Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lincoln County Early Childhood Council
Council and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Supporting children, families, and early childhood programs in Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Lincoln Counties.

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CKLECC Board Meeting

ATTENDEES:

In-Person: Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Lora White (CKLECC Admin. Assistant); Haley Leonard (CKLECC Financial Manager); Candie Chamberlain (CKLECC FFN Program Coordinator); Terry Jaques (Lincoln County Commissioner); Heather Randolph (Board Chair, Baby Bear Hugs); Katie Zipperer (Limon Memorial Library);

Zoom: Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Sharon Mauch (About F.A.C.E); Carole Spady (CKLECC Quality Improvement Coach); TyAnn Connley (Safe Care); Rosalind Smith (The Cornerstone Resource Center); Kathleen Bither (Kiowa County DSS); Robbin Schincke (Morgan Community College); Victoria Folkerts (Cheyenne and Lincoln County Early Intervention)

Absent Board Members: Shannon Harrell (Centennial Mental Health); Amber Smelker (Parent/Treasurer); Autumn Pelton (Cheyenne County Communities that Care); Kailey Meardon (Valley Wide Health Systems); Autumn Lorenson (Board Vice Chair, Center Director LCDC)

MEETING CALLED BY:

Heather Randolph (Board Chair, Baby Bear Hugs)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

True North- Aaron Ellsworth and Justin Futrell

- Justin shared that he focuses on personal benefit plans and healthcare while Aaron focuses on property insurance options. True North now offers a Benefits Bundle and Insurance Options in partnership with ECCLA and Wallet.
- For less than $1/day employers can provide employees with a benefit bundle that includes 5 key components: 24/7 virtual health care, major medical, mental health care, emotional health scores, and financial resources. This option is available now.
- True North also offers an option for employers or community organizations to put money into a Wallet account that provides a monthly stipend for child care providers.
- Business insurance is now offered for licensed in-home providers at $500/year with coverage for general liability at $1 million as well as $1 million for molestation and abuse coverage.
- Refer providers to the True North page and the sign up form there will submit their information directly to Justin and Aaron.
- They are working on a group life insurance option as well as law changes for major medical coverage for all ECE field employees.
- Justin will send their tool kit to Julie.

June Meeting Minutes - Heather Randolph

- Robbin motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Sharon seconded. The motion carried.

LCO/UPK Updates - Julie Witt

- Julie reports that the payment schedules and provider agreements just went out at the end of July. We are still waiting for some of the programs to sign theirs.
- First payments will go out in September. These will be for August enrollment and will occur monthly on the 15th for the previous month.
- A 3 year old memo has been distributed. Providers must do monthly reporting on their current 3 year old enrollment. Payments are only allowed for 3 year olds with at least one qualifying factor.
- We will be attending the virtual regional meeting in the next few weeks.

- Enrollments are happening but many of the programs report that the numbers are lower than normal.

Coordinator Report- Julie Witt

- Julie shared that we have been working on the annual CDEC report as well as the shared measures report from ECCLA. Both are due on August 15th.
- We have held a few community events and will hold a few more before the end of the summer. The pool event in Limon was not very busy, Cheyenne county fair had a great turn out with 13 surveys returned. We plan to do a table at the Lincoln County fair and at the Kiowa County fair.
- Julie and Lora both completed their mentorship course from MCC.
- The Buell foundation report is due next month so spending down and planning has begun.
- The CKLECC website is currently being updated.

Coaches Report- Carole Spady

- Carole reports that she has no updates currently but will be starting back with the teachers soon.

FFN Report- Candie Chamberlain and Julie Witt

- Candie has 6 FFN providers receiving monthly bags and 1 new provider that received a welcome bag. .
- Julie shared pictures of a shade structure purchased for a limon FFN provider by CKLECC. The provider signed an agreement of continued participation in the FFN program as well as agreeing to future participation in professional development organized by CKLECC.
- Julie also shared that there are some grant opportunities for FFN providers from CO State-wide parent coalition.

Child Care Updates- Julie Witt and Lora White

- Lora reported that the diaper bank has returned to providing 50 diapers per child per month. Lincoln county has 68 children and Cheyenne county has 14. We also

received extra items such as children's toothbrushes, nail clippers, thermometers, baby blankets, and infant play mats to distribute this month.

- The housing committee has a meeting with Rural Homes this Wednesday to look at possible sites for affordable housing backed child care solutions.

Council Updates

- Vicki with Early Intervention shared that Kandi is serving 8 families in Lincoln county and 6 families in Cheyenne county. She will send out early intervention information to share at the diaper banks.

June Financials- Haley Leonard

- Haley provided the Check Detail Report for June. Checks included – QuickBooks Payroll Service, EFTPS, Cowbell Insurance Agency for Cyber Security, Payroll for Staff, Lakeshore Learning, Discount School Supply, Century Link, Beckers, Century Link, Crow's Stop and Shop, Katie's Korner, Kit Carson Mini Mart, Osborne's Supermarket, Cheyenne Wells Grocery, and Stop 'n' Shop Supermarket for the food program, School Specialty, Stop & Shop for rent and utilities, Cheyenne Wells School for diaper bank room rental, First National Bank of Omaha.
- Monthly expenditures by funding source were as follows: BUELL $4,319.53, CCRR $96.79, CSQI $2,425.13, FHCN $832.52, GAE CO Shines $0, LCO/UPK $2,033.181, LCDHS $0, SB $2,220.41, totaling $11,927.56.
- The Deposit Detail Report showed 3 deposits: GAE and CO Shines- $6,454.62, LCO- $12,566.51 and Blast Class- $360
- The Balance Sheet showed $137,262.45 for July and $125.439.88 for June.
- The Expenditure Spreadsheet showing funding left by source showed ECSB $53,336.59, CSQI $56,749.87, CCR&R $3,514.21, FCCH Nav. $21,667.47, Buell $11,390.92, LCDHS $0, LCO $42,092.82, Child Care Task Force Funding $23,527.04, ECB $4,613.55 for a total funding left of $193,365.43.

Rosalind motioned to approve the financials as presented by Haley and Kathleen seconded. The motion carried.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 8th @ 1:00 p.m.

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CKLECC Board Secretary Signature

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Date