

**Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, May 14, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Patty Butler, Kristina Davis, Teresa Kennedy, David Landis, Tracy Moseman, Elizabeth Sibley, Scott Wheeler

**Staff present:** Melissa Lavinder (Program Manager), Amy McDonald (Recorder)

**Guest present:** Nikki Grossberg, Jamie Palagi, Heather Stenson

Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) Board Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Acting Chair Scott Wheeler.

Acting Chair conducted introductions. No public comment was made.

Acting Chair Scott Wheeler provided an overview of Children's Trust Fund and the board structure and operations. Melissa Lavinder reviewed the by-laws and attendance expectations.

Scott Wheeler called for changes or edits to the draft March 2, 2021 MT CTF Board Meeting minutes. No changes or edits were made. Minutes were accepted as written.

Scott Wheeler called for MT CTF Board Chair nominations. Tracy Moseman nominated Scott Wheeler as Chair. Scott accepted the nomination. No further nominations were made. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed.

Melissa Lavinder presented Grantee Renewal Applications. Discussion was held regarding performance and challenges. Scott Wheeler moved to renew Alliance for Youth, Peace Place, and Dawson County Health Department for another year. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed. Discussion was held about the Parenting Place's grantee renewal application. Tracy Moseman moved to fund the Parenting Place with the added condition that they receive additional technical assistance. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed. Patty Butler recused herself from discussion on the Nurturing Center's grantee renewal application. Discussion was held about the Nurturing Center's grantee renewal application and their performance during current and prior years. Kristina Davis made a motion to approve the Nurturing Center's renewal application. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jamie Palagi provided an overview of the Early Childhood and Family Support Division's history and composition. Ms. Palagi also provided legislative updates and an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Nikki Grossberg presented an update on Child and Family Support Division, including the Families First Prevention Services Act plan, collaborations, and legislative updates.

Melissa Lavinder presented the draft projected budget for State Fiscal Year 2022. Discussion was held about the draft projected budget and the general timeline for

budgeting. Tracey Moseman moved to approve the projected budget. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed.

Decisions on State Fiscal Year 2022 projects will be held over until the next board meeting. MT CTF staff will provide example projects from other states' Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) state lead agencies in support of the discussion.

Discussion was held about American Rescue Plan Act funding. Decisions on projects will be held over until further guidance is received.

The next MT CTF Board Meeting is to be determined. The day and time will be announced via the State of Montana's e-Calendar.

Scott Wheeler moved to adjourn. MT CTF Board Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.