

## Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

### Zoom Meeting

**PRESENT:** Leslie Caye (Chairman), Scott Wheeler (Vice Chair), Brooke Bartholomew, Patty Butler, Kristina Davis, Tracy Moseman, Joe Raffiani

**Staff present:** Melissa Lavinder (Director), Amber Barnes (Program Assistant, Recorder)

**Guests present:** Emily Clewis, Nikki Grossberg, Kris Larson, Brie MacLaurin, Annmarie McMahon, Stephanie Morton, Miriam Naiman-Sessions, Jay Otto, Jamie Palagi, Carrie Jo Riordan, Laura Smith, Heather Stenson, Robin Suzor, Morgan Taylor, Marti Vining

Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) Board Meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Chairman Leslie Caye.

No public comment was made.

Scott Wheeler moved that the May 19, 2020 MT CTF Board Meeting minutes be accepted as written. Unanimous Oral Vote. Motion passed. Minutes were approved as presented.

Miriam Naiman-Sessions presented an update on the Geospatial Analysis of Child Maltreatment Risk and Protective Factors. Discussion was held about the types of child abuse and neglect reports, data limitations, potential usage, and next steps. It was decided that the MT CTF Board will email any additional feedback or suggestions such as high-risk or protective community characteristics to Melissa Lavinder. The MT CTF Board will also provide guidance on format and dissemination.

Jay Otto presented key findings of the survey developed by the Center for Health and Safety Culture to assess current beliefs and behaviors of families and caregivers in Montana about developing plans to manage frustration when an infant cries; safe, stable, and nurturing relationships; and the Children's Trust Fund as a whole. Discussion was held about the response rate and findings from the survey, as well as the draft media scripts presented. DPHHS Leadership will support efforts to gather additional data around Abusive Head Trauma, including connecting Melissa Lavinder with the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Commission. The PURPLE Task Force will meet and make recommendations for next steps.

Leslie Caye called for a recess at 1:12 p.m. Leslie Caye called meeting back to order at 2:03 p.m.

Brie MacLaurin presented an update on Essential Care Items to Tribal Nations. Discussion was held about the number of essential items received by the tribes and the project's impact.

Melissa Lavinder presented on MT CTF Board member terms ending on January 1, 2021. Discussion was held on the process for applying for reappointment or nominating an individual to serve. Melissa Lavinder will email the time frame and process for applying for reappointment.

Melissa Lavinder presented updates on Let's Grow Montana, Grantee Final Reports, and Grantee Virtual Site Visits.

Amber Barnes presented the MT CTF brochure. Discussion was held about its design, content, and target audience.

Heather Stenson presented an update on FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council, including an upcoming newsletter focused on ethnicity and equality.

The next MT CTF Board Meeting is to be determined. Leslie Caye moved to adjourn. MT CTF Board Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.