

Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2018
VISTA Conference Room, 3rd Floor
2401 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT 59601

MT CTF Voting Board members present: Leslie Caye (Chair), J. Scott Wheeler (Vice-Chair), Brooke Bartholomew, Patty Butler, Joe Raffiani

Board members absent: Kristina Davis, Tracy Moseman

MT CTF Staff members present: Melissa Lavinder (Grants Manager, Recorder)

Guests present: Sheila Hogan, Kristen Rogers, Laura Smith, Vicki Turner

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Chair, Leslie Caye.

Public comment requested by Chair, Leslie Caye. No public comments were made.

Patty Butler moved to accept the proposal to transfer funds to Montana's Safe-Sleep Campaign to purchase Pack 'n Play cribs and materials. Motion seconded. Discussion:

- The most cost-effective cribs and materials should be researched and purchased.
- If approved, this project would come out of the Special Projects/Mini Grants budget line item. At the full amount of \$25,000, the budget line item would be fully allocated.
- The Pack 'n Plays would be distributed through the DPHHS Home Visiting infrastructure, as well as through hospitals that currently distribute them. They could potentially be recycled by Home Visiting and given to other families once children age out of them.
- The Pack 'n Play can be used as an incentive to get Home Visitors into a family's home to further educate the caregivers, including but not limited to Shaken Baby Syndrome/ Abusive Head Trauma prevention.
- Another component to the Safe-Sleep Campaign is outreach and education to shift attitudes about co-sleep.
- It was questioned if the data shows that not having a crib was the issue in the fatalities from the most recent Child and Family Ombudsman's report.
- The project complements current efforts and fits the MT CTF mission.
- Timeline, distribution, accountability, and reporting details will be established.

A vote on the motion was taken by roll call. Motion passed 4:1.

Scott Wheeler moved that the Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting be adjourned. Unanimous oral vote. Motion adopted. The MT CTF Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.