



**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment
Board of Trustees
Friday, June 1, 2018
Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting of the Sixpence Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:08 a.m. on June 1, 2018 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, Holly Hatten Bowers, and Jessie Rasmussen. Absent: Sophie Kock and Helen Raikes.

Also in attendance: Amy Bornemeier (Sixpence Administrator), Karen Pinkelman and Stephanni Renn (Sixpence Administrative Education Specialists), Cheryl Marks and Kevin Cloonan (Nebraska Children), Shane Rhian (NDE Finance Director), and Joan Luebbers.

Approve Minutes from March 21, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Melody Hobson. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, Helen Raikes, Holly Hatten Bowers, and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Review Financial Reports; discuss additional CCDF appropriations and carryover for CCDF-funded Child Care Partnership Grants:

Shane Rhian presented the financial reports; currently there's \$4.1M in the cash fund and \$2.5M in state general funds for aid to grantees. There's \$400,000 in the cash fund and \$13,000 in state general funds for technical assistance and evaluation. Projected general funds has \$106,000 remaining to carryover into the next fiscal year which starts July 1st for those obligated activities including the current technical assistance contract that goes through October and what the Board approves for the evaluation contract.

Shane reviewed the Grant Fund Status Report; \$2.8M has been paid out with \$3.8M remaining. Since the date of the report, an additional \$83,000 was paid out and \$75,000 in claims submitted to review and pay. The Board discussed the need for districts to submit more frequent reimbursement claims. Technical assistance will provide a reminder to grantees.

Kevin Cloonan discussed the Sixpence Early Childhood Endowment Forecast spreadsheet for all public and private funds. This forecast reflected the return of approximately \$24,000 of unspent technical assistance funds from 2013 by Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. Kevin pointed out that in approximately three years, the statutorily allowed funding for evaluation and technical assistance will not be sufficient to cover the current and projected costs of those contracts. Kevin reported that the audit for the endowment fund is complete and will share it with the board at the next meeting.

Amy Bornemeier discussed the status of the CCDF-funded Child Care Partnership grants that that Nebraska Children is managing through a sub-award from DHHS.

Review and approve 2018-19 Continuation Grants recommendations:

Nici Johnson from Panhandle and Janice Lee from Rooted in Relationships attended to advise on Panhandle’s plan to incorporate Pyramid into their CCP Grant.

Bill Comley, principal from Schuyler Community Schools attended via conference call to advise on pay parity issues related to partnerships. Bill shared with the Board the challenges and barriers to authentic partnering with the local community Head Start provider due to significant pay parity issues between the partners, especially for bilingual home visitors. Amy Bornemeier proposed to schedule a meeting with the partners to further discuss the issues and partnering options.

Nici Johnson, ELC Coordinator from the Panhandle, discussed the plan to cross train the Sixpence CCP coaches to implement Pyramid in conjunction with Rooted in Relationships, which will allow for one Pyramid coach. The current Sixpence CCP providers will begin to receive Pyramid training provided by Rooted in Relationships and Pyramid coaching provided by Sixpence CCP. Janice Lee from Rooted in Relationships attended in person for advisement.

Amy Bornemeier, Karen Pinkelman, and Stephanni Renn presented Grantee Continuation Requests Summary Reports for each grantee and recommendations for requests for additional funding to meet current grantees unmet needs.

Additional Funding Requests:

<u>Grantee</u>		<u>Additional Funds Requested and TA Recommended</u>
Ord	Annual Funding	\$4,000 mental health- COS
Grand Island	Annual Funding	\$9,871 salaries
Garden County	Annual Funding	\$11,000 materials/supplies, family involvement, mileage
LPS Family		
Engagement & Cedars	Annual Funding	\$5000 translator for Cedars
York	Annual Funding	\$1,400 Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum- Cedars
Seward	Annual Funding	\$32,000 reinstate original allocation salaries and fringe
LPS Educare	Annual Funding	\$10,000 operating costs, professional development
Winnebago	Annual Funding	\$240,000 salaries and fringe
Alliance	Annual Funding	\$100,000 salaries
	One-time Funding	\$4,000 professional dev and mental health
Falls City	Annual Funding	\$12,000 one-time replacement playground tiles
Fremont	Annual Funding	\$33, 458 salaries/operating costs
LPS SCLC	One-Time Funding	\$8,500 occupancy costs for new space
	Annual Funding	\$26,000 salaries
		\$7,000 mental health
		\$7,000 socialization costs
		\$5,000 COS
Kearney Center	Annual Funding	\$36,542 salaries and fringe, professional development and summer meals
Total Annual Funding		\$495,729
Total One-Time Funding		\$20,500
Grand Total of additional funding requests		\$532,271

Continuation Funding Requests:

<u>District</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>TA Recommendation</u>
Alliance	Center	\$91,250	continued funding
Auburn	Home	\$84,392	continued funding
Aurora	Home	\$75,000	continued funding
Broken Bow	Home	\$183,500	continued funding
Central City	Home	\$75,000	contingent funding- staffing/enrollment
Chadron	*CCP	\$191,134	continued funding
Columbus	Home	\$150,000	continued funding
Crete	Home	\$327,500	continued funding
Falls City	Home	\$240,500	continued funding
Falls City	*CCP	\$225,000	continued funding
Fremont	Home	\$322,000	continued funding
Garden County	Home	\$75,000	continued funding
Gering	*CCP	\$228,124	continued funding
Grand Island	Home	\$150,000	continued funding
Hastings	Home	\$75,000	contingent funding- supervision
Humboldt Table Rock	Home	\$80,000	contingent funding- enrollment
Steinauer			
Kearney	Center	\$248,170	continued funding
Kearney	Home	\$230,000	continued funding
Kearney	*CCP	\$186,625	continued funding
Lexington	Home	\$229,450	continued funding
Lincoln	Home	\$174,800	contingent funding- intensity and duration of services and enrollment
Lincoln Educare	Center	\$139,900	contingent funding- probationary license status
Lincoln	Center	\$361,300	contingent funding- enrollment
Loup City	Home	\$161,250	continued funding
Millard	Home	\$75,025	contingent funding- supervision and enrollment
Norfolk	Home	\$150,000	contingent funding- supervision
Omaha Educare	Home	\$159,710	contingent funding- supervision and evaluation
Omaha Educare	Center	\$581,250	continued funding
Omaha ELCs	Center	\$534,040	contingent funding- supervision
Papillion-LaVista	Home	\$81,000	continued funding
Plattsmouth	Home	\$75,000	continued funding
Ord	Home	\$75,000	continued funding
Santee	Center	\$88,750	contingent funding- supervision, staff/child ratio classroom practices/curriculum
Schuyler	Home	\$305,000	contingent funding- supervision and enrollment
Scottsbluff	Home	\$305,000	continued funding
Seward-Milford-Centennial	Home	\$150,000	continued funding
Sidney	*CCP	\$235,719	continued funding
St. Paul	Home	\$75,000	contingent funding- enrollment
Umo'ho'Nation	Center	\$121,050	continued funding
Winnebago Educare	Center	\$150,000	continued funding
York	Home	\$289,610	continued funding

*Child Care Partnership Grantees- last year of three-year grant term

A motion was made to approve continuation grants with contingencies noted by TA and the additional funds as recommended by TA by Melody Hobson. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Melody Hobson, Holly Hatten Bowers, and Jessie Rasmussen. No opposition, motion carried.

Discuss and approve recommendations to revise Quality Criteria for Child Care Partnership grantees which requires child care partners to utilize GOLD for child assessment :

Amy Bornemeier shared some challenges expressed by CCP grantees and partners in the required use of TS GOLD as the sole child assessment tool. Center directors are concerned about staff capacity to implement GOLD to fidelity and the capacity of the programs to support teachers in entering data. Child care providers have also expressed concern with sustaining GOLD subscriptions beyond grant term and that the Sixpence funds can only be used for infants and toddlers. They have questioned the value of investing in training and capacity when there are no funds to support GOLD beyond those Sixpence-funded classrooms.

Additionally, Step Up to Quality accepts a variety of child assessment tools, therefore, Amy suggested that the Sixpence CCP Quality Criteria align with Step Up to Quality.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to revise the Evaluation Quality Criteria for Child Care Partnership grantees to state, “When Step 3 is achieved, Program Coordinator will support CCPs to implement a Step Up to Quality approved child assessment tool” by Cara Small. Second by Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Jessie Rasmussen, Cara Small, Nicole Vint, Melody Hobson, and Holly Hatten Bowers. No opposition, motion carried.

Update on Rule 11: status of recommendation to include clarifying information for Home Visiting Specialist:

Melody Hobson requested to meet with Amy Bornemeier to go over the recommendations that the Board had previously made regarding the degree in “human services.” Melody stated that a second hearing would need to be scheduled.

Review and approve 2018-19 UNMC-MMI evaluation plan and budgets, designating Board Chair to sign contract:

Amy Bornemeier presented the work scope and budgets for UNMC-Munroe Meyer Institute for the evaluation of the Home and Center based grants and the CCP grants separately. The Home and Center evaluation budget is \$158,768 and the CCP budget is \$65,243, for a grand total of \$224,011 contract.

A motion was made to approve UNMC-MMI evaluation plans and budgets by Cara Small, designating the Board chair to sign the contract. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Nicole Vint, Melody Hobson, Cara Small, Holly Hatten Bowers, and Jesse Rasmussen. No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 12:18 pm with a *motion to adjourn* by Melody Hodson. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Nicole Vint, Cara Small, Holly Hatten Bowers, and Melody Hobson.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 1:00-4:00 p.m.