

Minutes
Kids First Trust Fund Board
September 19, 2024

Present: on site: Douglas Weinberg, Will Young, and Eddie Kominowski -- Via zoom: Olivia Clark, Donald Travis, Matt Wilson, Abigail Diener, and S.M. Finnell (part).

A board quorum WAS present.

Call to Order: Chair Weinberg called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Minutes: Chair Weinberg presented the minutes from the July 18th meeting. Will Young requested the minutes be amended to include the discussion of the KFTF annual report. The amended July minutes will be presented at the November meeting.

Financials: There were no questions or discussion regarding the latest KFTF financial statements, as it was noted that there were no major changes from previous months.

PCAIN Update and Report: Chair Weinberg introduced Rachel Colclazier of the Villages, Inc.

PCAIN Grant Proposal: Ms. Colclazier presented a revised version of PCAIN's framework expansion grant proposal for review by the board. This was an update to the proposal discussed at the last meeting. There were no questions at this time and a discussion of the proposal was tabled until more progress is made regarding the KFTF visioning discussion.

Ms. Colclazier provided a brief summary of the PCAI Report. She noted that by the end of the current grant period, PCAI staff, as well as other volunteers, will deliver 107 virtual and in-person Prevention Education presentations to approximately 2,000 youth, parents, professionals, and community members; that roughly 127,000 pieces of prevention materials will be distributed; that at least one new county will be added to the Prevention Council Network; that Prevent Child Abuse of Indiana is currently being re-chartered by Prevent Child Abuse of America.

Vision for KFTF: Chair Weinberg began the discussion of the vision for KFTF by providing a summary of and rationale for his ongoing discussions with key leaders in the legislature and representatives of the major candidates for governor. He argued that it was important to raise the profile of the organization with elected officials if KFTF is to become the major force for child abuse prevention that children's trust funds in other states have become. He noted that Indiana had made great progress in prevention in recent years but was still behind other states in certain respects.

The ensuing discussion reviewed some of the history of KFTF and the changes in the environment since the early days. Among the key changes discussed were the decline of revenues from the KFTF license plate; the arrival of new federal funding sources for the local prevention programs; and the statutory requirements imposed on the Kids First Trust Fund. It was agreed that the following 2 tasks would be completed prior to the November board meeting: First, Will Young will prepare a summary of the KFTF authorizing statute; and second, Ed Kominowski will prepare a draft of a 2025 workplan including all KFTF deliverables. It was agreed these two documents will be discussed in depth at the November board meeting.

Children's Trust Fund Alliance Annual Meeting: Chair Weinberg discussed the value of the CTF Alliance annual meeting, noting the great opportunity for learning and networking, and strongly encouraged several KFTF board members to attend. Several board members will consider attending.

Adjournment: Because the importance of the ongoing vision discussion and the absence of Governance Committee and Communications Committee Chair Hug from the meeting, the remaining agenda items were deferred to the next meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Next meeting: November 21, 2024 -- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Eastern)