**Minutes – Kids First Trust Fund Meeting**

**April 22, 2021**

 **-- Zoom Session / Conference Call –**

**Board Members Present:** Candes Shelton, Richard Hug, Will Young (joined at 1:15 PM) , Doug Weinberg, Christina Hage, Eldon Whetstone, Laura Wynn, Maria Finnell – also, Sandy Runkle (part) and Sharon Pierce (part).

A quorum WAS present.

**Call to Order / Welcome:** Board Chair Candes Shelton called the meeting to order on Zoom at 1:04 PM (Eastern). She welcomed new board member Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner for Health and Human Services, ISDH, who replaces Jeni O’Malley as the Health Department representative.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 17, December 29, and February 18 meetings were approved as amended on a roll call vote, 7-0.

**Financials:** There was a discussion of the request by the leadership team that DCS consider funding PCAIN for the 2022 fiscal year to enable KFTF to build up its reserves and/or take on new projects. Chair Shelton stressed that the board fully supported funding PCAIN and would do so if DCS declined the request. Will Young reported that DCS was not inclined to cover the costs with other funds at this time.

**Committee Reports**

**Governance:**  Doug Weinberg reported that the legislation allowing KFTF to establish a not-for-profit partner entity (SB 38) had been approved by both houses of the legislature and was awaiting the Governor’s signature.Chair Shelton commended Doug on his persistence over three years – communicating with elected officials and testifying at hearings. There was discussion of a signing ceremony with the Governor – (Update 5-1-21: Doug has been notified that no ceremonial signing will be held because of the pandemic.)

**Board Development:**  Chair Shelton reported that Laura Wynn, has decided to continue her service on the board. There was a long discussion of efforts to begin a parent advisory committee. Laura reported that she had identified three possible members. She will meet with Doug, Rick, and Candes soon to flesh out details on the purpose and budget of the committee based on the charge resolution for the committee recently approved by the board.

Laura also reviewed the resume of Mr. Tyrone Spann and recommended that the Board approve his nomination for service on the Board. Mr. Spann is an experienced philanthropy executive with extensive state and national connections in the field. The motion to recommend him to an appointing body (Senate or Governor’s office) passed unanimously on a roll call vote 8-0.

**Planning:** Doug Weinberg reviewed the KFTF strategic plan (distributed last year and discussed in some detail at previous meetings). After some discussion the board approved the plan 6-0 on a roll call vote. (New board member Eldon Whetstone abstained). There was further discussion of the fact that it will be difficult to implement all of the strategies and that it will be important to prioritize them. A tentative list prepared by Planning Committee members included: 1) establishing a new non-profit entity, 2) supporting the statewide Prevention Framework, 3) conducting research and developing a statewide communications plan, 4) providing opportunities for parent voices, 5) promoting equity and diversity in prevention efforts, and 6) pursuing Strengthening Families Network activities. The committee will meet soon to refine the action plan. Individual strategies chosen for attention will be assigned to the various standing committees.

Chair Shelton noted that the strategic plan and the strategies chosen will serve as the tool for organizing future board agendas, discussions, and committee actions.

**Communications:**  Rick Hug reported that a review of child abuse prevention communications efforts around the country has revealed a number of very promising models for what KFTF and its partners might eventually undertake.

He described in some detail, major campaigns by Georgia, South Carolina and Arizona.

**PCAI Report:**  Sandy Runkle and Sharon Pierce reviewed recent PCAIN activities and introduced the new Villages President and CEO Shannon Schumacher. The board welcomed her and commended Sharon for her years of service to the Villages, PCAIN, and children and families in Indiana.

**Framework Update:** Sharon, Sandy and Doug reported that the Indiana Prevention Framework group had met recently and that they were seeking more surveys from the pilot counties to better target their effort.

**Thriving Families Initiative:** Chair Shelton reported on a recent meeting of the state team. Sharon noted that there were no members of state parent advisory groups present and that one of the principles of the Initiative is to assure the involvement of persons with “lived experience” with the child welfare (well-being) system. The group will be taking action to involve them in future sessions.

**Next meeting:** Chair Shelton noted that the next meeting would be Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM (Eastern).

 (Reminder: Other 2021 meetings are scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern on

 August 19, 2021

 October 21, 202

 December 16, 2021)

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.