

Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Present October 5: Kristina Davis, David Landis, Tracy Moseman, Elizabeth Siblingud, Scott Wheeler

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

Guest present: Josh Clement, Katie Harlow, Heather Stenson, Kirsten Smith

Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Scott Wheeler.

Chair conducted introductions. No public comment was made.

Chair Scott Wheeler called for changes or edits to the draft May 14, 2021 MT CTF Board Meeting minutes. No changes or edits were made. Minutes were accepted as written.

Melissa Lavinder presented the Manager's report, reviewing data from State Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

- Discussion was held regarding multi-year grant recipients and activities completed during State Fiscal Year 2021.
- Melissa presented data from the Circle of Parents contract. 59 respite vouchers were issued in 16 communities; 13 Circle of Parents groups were supported; and new groups were trained in Circle of Parents in Dillon, Mineral County, and the Crow Reservation. Heather Stenson (FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council member) thanked the board for their support of Circle of Parents.
- Melissa reviewed the minigrants that were awarded in State Fiscal Year 2021; of 28 applications received, 6 minigrants were awarded to various programs across the state.

Josh Clement provided the financial report, including reviewing the State Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 budget and endowment status. Discussion was held regarding base federal funding. No additional questions or discussion was held.

Kirsten Smith with Bloom Consulting conducted a workshop to aide in creating the Strategic Plan for MT CTF. Discussion was held regarding the current Strategic Plan versus ideas from the workshop. Objectives, Strategies, and Outcomes were reviewed for the Strategic Plan, as well as the Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles.

Chair Scott Wheeler adjourned the meeting for October 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Present October 6: David Landis, Tracy Moseman, Elizabeth Siblingud, Scott Wheeler, Scott Wheeler voting by proxy for Kristina Davis

Partial Attendance October 6: Patty Butler

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

Guest present: Susan Dawson, Stacy Dressen, Nicole Grossberg, Katie Harlow, Jamie Palagi, Andrew Russo, Heather Stenson, Marilyn Thorn

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Andrew Russo and Susan Dawson presented to the Board on the National Family Support Network.

Marilyn Thorn and Stacy Dressen presented to the board on Healthy Families America.

Jamie Palagi and Nicole Grossberg presented to the board on Child Injury and Death Prevention programs and options.

Tracy Moseman motioned that the Children's Trust Fund obligate \$90,000 per year for the next three years to fund a 1.0 FTE staff position and operating costs associated with the position. The funds are to come from state allocation to establish a state family resource network and support the Department of Public Health and Human Service's mission to coordinate data for a comprehensive view of child abuse and neglect in Montana. An additional \$10,000 per year for this staff position and associated operating costs will be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act funding. This motion, if passed, would be dependent on approval of 1.0 FTE and a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Public Health and Human Services and Montana Children's Trust Fund. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding further funding of programs and agencies across the state to increase the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Heather Stenson (FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council member) volunteered to set up listening sessions with various providers for the board to view over the next month.

Discussion was held regarding reappointment of MT CTF Board members. Melissa Lavinder reviewed application and nomination process.

The next MT CTF board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 in Helena.

Chair Scott Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm.