



**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2021  
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Rep. Jill Billings, Paula Breese, Amanda Graham (Sen. Joan Ballweg’s Office), Sam Hope (Rep. Pat Snyder’s Office), Julie Incitti, Elizabeth Lucas, Michael McHorney, Mike Meulemans, William Olivier, Leah Ramirez, Vicky Tylka, Michelle Viste, Christian Ullsvik (Sen. LaTonya Johnson’s Office), Teri Zywicki

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Quincey Daniels, Molly Jasmer, Dr. Jennifer Kleven, Jameelah Love, Jennifer Noyes, Nadya Perez-Reyes

**Guests Present:** Michael Bloedorn, Allison Budzynski, Jody Keller, Amanda Merkwae, Megan Learn

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

**Call to Order and Public Comment**

Tylka called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. There were no public comments.

**Approval of September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Breese moved to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2021 meeting and McHorney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Summary**

Jody Keller reviewed the SFY21 financial summary from July 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021. No concerns were raised.

**SFY22 Grants Update**

Murray updated the Board on the Family Support Emergency Funds Grant and the interagency agreement with DHS.

Murray provided an updated SFY22 Community Investment Plan. Meulemans moved to approve the plan subject to Joint Finance Committee approval of the DCF childcare block grant funds and Zywicki seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SFY23 Community Investment Plan Approval**

Murray presented the updated SFY23 Community Investment Plan. Viste moved to approve the plan subject to Joint Finance Committee approval of the DCF childcare block grant funds Meulemans and seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Policy Committee Report**

Billings reported that the committee met on November 17 to make recommendations on the Wisconsin Birth Equity Act bills, Erin’s Law, and a bill related to insurance coverage for post-partum healthcare visits. Those were included on the November 22 legislative tracking document that was sent to the Board members. She also reported that the



Children’s Caucus met on November 16 and heard presentations from the Wisconsin School Counselor Association and the Office of Children’s Mental Health.

**Performance Committee Report**

Ackerman and Johnson reported the committee will provide guidance on performance goals for grants. Incitti, Lucas, and Olivier are the committee members. They will elect a committee chairperson at the next meeting and that person will serve on the Executive Committee.

**Celebrate Children Foundation Report**

Michael Bloedorn reported the Foundation received a \$65,000 unrestricted donation and will be used to fund the Parenting on the Go bags that will be distributed in April. Staff are working on the CCF license plate relaunch. There are two pending applications to serve on the CCF Board.

**Family Connects Research and overview of Strong and Stable Families Survey** – Joshua Mersky, PhD UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare and founding co-director of the Institute for Child and Family Well-Being (ICFW) presented on the status of the Family Connects research project in Racine County and provided an overview of the Strong and Stable Families Survey.



FamilyConnects\_SSF  
amiliesSurvey.pptx

**Annual training: Public records, records retention and open meetings** - Mary Burke, DCF Deputy General Counsel, provided Board members with education around public records and open meetings.



2021 PowerPoint  
Presentation.ppsx

**Board Member Updates**

Olivier moved to move this agenda item to before the annual public records training and Meulemans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DCF – Merkwae reported that DCF is collaborating with the Prevention Board by using some PDG funds for part of the Prevention Board’s FRC Infrastructure project.

DOJ – Murray reported that some of DOJ’s federal funds require grantees to have training on child sexual abuse prevention. The Prevention Board staff are beginning to work with DOJ to develop a training.

**Adjourn**

Billings moved to adjourn the meeting and Breese seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.