Candie is looking into scheduling an event at the ice cream shoppe in Eads. We are still making connections in Cheyenne Wells. Jenni with the Cornerstone</p>
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FUTURE MEETINGS

DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	The next regular Board/Council Meeting date will be Monday, June 7 th . It will be the annual meeting so for those who can attend in person we will meet at the CKLECC Office in Limon. A virtual option will still be available. A luncheon will be held at noon followed by the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
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