



**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting of the Sixpence Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on June 8, 2016 at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, 2nd floor Conference Room, Lincoln. A working lunch was provided. Cara Small noted that the Open Meetings Act Information has been posted.

Members present: Sophie Kock, Nicole Vint (representing the CEO of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services), Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education), Cara Small (Board Chair), Helen Raikes (exiting 2:50), and Jessie Rasmussen.

Also in attendance: Amy Bornemeier (Sixpence Administrator), Karen Pinkelman and Stephanni Renn (Sixpence TA Specialists), Betty Medinger and Jack Round (Nebraska Children), Shane Rhian (NDE), Eva Lester (Buffet Early Childhood Fund), Jen Goettemoeller (First Five Nebraska), and Rosie Zweiback (UNMC-MMI.)

Approve Minutes from March 9, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jessie Rasmussen. Second by Sophie Kock. Voting yes: Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, Nicole Vint and Sophie Kock. Abstain: Melody Hobson. No opposition, motion carried.

Review Financial Reports and discuss anticipated CCDBG funds

Shane Rhian reported on the Sixpence financial reports. Based on current obligations, including the approved Child Care Partnership (CCP) Grants, funds exceeding the \$8.1 million which are appropriated, is needed to sustain those 2016-17 obligations. NDE may need to submit a spending authority request to access the Cash Fund to cover those obligations. Nicole Vint reported that the CCDBG funds will become available on October 1, 2016. The exact amount of funds that can be accessed is unknown at this time. Nicole will keep the Board apprised as federal reauthorization and guidance is released.

Discuss language evaluation recommendations and proposed work scope. Approve language evaluation protocol changes and budget; authorizing Board Chair to sign 2016-2017 Evaluation Contract with UNMC-MMI

Per the Board's request, Rosie Zweiback, Evaluation Coordinator, presented the Comparisons of Communications Assessments. Due to questions related to the MacArthur tool that is currently being used, the DAYC-2 assessment was piloted in four Sixpence communities. The Board discussed the

results and considered three recommendations provided by UNMC-MMI: 1) Keep the MacArthur for children ages 8 to 30 months. 2) Use the DAYC-2 for all English speaking children ages 6 months to exit, as it can be administered through age 5. 3) Use the DAYC-2 for English speaking children and the MacArthur Spanish version for Spanish speaking children ages 8 to 30 months.

The Board discussed the work scope and budgets to perform the evaluation of the current grantees and the new CCP grantees. The proposed combined budgets for evaluation services for all grantees in 2016-17 is \$176,408.

A motion was made by Helen Raikes to separate the action into two parts. The first part being a vote on the evaluation protocol recommendations, and the other being the UNMC– MMI evaluation workscopes and budgets. Seconded by Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Sophie Kock, Helen Raikes, Melody Hobson, Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

A motion was made by Melody Hobson to approve the evaluation workscope and budget for the current grantees, and the evaluation plan and budget for the CCP grantees for the 2016-17 program year. Additionally, authorizing the Sixpence Administrator to negotiate budget changes with UNMC-MMI, which reflect expenses related to any costs related to the next motion. Second by Jessie Rasmussen. Voting yes: Melody Hobson, Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Jessie Rasmussen, Sophie Kock, Hellen Raikes. No opposition, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sophie Kock to adopt option 3, to be revisited at the end of the 2016-17 program year. Second by Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Jessie Rasmussen, Sophie Kock and Hellen Raikes. No opposition, motion carried.

Review and Approve Grantee Continuation Requests from current grantees, authorizing Board Chair to sign Grant Awards

Amy Bornemeier, Karen Pinkelman, and Stephanni Renn presented the Grantee Continuation Reports. Enrollment and evaluation data, highlights and recommendations were discussed:

| <u>District</u> | <u>Model</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alliance | Center | \$91,250 | continued funding |
| Santee | Center | \$88,250 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria |
| Umo"ho" Nation | Center | \$121,050 | continued funding |
| Winnebago | Center | \$150,000 | continued funding |
| Lincoln: | | | |
| -SCLCs | Center | \$361,300 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria |
| -Educare | Center | \$139,900 | continued funding |
| -SPAs | Home | \$170,801 | continued funding |
| Omaha: | | | |
| -Educare | Center | \$581,250 | continued funding |
| -ELCs | Center | \$534,040 | continued funding |
| -Educare | Home | \$84,710 | continued funding |

Kearney:

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| | Center | \$248,170 | continued funding |
| | Home | \$155,000 | continued funding |
| Lexington | Home | \$229,451 | continued funding |
| Millard | Home | \$75,025 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria |
| Papillion-LaVista | Home | \$77,900 | continued funding |
| Fremont | Home | \$247,000 | continued funding |
| Schuyler | Home | \$305,000 | continued funding |
| Broken Bow | Home | \$183,500 | continued funding |
| Loup City | Home | \$161,250 | continued funding |
| St Paul | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding |
| Central City | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding |
| Aurora | Home | \$150,000 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria |
| Ord | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding |
| Falls City | Home | \$239,000 | continued funding |
| Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer | | | |
| | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding |
| Auburn | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding |
| Plattsmouth | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding, noting the grantee had requested fewer grant dollars than previously awarded |
| Norfolk | Home | \$150,000 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria, |
| Columbus | Home | \$150,000 | continued funding |
| Crete | Home | \$322,500 | continued funding |
| York | Home | \$289,610 | continued funding |
| Seward-Milford-Centennial | | | |
| | Home | \$150,000 | continued funding |
| Grand Island | Home | \$140,000 | continued funding |
| Hastings | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria, |
| Garden County | Home | \$75,000 | continued funding contingent upon continued work with TA Specialist to fully meet all quality criteria, |
| Scottsbluff | Home | \$305,000 | continued funding |

A motion was made by Jessie Rasmussen to approve the continuation funding as discussed, with the TA recommended contingencies. Second by Helen Raikes. Voting yes: Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, Nicole Vint and Sophie Kock, Melody Hobson. No opposition, motion carried.

Review and approve carryover request from York

Amy Bornemeier presented York Public School's request to carry over \$14,100 into the 2016-17 year to be used to make minor facility modifications towards their new program site which becomes available on July 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Sophie Kock to approve York Public School's carryover request. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Helen Raikes, Cara Small, Sophie Kock and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Review and approve change of Child Care Partnership Grant start date requests from North Platte and Falls City

Amy Bornemeier presented requests from North Platte Public Schools and Falls City Public Schools to change the start dates of their CCP grant. North Platte requested to delay their start date until July 1, 2017 due to the turnover in key district administrative staff and one of their child care partners retiring. The Board discussed the need to submit a new budget and updated proposal before the new start date. Falls City requested to begin their grant prior to July 1, 2016, to allow their key staff to attend a Coach training in Omaha in June rather than in Scottsbluff in September, at a significant cost savings.

A motion was made by Jessie Rasmussen to approve both requests from Falls City and North Platte Public Schools. Second by Helen Raikes. Voting yes: Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, Nicole Vint and Sophie Kock, Melody Hobson. No opposition, motion carried.

Review and approve change of Child Care Partnership Grants budgets From Chadron, Gering, Sidney, Kearney, and Falls City; authorizing board Chair to sign Grant Awards

Amy Bornemeier presented the revised CCP Budgets for Gering, Chadron, Sidney, and Kearney Public Schools. Per the Board's direction when the original CCP budgets were approved, grantees worked with TA staff to make adjustments to their budgets related to the discussion at the previous Board meeting.

Chadron, Gering & Sidney Collaborative-

The Panhandle's Collaborative revised budgets more accurately reflect the true cost to implement their services, and support personnel costs, along with accountability for the Sixpence Scholarships.

- Chadron's revised Operating Budget of \$191,134 with no changes to the \$25,000 Start Up
- Gering's revised Operating Budget of \$229,732 with no changes to the \$25,000 Start Up
- Sidney's revised Operating Budget of \$249,238 with no changes to the \$25,000 Start Up

Falls City-

No changes to the total Operating Budget of \$250,000 and Start Up budget of \$25,000.

Kearney-

Kearney's revised Operating Budget of \$189,625, with no changes to the \$25,000 Start Up budget, includes expenses which more accurately reflect the true cost to implement their services, and support personnel costs. Amy Bornemeier noted that \$3,000 was allocated for evaluation costs which is not needed, as NDE is hosting the ERS training in Kearney, using the Sixpence CCP partners as sites in which the observations will be conducted. The ITERS/FCCERS scores obtained during those trainings are conducted by approved ERS observers and will be used as Kearney's CCP grant baseline scores.

A Motion was made by Sophie Kock to approve the revised Child Care Partnership budgets with the deduction of \$3,000 for Kearney Public School. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, Sophie Kock and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended with a ***motion to adjourn*** by Melody Hobson. Seconded by Nicole Vint Voting yes: Sophie Kock, Cara Small, Nicole Vint, and Jessie Rasmussen. No opposition, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

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