

Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Leslie Caye (Chairman), Scott Wheeler (Vice Chair), Brooke Bartholomew, Kristina Davis, Tracy Moseman, Joe Raffiani

Staff present: Melissa Lavinder (Director), Amber Barnes (Program Assistant, Recorder)

Guests present: Arin Boyle, Brie Oliver, Jamie Palagi, Heather Stenson, Dr. Ryan Tolleson-Knee

Regrets: Patty Butler

Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) Board Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Caye.

Leslie Caye asked for public comments. No public comments were made.

Leslie Caye gave an overview of the MT CTF Board Meeting's purpose and agenda.

Jamie Palagi presented updates on the Early Childhood and Family Support Division (ECFSD) and COVID-19. Discussion was held about the status of relocating ECFSD programs to the USF&G Building in Helena, as well as needs and increased emergency services associated with COVID-19.

Scott Wheeler moved to approve previous meeting minutes as read. Amber Barnes called for an oral vote by roll call. Minutes approved as presented.

Scott Wheeler moved to accept the Essential Care Items to Tribal Nations proposal as written. Discussion was held about the proposal. Kristina Davis moved to amend the proposal that the Children's Trust Fund request a follow-up letter in 6 weeks describing the progress of the project, what items were delivered, and who was contacted. Scott Wheeler accepted the amendment to the motion. Kristina Davis called for the vote. Amber Barnes conducted a roll call vote. Motion passed as amended.

Tracy Moseman moved to accept the Draft Mini Grant Application as written. Discussion was held about the length of the application and the amount of funding available. Melissa Lavinder proposed a simplified alternative as outlined: posting the funding guidelines online and inviting eligible organizations to submit a one-page proposal to the Grants Manager. If the one-page proposal meets the funding guidelines, the Grants Manager will send the proposal to a committee for decision. Tracy Moseman moved to amend the mini-grant application process as outlined by Melissa Lavinder with a report back to the MT CTF Board to include information needed for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Grant report. Amber Barnes called for an oral vote by roll call. Motion passed.

Scott Wheeler moved to renew the 5 programs for another year. Discussion was held about the grantee renewal applications. Joe Raffiani called for the question. Amber Barnes called for an oral vote by roll call. Motion passed.

Heather Stenson presented on FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council.

Melissa presented on the status of the Geospatial Analysis of Risk and Protective Factors for Child Maltreatment and Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Social Norms projects.

Amber Barnes presented Strengthening Families Month data.

Dr. Ryan Tolleson-Knee and Arin Boyle presented Let's Grow Montana progress and online training modules. Discussion was held about trainings and website. A decision was made to make the website live immediately and start tele-coaching in June.

Discussion was held about SFY2021 budget and projects. Decisions on SFY2021 projects will be held over until evaluation and research data has been collected from current projects and analyzed.

Next MT CTF Board Meeting is to be determined. Leslie Caye moved to adjourn. MT CTF Board Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.