**MEETING MINUTES**

**KERN COUNTY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

1. **ROLL CALL, MEMBER UPDATES & PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Members present:** Steven Bacon, Mary Barlow, Brynn Carrigan, Chandra Commuri, Judge Susan Gill, Linda Hoyle, Deborah Johnson, Roland Maier, Chief TR Merickel, Dena Murphy, John Nilon, Stephen Pelz, James Rodriguez, Alan Paradise for Bryon Schaefer, Jennie Sill, Chief Greg Terry, Curt Williams and Sheriff Donny Youngblood.

**Staff present**: Alexis Shaw, Jayme Stuart, Martha Gómez, Tom Corson and Steve Sanders.

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2021 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING (ACTION ITEM):** Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mary Barlow, Sheriff Donny Youngblood seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
2. **THE KCNC BOARD DUE TO THE AB 361 BROWN ACT MODIFICATIONS WILL:**
3. Reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
4. Finds that either of the following circumstances exist:
5. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
6. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

The KCNC Board reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and found that either a or b exists. Motion to review, discuss and approve was made by Alan Paradise, Mary Barlow seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

1. **APPROVE RECOMMENDATION BY KCNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND KCNC BYLAWS TO REMOVE THE STANDING MEMBER IDENTIFIED AS THE KERN CHILD CARE COUNSEL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER:** Approved recommendation by KCNC Executive Committee to amend KCNC Bylaws to remove the standing member identified as the Kern Child Care Counsel Representative Member. Motion to discuss, approve, receive and file was made by Roland Maier, Curt Williams seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
2. **APPROVE APPOINTMENT FOR CURRENTLY VACANT NON-STANDING GOVERNING BOARD POSITION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA LIRA-MARTINEZ, PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST AT THE DREAM CENTER, REPRESENTING BOTH YOUTH AND PARENTS:** Approved the appointment of Cynthia Lira-Martinez, Peer Support Specialist from the Dream Center to represent both youth and parents. Motion to approve, receive and file was made by Curt Williams, Bryon Schaefer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
3. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE $13,471 UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN FY 2021-2022 PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF) FUNDS TO INCREASE HENRIETTA WEILL MEMORIAL CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC (HWMCGC) STAFF TIME FOR THEIR PARENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FOR A TOTAL OF $13,471, INCREASING STAFF TIME BY $7,880, CREATING A $4,366 EMERGENCY FUND FOR PEP FAMILIES, AND INCLUDING $1,225 IN ASSOCIATED INDIRECT COSTS; AND, AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FULLY EXECUTE AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH HWMCGC:** Jayme Stuart requested the approval of the $13,471 unanticipated increase in FY 2021-2022 Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) funds to increase Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic (HWMCGC) staff time for their Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) for a total of $13,471, increasing staff time by $7,880, creating a $4,366 emergency fund for PEP families, and including $1,225 in associated indirect costs; and, authorize Executive Director to fully execute an amended contract with HWMCGC. Motion to approve, receive and file was made by Stephen Pelz, Chief TR Merickel seconded the motion, one abstention Linda Hoyle, Executive Director Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic. Motion unanimously passed.
4. **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF KERN’S COUNTY SELF-ASSESSMENT (CSA), SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP) AND THE TITLE IV-E PREVENTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA):** Maria Bermudez and Shannon Ashburn from the Kern County Department of Human Services gave a brief overview of Kern’s County Self-Assessment (CSA), System Improvement Plan (SIP) and the Title IV-E Prevention Program established by the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). Motion to discuss, receive and file was made by Chandra Commuri, Mary Barlow seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
5. **DREAM CENTER UPDATE:** Jayme Stuart provided the Dream Center Updates. Motion to discuss, receive and file was made by Alan Paradise, Roland Maier seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
6. **FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATING PROGRAM UPDATE:** Curt Williams provided the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Updates. Motion to discuss, receive and file was made by Chief TR Merickel, Deborah Johnson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
7. **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:** Alexis Shaw provided the Child Abuse Prevention Council Updates. Motion to discuss, receive and file was made by Linda Hoyle, Sheriff Donny Youngblood seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
8. **ADJOURN**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.