



**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2026 – Approved 8/12/26
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Erin Arango-Escalante, Doreen Arcus, Jonette Arms, Allison Budzinski, Victoria Casola (Sen. Jesse James Office), Lynn Cook, Alice Egan, Max Ellithorpe, Charles Greer, Sam Hope (Rep. Patrick Snyder Office), Lance Horozewski, Julie Incitti, Sen. LaTonya Johnson, Stephanie Lozano, Kathy Mullally, Marissa Pallasch (Rep. Jill Billings Office), Mary Anne Snyder, Erika Traver

Board Members Absent: Sara Christensen, Jennie Kleven

Guests Present: Marie Barry, Jody Keller, Jacob Taylor

Prevention Board Staff Present: Claire Ackerman, Evan Golden, Merrissa Johnson, Lamia Kosovic, Kris Moelter, Rebecca Murray

Call to Order and Public Comment

Horozewski called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. There were no public comments.

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Horozewski welcomed new board members Charles Greer, and Kathy Mullally

Approval of February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Cook moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting and Lozano seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Summary

Keller reviewed the financial summary for July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026. No concerns were raised.

Community Investment Plan

1. **SFY26 Community Investment Plan updates** – Murray provided updates to the SFY26 Community Investment Plan, including the status of PDG funds. She also reported a contractor was hired to update the Five for Families Curriculum. Johnson moved to approve the updates and Arms seconded the motion. Cook recused. Motion carried.
2. **Roots and Wings Funding** – Murray reported that Roots and Wings has offered \$600,000 over three years to be used for parent education and tribal primary prevention. Arcus moved to accept the Roots and Wings funding and Budzinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **SFY27 Community Investment Plan**
 - a. **Renewal** – Tribal Primary Prevention grants. Egan moved to approve the tribal primary prevention grants and Snyder seconded the motion. Cook and Lozano recused. Motion carried. The renewed grants are:
 1. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
 2. Forest County Potawatomi Community



3. Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services
 4. Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
 5. St. Croix Chippewa Indians of WI Indian Child Welfare
 6. Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- b. **New** – Hold statewide listening sessions to obtain parent input for the next strategic plan. Arcus moved to approve the funding and Cook seconded the motion. Arango-Escalante recused. Motion carried.
 - c. **Interagency Agreement** - Extend the contract for additional work on the Strong and Stable Families Study. Arcus moved to approve the interagency agreement and Arms seconded the motion. Egan recused. Motion carried.
 - d. **New – Interagency Agreement** – UW-Madison research for Building Father-inclusive Family Resource Centers. Greer moved to approve the agreement and Budzinski seconded the motion. Egan and Lozano recused. Motion carried.

NOTE: Traver and Hope were not present for the votes.

4. **Training and Technical Assistance Ch. 16 Procurement** – Moelter reported that Thriving Wisconsin was awarded the training and technical assistance grant.

Partner Presentations

Jennifer Eddy, MD, Director, Family Resource Center, Inc., and Lauren Zach, Community Education Director, ICAA Family Resource Center presented on the state of FRCs.

Dr. Josh Mersky, Professor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare and Co-Director, Institute for Child and Family Well-being, presented on the implementation and impact of Wisconsin's family resource centers.

Lana Shklyar Nenide and Martha Stolp from the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health presented on infant and early childhood mental health consultation and Healthy Minds, Healthy Children. Barb Tengesdal, Ph.D., Director, First 5 Fox Valley, presented on Help Me Grow.

Public Policy Committee Report

Murray reported that post-partum Medicaid expansion became law. Today the legislature is in special session.

Celebrate Children Foundation Report

Marie Barry reported that the contract between the Prevention Board and CCF needs to be approved and new board members need to be approved. Arcus moved to approve the contract and Greer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry presented the list of board members. Cook moved to approve the board members and Incitti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Performance Improvement Committee Report

Johnson reported a board member is needed to fill William Olivier's position on the committee.

Staff Report/Updates



Murray reported that the August meeting will focus on the next biennial budget. The board will also review and update the bylaws at that meeting. She reported that Becky Mather has retired and her position will be posted soon. The annual board evaluation is ready and will be sent to the board members and grantees.

Adjournment

Incitti moved to adjourn the meeting and Arcus seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.