**Minutes – Kids First Trust Fund Meeting**

**February 18, 2021**

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

**Board Members Present:** Candes Shelton, Richard Hug, Will Young, Doug Weinberg, and Maria Finnell – also, Sandy Runkle (part) and Sharon Pierce (part).

A quorum WAS NOT present.

**Call to Order / Welcome:** Board Chair Candes Shelton called the meeting to order on Zoom at 1:09 PM (Eastern).

**Approval of Minutes: t**he minutes of the December 17 and December 29 meetings are available but could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Financials:** Chair Shelton briefly reviewed the latest financial statement noting that little had changed since the last report. She noted that the budget was passed at the last meeting but that expenditures would not begin until July.

**Strategic Plan:**  Action on the strategic plan was deferred until the April meeting.

Chair Doug Weinberg described his involvement in a survey of family strengthening activities in Indiana conducted by the Strengthening Families National Network. (Sharon Pierce filled out most of the survey for Indiana.) Doug agreed to serve as a “lead” person for the Network in Indiana along with Sandy Runkle of PCAIN. Indiana is not currently a member of the network but there is no charge to join. The state currently has about 20 “strengthening families” trainers operating in the state but coordination and promotion of their activities is limited. Action on this front is likely to be among the items given priority in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Committee Reports**

**Governance:**  Doug Weinberg reported that Senator Zay’s proposed legislation (SB 137) has moved forward nicely. He said that Representative DeVon, the Chair of the appropriate House committee, will sponsor the House version of the legislation, and that there will be hearings in the House soon. Doug has provided written testimony and will be available to testify in person at the House hearing.

**Board Development:**  Chair Shelton reported that Laura Wynn, the chair of the committee had recently resigned. The most pressing business of the committee is the recommendation for a new board member. Rick Hug will follow up with the intended nominee and with Laura about other possible nominees. The Planning Committee will work with Board Development on possible new members. One possible member is James Hmurovich, former Indiana FSSA director and Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse America.

**Communications:**  Rick reported that the Communications Committee of the Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds has a variety of resources to help us with KFTF work. He reviewed a web page from Georgia prepared by the Chair of the Alliance Committee with the tag line, “Georgia: State of Hope” which detailed a full-blown prevention communications campaign. He also said that when Board member Jeni O’Malley, a communications specialist, is less burdened with her Covid 19 duties at the ISDH she might be able, if interested, to join a corps of communications professionals at the Alliance who communicate regularly.

The committee will develop its priority audiences and messages in the near future.

**PCAI Deliverables:**  Sandy Runkle and Sharon Pierce briefly reviewed the Deliverables report. She highlighted recent virtual trainings, and PCAIN involvements in research initiatives (with Infancy Onward and Andrew Campbell) and demonstration efforts (Family Resource centers in two counties). She also reported that two PCA county chapters were being reactivated and one new chapter was on the horizon.

Sharon and Sandy also updated the group on the plans for April – the kickoff event on April 1, pinwheel farms, a calendar of events for the month, and four virtual sessions on the successive Fridays in April featuring nationally known speakers. She noted that Melissa Merrick of PCA would be available for the kickoff event. She will also present at the “closing” event on April 30.

**Framework Update:** Sharon, Sandy and Doug reported that the Indiana Prevention Framework group had met recently and that they were seeking more surveys from the pilot counties to better target their effort. They hope to have the Framework completed by April or May.

**Thriving Families Initiative:** Sharon noted that the next step on this project would be a meeting next week with the national group. This project provides an opportunity to get technical assistance on a variety of prevention topics. The acceptance letter for the Initiative was provided as part of the board packet.

**Next meeting:** Chair Shelton noted that the next meeting would be Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM (Eastern).

Sandy agreed to send out a ZOOM invitation for the remaining meetings so that members could get them in their calendars.

(Reminder: Other 2021 meetings are scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern on

 June 17, 2021

 August 19, 2021

 October 21, 202

 December 16, 2021)

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.