

Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Friday January 20, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Present: Brooke Bartholomew, Jeri Delys, Teresa Kennedy, David Landis, Brandi Loch, Elizabeth Siblerud,

Staff present: Sandy Cade (Early Prevention/Intervention Program Manager), Josh Kendrick (CTF Manager), Jill Christensen, (ECSB Bureau Chief), Liz Wood (Part C Data Specialist - taking minutes), Jeromy Ashcraft, Fiscal Unit Supervisor. Mark Douglass, ARPA Contract Coordinator, Susan Wensel, Budget Analyst

Guest present: Heather Stenson
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Montana Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair David Landis.

No public comment was made.

Chair David Landis welcomed everyone, and Josh facilitated introductions for Board members and Jill Christensen, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief. Sharing of ECFSD Organization Chart and new bureau's introduction.

Chair David Landis called for changes or edits to the draft for September MT CTF Board Meeting minutes. No changes or edits were made. An oral vote was taken. Minutes were accepted as written unanimously.

Board Business:

- Election of Officers: Chair David Landis opened for nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair. Nomination for David Landis for Chair. Nomination for Brooke Bartholomew as Vice-Chair.
Motion to elect David Landis as Board Chair. Approved.
Motion to elect Brooke Bartholomew as Board Vice-Chair. Approved.
- MT CTF Manager's Report
 - October & November Site Visits
 - Attended Friends meeting on Poverty and Neglect. Informed general prevention and Community Response Program work.
 - November, presented on CRP to MECAC
 - December, Annual Report work. To be submitted week of January 24th.
 - January, working on planning meetings for Strengthening Families Month.
- Preschool Development Block grant. State received MT Pre-school Development Block Grant. (Birth - 5) Focus – System work. Josh working on defining discretionary funds from this grant. Planning work has begun.
- Discussion on Bills and Legislation on prevention and child welfare
 - HB 16 Establishes 5-day pre-hearing conference (Statewide).
 - HB 37: Mandates warrant for removal of children except in cases of immediate likelihood of sexual or physical abuse.

- Brandi Loch presented website on Legislative update:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/legislative>. <http://sq001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en>
- MT CTF Budget Review
 - Jeromy Ashcraft (Fiscal Unit Supervisor) review of Federal Grant F20-F22, ARPA Grant F21, State Special Revenue, and Endowment for Children.
- Community Response Program – Introduction to Heather Stenson, Program Specialist for Community Response Centers. Josh provided stats on calls to Centralized Intake and eligibility population and presented a PowerPoint.
 - Voluntary prevention services
 - Present goals and performance measurements
 - Pilot program parameters and scope of pilot program.
 - Review of key staff.
 - \$72,000 for 18-month grantee, \$48,000 for additional 12 months grantee.
- Strategic Plan Updates given and breakdown of accomplishments and items still working will be provided with Board packets.
 - Additional training January 25, 2023, on how to better utilize and access collected data
 - Discussion around how to make the Protective Factors Survey more valuable.
- Annual Grantee Data
 - Total Children 959 served
 - Site visits overview:
 - Alliance for Youth: Isis Olson Parenting Program Manager.
 - The Nurturing Tree: Glendive Dawson County. Pam O'Brien
 - The Parenting Place: Missoula and Ravalli County
 - The Nurturing Center: Lake & Flathead area
 - Peace Place: Great Falls

Discussion of events held during Strengthening Families Month.
- Statewide Projects
 - Strengthening Families Month, plans to develop a 3-year plan.
 - CAN Awards Committee, Josh will organize an awards selection committee for the end of February

Chair David Landis asked for thoughts or comments on discussion from Board meetings. Brooke suggested brainstorming on how to get the information out about nominees for the CAN Awards.

January 2024 - CAN Conference will be partnering with Alliance for Youth for No More Violence Week.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Board Meeting – March

CAN Conference Awards selection committee

Action Items:

1. Request to email Organization Chart and Division Organization Chart.
2. Send copy of Strategic Plan to Jill.
3. Send out timeline for Community Response Program and Slides to all Board members.
4. Weekly legislature update requested by David and Jeri. (Josh)