

Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes

June 23-24, 2022

1625 11th Ave, Helena, ECFSD Large Conference Room

Present: Brooke Bartholomew, Teresa Kennedy, David Landis, Brandi Loch, Elizabeth Siblingrud

Absent: Jeri Delys, Deann Willcut

Staff present: Sandy Cade (Early Prevention/Intervention Program Manager), Joshua Kendrick (Grant Manager), Amy McDonald (Recorder)

Staff present on June 23rd only: Joshua Clement (Fiscal Bureau Chief), Jeromy Ashcraft (Fiscal Supervisor)

Guests present: Samantha Florey, Heather Stenson

Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by staff, Joshua Kendrick.

Joshua Kendrick facilitated introductions for Board members and guests present.

Joshua Clement (Fiscal Bureau Chief), and Jeromy Ashcraft (Fiscal Supervisor), presented the budget sheet and went over the funds available. A discussion was held regarding the FTE position that was approved by the Board in October. The staff fiscal team suggested the board consider revising the motion to allocate funds from other sources for the position.

Samantha Florey discussed the goals of this meeting and the strategic planning process.

No public comment was made.

Chair David Landis called for changes or edits to the draft March 17, 2022, MT CTF Board Meeting minutes. No changes or edits were made. An oral vote was taken. Minutes were accepted as written unanimously.

Joshua Kendrick gave an [update on activities](#) since the last Board meeting and also recapped the [committee meetings](#).

Mini-grants were approved for 5 of the 27 applicants. Anaconda Family Resource Center, The Family Tree Center, Toby's House, People's Partner for Community Development (Northern Cheyenne), and Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County.

Joshua Kendrick shared the budget application for the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant. The board reviewed the budget. There was no further discussion.

Samantha Florey [presented on Family Resource Centers](#) and [began the strategic planning process](#) by reviewing the previous strategic plan and reviewing the similarities between the ARPA funds granted to Children's Trust Fund and CBCAP funding.

After the brainstorming session concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm, to reconvene at 9 am.

Chair David Landis called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Discussion was held regarding the job responsibilities for the new position.

Brainstorming continued on strategic plan ideas and goals and options for spending ARPA funds.

A proposal was made to create a Montana Parent Advisory Council, establish a Policy Committee, and establish a parent honorarium.

Discussion about using Independent Sector federal rate to determine the amount of the honorarium.

Motion was made to adopt the Independent Sector rate to establish an amount to pay an honorarium. Motion was seconded. An oral vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Volunteers were requested for the Policy Committee.

Heather, Brooke, and David will comprise the committee. Brandi offered to speak with Autumn Beatty about being on the committee.

Motion was made to spend up to \$50,000.00 on media buys, exploring Parenting Montana and Windfall. Motion was seconded. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to fund the ARPA position with 100% ARPA dollars. Motion was seconded. An oral vote was taken. Motion passed.

David requested that Sandy speak to ECFSD leadership about the approach to Family Resource Centers and ARPA funding. Sandy and Josh will create a proposal to present to the board for use of ARPA dollars to support resource centers.

David requested that Josh develop a schedule for the quarterly meetings and send out to the board.

No public comment was made.

Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.