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

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CKLECC Board Meeting

ATTENDEES:

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

Zoom: Carole Spady (CKLECC Quality Improvement Coach); Kathleen Bither (Kiowa County DSS); Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Amber Smelker (Parent/Treasurer); Autumn Pelton (Cheyenne County Communities that Care, Cheyenne County Public Health); Sharon Mauch (About F.A.C.E); Shannon Harrell (Centennial Mental Health); Robbin Schincke (Morgan Community College); Katie Zipperer (Limon Memorial Library); TyAnn Conley (SafeCare Colorado); Kandi Seymour (Service Coordinator/Case Manager at ECSDD); Cailey Cimera (Northeast Health Partnership); Mia Colby (Northeast Health Partnership)

Absent Board Members and Staff: Autumn Lorenson (Board Vice Chair, Center Director LCDC); Rosalind Smith (The Cornerstone Resource Center); Kailey Meardon (About F.A.C.E.);

* A quorum was confirmed.

MEETING CALLED BY:

Heather Randolph (Board Chair, Baby Bear Hugs)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

Northeast Health Partners- Cailey Cimera and Mia Colby

- Cailey and Mia presented information about NHP and their mission to manage physical and behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients.

June Meeting Minutes - Heather Randolph

- Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Lisa seconded. The motion carried.

LCO/UPK Updates - Julie Witt

- Julie reported on the changes with LCO roles, upcoming contracts for the 26-27 school year, low enrollment numbers for 26-27 so far and the high turnover in teachers within our preschool programs for the upcoming year.

Coordinator Report- Julie Witt

- Julie reported on the completion of a virtual site visit with Buell and end of fiscal year procedures. End of year reports and shared measure reports will be completed in August.
- CKLECC's movie sponsorships in each county are underway with one more additional one being planned in Lincoln county with leftover funding from the first event, the final mural of the series was completed in Kiowa county and staff are working on an FFN incentive plan.
- Finally there will be a new licensing specialist for our region due to restructuring of the licensing department.

Quality Improvement Coach Report- Carole Spady

- Carole updated that she has only visited Eads Preschool recently and that she has been in contact with the new licensing specialist already.

FFN Report- Julie Witt for Candie Chamberlain

- Candie reported that there are 5 FFN providers with only one opening and that the babysitter classes were a success with 15 participants in Kit Carson and 9 in Limon.

Child Care and Diaper Bank Updates- Lora White

- Lora reported that participation in the diaper bank remains steady with 68 children in Lincoln county and 9 in Cheyenne county.

Council Updates

- Robbin shared that MCC is having their last summer camps, which have been hugely successful.

Financials/Expenditures/Checks for June- Haley Leonard

- Haley provided the Check Detail, Monthly Expenditures, Deposit Detail, Balance Sheet and Expense Spreadsheet reports for board review.
- Terry motioned to approve the financials as presented by Haley, Sharon seconded and the motion passed.

Approval of Katie Zipperer as Board Secretary- Julie Witt

- Amber motioned to approve Katie Zipperer as Board Secretary, Kathleen seconded and the motion passed.

Letter of Interest for Board Member- Julie Witt

- Julie asked the board if they all had a chance to review the letter of interest for a board position from Erica Bellomy with Kiowa County Public Health. She is also a parent of young children.
- Terry motioned to approve Erica Bellomy as a new board member, Kathleen seconded and the motion passed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3rd @ 1:00 p.m.

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CKLECC Board Secretary Signature

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Date