**Minutes – Kids First Trust Fund Meeting**

**February 17, 2022**

 **-- Zoom Session / Conference Call –**

**Board Members Present:** Candes Shelton, Richard Hug, Will Young, Doug Weinberg, Eldon Whetstone, and Christina Hage.

**Others Present:** Sandy Runkle (part) – Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, Sarah Faulkner of DCS, and Aaron Atwell, DCS CFO.

A quorum WAS present.

**Call to Order / Welcome:** Chair Candes Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. She began by announcing that Board Member Laura Wynn had resigned, effective immediately. She thanked Ms. Wynn for her service on the board. Chair Shelton did not share Ms. Wynn’s letter of resignation because it contained some personal information. She will check with her about the possibility of sharing her letter of resignation with the full board at some time in the future.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the December 16, December 31, and January 5 minutes was deferred at the request of Will Young. At issue is a proposed amendment to the minutes that he submitted which may not have been incorporated in the final version. He will check his emails and follow up.

**Financials:** The financial statement reflected little change from previous meetings. Aaron Atwell, DCS Chief Financial Officer was present to answer questions about KFTF finances including some from the August meeting about possible changes to the handling of KFTF funds. After some discussion, he recommended that transfers be made from the Trust Fund’s “operating account” to its investment account. The recommended balance of the operating fund would be $750,000. The remainder would be moved to the investment account. This would enable KFTF to cover its expenses for the current fiscal year while allowing a cushion for unexpected expenditures.

**A motion was made to approve Mr. Atwell’s recommendation and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote, 6-0.**

Mr. Atwell, who has previous experience with both the Indiana Health Department and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, also agreed to think about the various sources of funds provided by Indiana and the federal government and how KFTF funds might best be used to further the state’s child abuse prevention goals given their relative flexibility.

**Committee Report: Governance / Planning Committee**

Companion 501(c)(3) Implementation Plan --In the wake of the recent report to the legislature by the Board, Committee chair Doug Weinberg indicated his willingness to resurrect his research, completed 2-3 years ago, on the use of companion 501(c)(3) organizations. He called on board members to review his summary of that research and ask any questions that they might have about it. He was reluctant, however, to do more extensive work on the details of the study unless there was a clear commitment from the board to move forward.

He agreed to convene the Planning Committee to review the current situation and determine next steps.

There was discussion about the need, eventually, for some sort of staff support for completing and executing the implementation plan. Christina Hage noted that she had been involved in doing legal work with several foundation / non-profit organization development efforts. She said that a CEO would be needed and that a successful, sustainable effort would require a lot of hard work and continuity of effort from Board leadership.

**Board Roster / Committee Assignments**

At this point there was a discussion of the development of an updated board roster (with more contact information) and the clarification of committee assignments. Chair Shelton will send out a list of committees with their charges and ask for volunteers. She will also follow up individually to discuss preferences if needed.

**PCAI Quarterly Report / Deliverables**

PCAIN director of programs Sandy Runkle reviewed recent PCAIN activities (see report).

In her summary Sandy highlighted:

* The return of PCAIN to Corrections facilities for the Nurturing Fathers program
* Continuation of the Early Childhood Social Emotional Learning / Trauma project with $50,000 in new funding
* Work on prevention councils
* Applying for a two-year grant to Prevent Child Abuse America to expand the Framework pilot projects
* Implementation of the Framework project with $25,000 in funding from DCS

**Committee Report: Communications Committee**

Committee Chair Rick Hug reported on the activities of the Alliance of Children’s Trust Fund Communications Committee, the Policy Committee, and two annual meetings (see attached). He also reviewed plans for the 2022 annual IUN Forum on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Chair Hug stressed the idea that the Alliance and its members have much to offer KFTF as it plans to move forward with possible communications and public policy strategies. As an example, he cited a parent advisory group organized in Georgia with the assistance of the Alliance. That group engaged a large number of parents in a book club discussion of *What Happened to You?* a book on trauma and its effects by Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey. Discussion of the book let Georgia Prevention specials to engage a larger audience, beyond child welfare providers, in discussions of current prevention approaches and strategies.

Hug said that the Alliance also provides a channel for communication with other children’s trust funds and access to the best expertise in the country on prevention issues.

He noted that the annual meeting of the Alliance will be held in conjunction with Prevent Child Abuse America in early November in Denver. [Board members who have attended previous meetings have found them to be very useful.]

Hug said that communication with KFTF license plate holders had not yet begun. He will work with Will Young to get the most current list of donors and identify an appropriate email account for sending the email approved at the last meeting.

**Committee Report -- Board Development:**

There was no report due to the resignation of the committee chair.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

**2022 Meeting Schedule: 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern**

April 21, 2022

June 16, 2022

August 18, 2022

October 20, 2022

December 15, 2022