

CKLECC Board of Director Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 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	In Person: Haley Leonard (Financial Manager); Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Luci Reimer (Secretary/Limon Memorial Library); Dennis Pearson (Chair/Kiowa County DHS); Louie Morphey (Morgan Community College) Zoom: Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Carole Spady (CKLECC Quality Improvement Coach); Tammy Yoder (Karval Preschool); Colleen Walsh (Cheyenne County); Tami Stephenson (Southeast Health Group); Amber Ellis (Treasurer/Parent) Absent Board Members: Jennifer Paintin, Cindy Ferree, Autumn Pelton

Agenda topics

JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES (JUNE 28TH MEETING) WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOLLOWING A MOTION BY AMBER AND A SECOND BY LUCI.

COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that Candie is working on the first set of monthly Family, Friend, and Neighbor Resource Bags. We are estimating between 12-15 bags to distribute in August between all three counties. The theme for the first bag will be Healthy Eating. Carole and Candie promoted the program in Eads on June 30 th in coordination with summer reading and on July 31 st at Maine Street Bash. CKLECC promoted the program and covered the cost of concessions at the free movie showings between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. during the bash. Vouchers to the Maine Scoop were provided to those completing the FFN survey at the summer reading event. Councils have still not received detailed information regarding the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSA) Funds. Per the state technical webinar this month Julie gathered that approximately 90% of funding could go to providers through the seven different strategies. Country Living Learning Center (CLLC) in Hugo has a new Director, Nancy Gonzalez. Julie submitted the final quarterly report/strategic evaluation plan report to the state for SFY 2021. She feels that the current strategic plan could use some revision. This will be on the meeting agenda for council and board input in the next couple of months. Little Leaders Learning and Care Center in Eads has had to temporarily close while awaiting waivers for staff and new Director Kaycee Strickland. Julie and Carole are working with Kaycee to determine what type of support CKLECC can provide. Jennifer Kollerup, our regional coaching specialist, has offered to provide weekly support calls with Carole. She can offer guidance on rules regulations, business practices, teacher qualifications, etc. Julie mentioned to the board that CKLECC had funding to assist with advertising costs to help in the search for qualified teachers. She can also share the information with the Early Childhood Council Network for free. The board agreed CKLECC could support the advertising costs. Carole and Julie will be meeting with Jennifer on August 3 rd to determine a schedule with Kaycee.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH REPORT

CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	Carole reported that the event at Maine Street Bash went well as far as speaking with people, but only three surveys were collected. Two were from Eads and one was from Kit Carson. She has been speaking with staff, board members, and previous staff from Little Leaders to determine what issues Jennifer Kollerup might help with. Based upon the feedback she has received the overall issue is the staffing, lack of qualified staff, and frustration with how long it takes for the state to get paperwork and background checks done. She has spoken with the Eads School guidance counselor regarding the possibility of high school students being able to take ECE 101 and 103 as concurrent enrollment courses. This way if high school students are interested in working at Little Leaders, they would have qualifications. The counselor is very excited about this idea and thought it could be put in place before the spring semester with Lamar Community College. Carole will resume monthly training in September.
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