



**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting of the Sixpence Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on May 31, 2017 at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, 2nd floor Conference Room, Lincoln.

Trustees present: 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), Jessie Rasmussen, and Helen Raikes.

Also in attendance: Amy Bornemeier (Sixpence Administrator), Karen Pinkelman and Stephanni Renn (Sixpence TA Specialists), Betty Medinger (Nebraska Children), Shane Rhian (NDE Finance Director), Joan Luebbers (Head Start State Collaboration), Mike Medwick (First Five Nebraska), Stacy Frank (DHHS), and Fabiola Dimas (Crete Sixpence Program.)

Guests Fabiola Dimas from Crete share her experience with Daisy Ortiz on Capitol Hill through Zero to Three's Strolling Thunder event

Fabiola shared, on behalf of Daisy, their experience in DC which focused on talking with State Senators about the role of child care in their goal attainment. Daisy shared with Congressman Adrian Smith that she is pursuing her nursing degree and how the Sixpence program staff helped her in identifying high quality child care and prenatal and financial education and resources. Congressman Smith visited the Crete Sixpence office the following week and seemed to be really impressed.

Approve Minutes from March 15, 2017

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

Review Financial Reports; discuss anticipated CCDF funds

Shane Rhian discussed the Sixpence financial reports. As of April 30th, \$2M of the \$7.7M obligated has been paid out with \$1.6M distributed for reimbursements in May. Projections for the end of the year should be about \$1.8M in the trust cash fund and about \$123,000 for the TA and evaluation contracts with NCFE and UNMC-MMI. Shane stated that we are running up against the limits of what the funding can support for TA and the evaluation for future grant terms. This did not reflect the expected CCDF funding.

LB327 was passed and signed by the Governor with some amendments, vetoes, and changes in the amounts. Sixpence funding stayed as expected- appropriated \$5M in general funds with 5% towards TA

and evaluation (\$4.75M for grants and \$25,000 for TA/evaluation.) The requested amount of \$3.6M was appropriated to be expended out of the cash fund (\$3.3M for grants and \$360,000 for TA/evaluation), providing that there is already that amount of funding in the cash fund. Shane confirmed that they did receive the \$1.1M from the private endowment fund which is currently in the state treasury. Moving forward, the intent is to continue with the \$550,000 annual disbursement.

Review and approve continuation funding requests from all grantees

Amy Bornemeier, Karen Pinkelman and Stephanni Renn provided an overview of the grantees’ past year’ highlights and challenges, and noted any additional funding requests, referencing the support documentation provided to the Board.

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Suggested Contingencies</u>	<u>Additional \$ Requested</u>
Alliance	Center	\$91,250	none	none
Auburn	Home	\$75,000	none	\$9,392 mental health PD/COS
Aurora	Home	\$75,000	Enrollment	none
Broken Bow	Home	\$183,500	none	none
Central City	Home	\$75,000	none	none
Chadron	CCP	\$191,134	none	none
Columbus	Home	\$150,000	Documentation	none
Crete	Home	\$322,500	none	\$5,000 mental health
Falls City	Home & CCP	\$465,500	none	none
Fremont	Home	\$247,000	none	\$53,641 STC transition
Garden Co.	Home	\$75,000	Enrollment	none
Gering	CCP	\$229,735	none	none
Grand Island	Home	\$150,000	none	none
Hastings	Home	\$75,000	none	\$18,900 pt home visitor
HTRS	Home	\$75,000	none	\$5,000 mental health
Kearney	All	\$186,625	none	none
Lexington	Home	\$229,450	none	none
Lincoln	Home & Center	\$676,000	Enrollment	\$25,000 Para wages \$321,503 2 Educare rms
Loup City	Home	\$161,250	none	none
Millard	Home	\$75,025	Enrollment & Frequency	none
Norfolk	Home	\$150,000	none	none
Omaha	Center & Home	\$1,200,000	Staff Qualif. @ Educare & documentation at ELCs	none
Ord	Home	\$75,000	none	none
Papillion-LV	Home	\$77,900	none	\$3,100 parent resources
Plattsmouth	Home	\$75,000	Curriculum	none
Santee	Center	\$88,750	Staff Qualifications/ Supervision, Ratio & Evaluation	none
Schuyler	Home	\$305,000	none	none
Scottsbluff	Home	\$305,000	none	none
Seward	Home	\$150,000	none	none
Sidney	CCP	\$249,238	none	none
St. Paul	Home	\$75,000	none	none
Umo ⁿ Ho ⁿ Nation Center		\$121,050	none	none
Winnebago	Center	\$150,000	none	none

York	Home	\$289,610	none	none; reduction in enrollment (45 to 38)
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Amy reported that the CCP grantees and partners are doing well navigating the nuances with Sixpence Quality Criteria and Step Up to Quality requirements. Baseline observations were completed and consistent coaching is occurring. Intensive and frequent TA, including facilitated networking is occurring. There are commonalities, but also differences in the unique way that each grantee is utilizing their funds.

The Board discussed their ability to approve additional funding requests and will consider these additional funding requests at the next meeting.

A motion was made to approve the continuation budgets, conditioned on the recommended contingencies, by Jessie Rasmussen. Second by Sophie Kock. Voting yes: Nicole Vint, Cara Small, Jessie Rasmussen, Sophie Kock, and Melody Hobson. Absent Helen Raikes. No opposition, motion carried.

Karen presented the Board with a budget analysis for grantees who partner with Central Nebraska Community Action Program, noting the areas of inequivalences.

A motion was made to propose a thorough analysis of expenses, including personnel, and discuss equities across all the programs, to be presented and discussed at the next Board meeting by Sophie Kock. Second by Jessie Rasmussen. Voting yes: Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Jessie Rasmussen, and Melody Hobson. No opposition, motion carried.

Approve evaluation budget, designating Board Chair to sign contract with UNMC-MMI

Amy Bornemeier presented the work scope and the budget for the evaluation of the center and home-based grants (\$143,983) and the childcare partnership grants (\$45,578.)

A motion was made to accept the budget, designating the Board Chair to sign the contract, contingent upon funding by Sophie Kock. Second by Jessie Rasmussen. Voting yes: Nicole Vint, Cara Small, Jessie Rasmussen, Sophie Kock, and Melody Hobson. Absent Helen Raikes. No opposition, motion carried.

Approve Falls City's carryover request

Amy Bornemeier presented Falls City's carryover request for \$26,871 for evaluation training costs and scholarships for child care tuition within their CCP budget.

A motion was made to accept Falls City's carryover request, noting that the actual amount to be carried over cannot exceed the total grant award after final expenses have been paid out by Sophie Kock. Second by Jessie Rasmussen. Voting yes: Nicole Vint, Cara Small, Jessie Rasmussen, Sophie Kock, and Melody Hobson. Absent Helen Raikes. No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 3:44pm with a *motion to adjourn* by Melody Hobson. Second by Sophie Kock. Voting yes: Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Jessie Rasmussen, and Melody Hobson. Absent: Helen Raikes.
Next Meeting Date: September 30st, 1:00-4:00 p.m.