



Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment

Board of Trustees Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting of the Sixpence Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on March 18th, 2020, at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, 2nd floor Conference Room, Lincoln.

Trustees present: Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education)

Trustees on zoom: Nicole Vint (representing the CEO of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services), Kristy Feden, Holly Hatton Bowers, and John Levy (attending 1:24) Absent: Cara Small

Also in attendance: Amy Bornemeier (Sixpence Administrator) Kevin Cloonan (NCFE Finance)

Attending via zoom: Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Deb Reiman (Sixpence Administrative Education Specialists), Dan Harshman, and Jennifer Utemark (NDE Finance), Elizabeth Everett (First Five Nebraska.) Quentin Brown Executive Director Educare, Shelby Watson LPS Early Childhood Budget Coordinator

Approve Minutes from January 15th, 2020

A motion was made by Kristy Feden to approve the January 15th minutes. Second, by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Kristy Feden, Nicole Vint, and Holly Hatton Bowers. Absent, John Levy. No opposition, motion carried

Update on Long-term Funding Strategies Regarding Public and Private Endowment Funds and Projected Funding Needs

A group consisting of two Sixpence Board Members, NDE Finance, NCFE staff, and First Five Nebraska policy staff met on March 3rd to receive advisement provided by the Nebraska Investment Council to allow access to the realized gains.

Kevin Cloonan spoke with the Investment Council regarding the definition of earnings. The Investment Council relies on an opinion written by the attorney general's office is that states realized gains are considered corpus. The Attorney General's opinion discusses eight different endowment funds that the majority define earnings as interest and dividends only. First Five Nebraska guided language that would need to possibly be changed required for a potential legislative bill to allow access to the realized gains.

The Board discussed the sustainability of Sixpence Cash Fund and determined the next steps would be to have a strategic planning surrounding funding.

Review all Grantee Status Report

Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, and Deb Reiman provided highlights from each District's programs, including the status of funds expended, Step Up to Quality ratings, enrollment, and turnover rate of home visitors.

Review and Approve 2020-2021 Funding Allocations

TA staff made recommendations on allocation, and the Board discussed the following districts.

Millard: The Board was informed that the Quality Indicators, Intensity, and Duration of Service, Supervision, and Enrollment has been, and currently are concerns. Due to the lack of follow-through with grant requirements, Millard was provided an action plan. As a result of the action plan, a file review was conducted again with multiple check-in provided by Sixpence TA. The same quality indicators were still not being met during this subsequent review. Funding allocation options were discussed. Karen Pinkelman asked the Board to give Millard time to restructure and recommended partial funding with the ability to receive additional funding mid-term if action items were satisfactorily addressed. Intensive TA will continue to be provided.

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Omaha Educare Home-Based Program: The Board was informed that the Quality Indicators Supervision and Enrollment has been, and currently are the concerns. Due to the lack of follow-through with grant requirements, Omaha Educare was provided an action plan. As a result of the action plan, TA provided intensive TA. Funding allocation options were discussed. Karen Pinkelman asked the Board to give Omaha Educare time to restructure and recommended partial funding with the ability to receive additional funding mid-term if action items were satisfactorily addressed. Intensive TA will continue to be provided.

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A motion was made by John Levy to approve the funding allocations as presented with the exception of Millard Public Schools for \$43,638 and the Omaha Educare Home Visitation program for \$79,855 Secoded Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatton Bowers, and John Levy. No opposition, motion carried.

<u>Grantee School District</u>	<u>Program Model</u>	<u>Recommended 2019-20 Allocation</u>
Alliance	Center	\$95,250
Auburn	Home	\$84,392
	CCP	\$200,000 (CCDF funded)
Aurora	Home	\$86,250
Broken Bow	Home	\$183,500
Central City	Home	\$86,250
Chadron	CCP	\$202,057 (CCDF funded)
Columbus	Home	\$160,000
Crete	Home	\$327,500
Falls City	Home	\$273,958
	CCP	\$225,000 (CCDF funded)
Fremont	Home	\$322,000
Garden County	Home	\$86,000
Gering	CCP	\$238,376 (CCDF funded)
Grand Island	Home	\$159,870
	CCP	\$225,000
Hastings	Home	\$85,000
	CCP	\$225,000 (CCDF funded)
Humboldt Table Rock	Home	\$86,000
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Kearney	Home	\$230,000
	Center	\$284,712
	CCP	\$274,350 (CCDF funded)
Lexington	Home	\$244,450
Lincoln	Center- Educare	\$379,900
	Home	\$205,200
Lincoln	Center- SCLCs	\$408,300
Loup City	Home	\$161,250
Millard	Home	\$43,638 (partial funded)
Norfolk	Home	\$160,000
Omaha	Center- Educare	\$581,250
	Home- Educare	\$79,855 (partial funded)
	Center- OELCs	\$534,040
Ord	Home	\$90,250
Papillion-LaVista	Home	\$86,000
Plattsmouth	Home	\$75,000
Santee	Center	\$88,750
Schuyler	Home	\$326,000
Scottsbluff	Home	\$323,000
Seward Consortium	Home	\$167,000
Sidney	CCP	\$174,823 (CCDF funded)
St. Paul	Home	\$86,250

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Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation	Center	\$121,050
Winnebago	Center- Educare	\$250,000
York	Home	\$321,610
	CCP	\$225,000 (CCDF funded)
Total Allocations	Home & Center	\$7,405,967
Total Allocations	CCP	\$1,989,606 (CCDF funded)
Grand Total Allocations		\$9,395,573

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Discuss Implications of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on Requirements for In-Person Contacts for Home Visiting and Childcare Partnership Programs

Discussion held surrounding potential effects of COVID-19 in the Sixpence program and policies. Board recommended following local health department's guidance as well as continue to communicate with NDE. TA will work with UNMC to guide how to proceed with assessments.

Review and Approve Revised Quality Criteria/Indicators for All Sixpence Grant Models

Amy Bornemeier presented revision to Sixpence Quality Criteria Evaluation Indicator for the Childcare Partnership Programs. Which will go into effect July 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Kristy Feden to approve the revised quality indicators. Second by Holly Hatten Bowers. Voting yes: Kristy Feden, Holly Hatton Bowers, Melody Hobson, and John Levy. Absent, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Discuss Potential Changes to UNMC Evaluation

The Sixpence Board members, Holly Hatten Bowers and Kristy Feden, have been meeting with Sixpence TA staff to explore possible cost-saving options, including evaluation efficiencies.

The meeting ended at 3:22 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** Melody Hobson. Second by Kristy Feden, Voting yes: Kristy Feden, Holly Hatton Bowers, Melody Hobson, and John Levy. Absent, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 10th, 2020; approval of continuation funding allocations and evaluations budgets