**Minutes – Kids First Trust Fund Meeting**

**December 17, 2020**

**-- Zoom Session --**

**Board Members Present:** Candes Shelton, Richard Hug, Will Young, Jeni O’Malley, and S. Maria Finnell

A quorum WAS NOT present.

**Call to Order / Welcome:** Board Chair Candes Shelton called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM (Eastern).

**Approval of Minutes:** There was no objection to the minutes of October 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. However, since there was no quorum they could not be approved.

The group decided to proceed with the meeting even though there was no quorum. It was agreed that a discussion of the agenda items, including actionable matters, was appropriate and useful.

**Financials:** Chair Shelton reviewed the November revenue and expenditure report and noted that there were no changes in recent patterns on revenues.

**Strategic Plan:** The group briefly reviewed the strategic plan and expressed agreement overall. There was a discussion of the extent to which the group could “advocate” for various policies and programs. Particular attention was focused on a strategy in Goal 3 – Increase legislative advocacy. The group discussed the distinction between “lobbying” and educating policy makers on research related to child abuse and neglect prevention. In the end it was agreed to change the wording on that strategy to “educate policy makers”. Other uses of the word “advocacy”, which did not involve policy makers, were considered less troublesome.

**Proposed 2021-2022 Budget:** The group reviewed the proposed budget as submitted. There were no objections to the proposal. Chair Shelton noted that support for PCAIN is likely for the 2022-2023 fiscal year but she preferred to defer that decision until later in the interest of fiscal prudence. There was no objection to the budget as submitted.

**PCAIN Quarterly Report / Deliverables:** Sandy Runkle and Sharon Pierce reviewed the proposed deliverables for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Sandy noted that most events and trainings will continue to be done virtually until further notice. She focused most of her attention on Deliverable 5 of her report – Special Projects. Among other things, she provided updates on 1) the Child Psychological Maltreatment Initiative, 2) the Family Resource Centers project, 3) the research on the mapping of child abuse, domestic violence, and pet abuse with Andrew Campbell, and 4) the trauma informed practice initiative with early childhood professionals.

Sandy, Sharon, and Rick Hug also provided updates on Round Two of the Thriving Families Initiative, a partnership between KFTF, PCAIN, and DCS responding to an invitation from the US Children’s Bureau, Casey Family Programs, the Casey Foundation, and Prevent Child Abuse America. Indiana will submit a letter of interest in early January expressing the State’s commitment to reframing the child welfare system as a child and family well-being system. Technical assistance will be provided by the national partners if the state is elected to participate in Round Two of the Initiative.

**Election of Officers:** Rick Hug said that when a quorum is present he will nominate Candes for Chair and Doug Weinberg for Vice-Chair. He said that continuity is important for KFTF at this stage and that it would be important for Doug to be Vice-Chair when he interacts with legislators about our proposed legislation. It is also a plus to have two Indianapolis-area residents who are able to respond quickly to developments related to the legislation (hearings, meetings, etc.). Since Doug was appointed by a legislator and Candes by the Governor they would meet the requirements of the statute to have one leader appointed by each branch of the government making appointments to the board.

**Committee Reports: Governance**

Rick Hug noted that there had been no change in the status of our legislation. It is unclear how many bills a legislator will be able to submit. Doug Weinberg will continue to monitor progress.

**Committee Reports: Planning**

Since the last meeting the planning committee distributed a list of strategies associated with each of the goals. (See Strategic Plan, above.)

**Committee Reports: Communications**

Will Young and Rick Hug reported briefly on the effort to get information from the Indiana DMV on license plate buyers. Will noted that there is a monthly list of those who have agreed to make their names available to us. The tentative plan is to send an email or card to them to thank them for buying the plate and connect them to PCAIN and other resources if they are interested.

Rick reported that he hopes to participate in the Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds’ monthly Communications Committee meetings. He also indicated that he had discussed the possibility of working with PCAIN, the IUN forum planning committee and DCS to coordinate virtual webinars during child abuse and neglect prevention month (April, 2021).

**Committee Reports: Board Development**

The group briefly reviewed a proposed resolution charging the Board Development Committee with developing a plan for parent involvement in the activities of the board. It was noted that committee chair Laura Smith-Wynn, who was not able to attend today because of work conflicts, strongly supported the resolution.

**Next meeting:** As suggested above, no votes were taken on any of the action items on the agenda. Because of the interest in passing a budget before the end of the year as required by the statute and moving forward on the strategic plan and other issues, the group agreed that a short meeting early next week to vote on the budget and other issues would be appropriate if possible. A tentative time was set for Monday, December 21, at 10:00 AM Eastern.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.