



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

**February 11, 2026 - APPROVED May 13, 2026  
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Erin Arango-Escalante, Allison Budzinski, Sara Christensen, Lynn Cook, Alice Egan, Lance Horozewski, Julie Incitti, Sen. Jesse James, Sen. LaTonya Johnson, Jennie Kleven, Stephanie Lozano, William Olivier, Mary Anne Snyder, Vicki Tylka

**Board Members Absent:** Jonette Arms, Rep. Jill Billings, Paula Breese, Max Ellithorpe, Rep. Patrick Snyder, Erika Traver

**Guests Present:** Jayden Hoover, Jody Keller, Neil Kline, Deirdre Sperry, Jacob Taylor

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

**Call to Order and Public Comment**

Kleven called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Kleven thanked Breese, Olivier, and Tylka for their service on the board as this is their last meeting. There were no public comments.

**Approval of November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Cook moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting and Horozewski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Summary**

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

**Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

Tylka moved to approve the election of Kleven (Chair), Christensen (Vice Chair) and Horozewski (Secretary) as board officers and Budzinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Community Investment Plan**

- 1. Preschool Development Grant - Interagency agreement with DCF and SFY26 Community Investment Plan updates** – Olivier moved to approve the interagency agreement and the SFY26 Community Investment Plan updates and Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cook and Egan recused.
- 2. SFY27 Contract Renewals for Community Investment Plan, interagency agreements/sole source and SFY27 Community Investment Plan** – Horozewski moved to approve the SFY27 contract renewals listed below, the listed interagency agreements/sole source and the SFY27 Community Investment Plan updates and Olivier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cook and Egan recused.
  - Parent Education
    1. Community Coordinated Child Care
    2. Family & Childcare Resources of NEW



3. Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley
  4. Northwest Connection Family Resources
  5. Parent Place, Inc.
  6. The Parenting Network
  7. The Parenting Place
  8. Tree House Child and Family Center
  9. Watertown Family Connections, Inc.
  10. Western Dairyland EOC
- Supplemental Primary Prevention
    1. Allied Wellness Center
    2. Childcaring, Inc.
    3. Children's Service Society of Wisconsin
    4. Family Resource Center, Inc.
    5. Indianhead Community Action Agency
    6. Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth
    7. Watertown Family Connections, Inc.
    8. Wood County Human Services
  - FRC of Quality Infrastructure
    1. Burnett County Family Resource Center, Inc.
    2. Childcaring
    3. Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Inc.
    4. Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Inc.
    5. Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Inc.
    6. Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C)
    7. Family Connections
    8. Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin
    9. Family Resource Center, Inc.
    10. Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley
    11. Family Resource Center of Iowa County
    12. Family Resource Center of Sheboygan County
    13. Family Support Center/River Source Family Center
    14. Indianhead Community Action Agency
    15. Lakeland Family Resource Center
    16. Northwest Connection Family Resources
    17. The Parenting Network
    18. The Parenting Place, Inc.
    19. Watertown Family Connections, Inc.
    20. Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council
- d. SFY27 Contracts – Interagency/Sole Source
- Wisconsin Prevention Reporting System - University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.
  - WI FRC Network – Thriving Wisconsin



- United Way of Wisconsin, 2-1-1 Guided Search
  - UW- Milwaukee, Child Welfare Professional Development System
- e. SFY27 Community Investment Plan update

### **Public Policy Committee Report**

Moelter reported on the Public Policy Committee February 3 meeting, the Speaker's Task Force on Protecting Kids, and the Children's Caucus. The Children's Caucus 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary is April 2026 and they are planning an event to commemorate the anniversary. The Public Policy Committee approved supporting bills related to home visiting funding, parent education social media funding, and the Prevention Board name change to the Strengthening Families Board.

Johnson moved to support AB967 related to parent education for home visiting and AB1000 related to changing the name of the Prevention Board to the Strengthening Families Board and Lozano seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cook recused.

### **Partner Presentation**

Neil Kline presented on Family Friendly Workplaces, connecting early childhood and workforce development.

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Deirdre Sperry presented on the Economic Burden of Adverse Childhood Experiences.

### **Celebrate Children Foundation Report**

Murray reported that the Foundation will have elections at today's meeting. It will also decide what percentage of the endowment to pull down for funding grants.

### **Performance Improvement Committee Report**

Ackerman reported the committee has not met since the last Prevention Board meeting. Grantee mid-year reports are due next week. The committee is seeking new members.

### **Staff Report/Updates**

Murray presented staff updates. She reported that there will be at least three open positions on the Board beginning May 1, 2026. She provided a current list of grantees. She also reported on the Wingspread event on early childhood the Prevention Board is co-hosting.

### **Adjournment**

Olivier moved to adjourn the meeting and Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.