

**Nebraska Early Childhood Education
Endowment Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 11, 2024
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Minutes**

Welcome and Introductions:

On the call, Tanya Santos greeted the Sixpence Board of Trustees and other members. Tanya called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. Melody Hobson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Via Zoom: Holly Hatton, Cara Small, and Melody Hobson (NDE); Tanya Santos and Nicole Vint (DHHS) absent; John Levy.

Others attending: Via Zoom: Ron Theasmeyer, Tyson Wessels, Fabiola Dimas, Deb Reiman, Sheila Jones, Stephannie Knust, Aiesha Rahn

Approve Minutes from March 20, 2024, Action (Support Material)

Motion to approve Tanya Santos, second Melody Hobson. Cara Small, Holly Hatton, and Nicole Vint voted unanimously.

Review and Approve 2024-2025 Allocation Corrections:

Deb Reiman explained that there was a formula error in the Excel document TA utilized for approving allocations for the March 20 Board Meeting. The corrections were for Central City, Falls City, Fremont, and Plattsmouth. All of the Grantee allocations in the Grants Management System were correct and have been double-checked. Tanya Santos approved the motion, seconded by Cara Small. Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, and Holly Hatton voted unanimously.

Review Financial Reports and Funding forecast, Discuss Endowment Funds (Support Materials)

Ron Theasmeyer reviewed the Grant Fund Status as of July 30, 2024. \$4.8M has been paid to Grantees; Ron stated he anticipates the majority of the remaining \$5M will be claimed. Grantees have until August 31 to submit their final claims for the 2023/2024 program year. Currently, in the Grants Management System, as of June 30, 2024, outstanding claims of \$666,0000 are being reviewed to be paid. Ron also reviewed the 2024/2025 current allocations with the corrections that were approved. For the total allocations for 2024/2025, the Board has allocated \$10,111,485. Ron stated that we are up an additional \$300,000 from the previous year due to unmet needs as requested by the grantees. Finally, Ron reviewed the financial summary dated June 30, 2024. The predicted balance of the cash fund after evaluation and technical assistance is an estimated balance of \$2.4M remaining.

Deb Reiman reviewed the Child Care Partnership reimbursements. As of June 25, 2024, the current claims paid to Grantees were \$1,781,784.66, with a balance remaining of \$474,695.34. NCFE is still awaiting June reimbursement requests and anticipates spending less than 4% of the award. Deb stated that the time spent on the cost allocation formula will better represent actual costs, which will equal a better calculation of spending.

Review and approve Grand Island Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Fabiola Dimas spoke regarding Grand Island the staff turnover and their request to carry over for \$10,000 to be utilized for staff. Tanya Santos moved to approve the carryover request for Grand Island, second Cara Small. Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, and Holly Hatton voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve Lincoln Cedars and LPS Family Engagement Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Aiesha Rahn spoke to the long-term sub and program and staff not attend training, for their request to carry \$7,820 to be utilized for staff. Tanya Santos moved to approve the carryover request for LPS Family Engagement, second Melody Hobson. Holly Hatton and Cara Small voted unanimously yes. Nicole Vint (abstained)

Review and approve LPS SCLC Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Aiesha Rahn spoke to the personnel and program unable to attend training and their request to carry \$40,936 to be utilized for personnel. The Board discussed programs' unspent funds last year, which was \$65,052. The Board discuss using the money effectively and efficiently. TA will continue to give additional budget support to ensure a clear understanding of the plan for carryover. Tanya Santos motioned to deny the carryover request for LPS SCLC, second Melody Hobson. Nicole Vint, Holly Hatton, and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve O'Neill Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Aiesha Rahn spoke to the program's request due to expenses being less than expected and their request to carry over \$10,000 for benefits and family engagement. The Board discussed programs unspent funds last year of \$26,000. Discuss using the money effectively and efficiently and being good stewards of the funds. TA shared the current budget, and the Board had a comprehensive discussion. Tanya Santos motioned to deny the carryover request, second Holly Hatton. Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve Santee Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Aiesha Rahn spoke about the program's request of \$27,000 due to not having a family engagement program all year. The program would like to use some funding to create a safe infant toddler. Aiesha shared that the program has several unmet quality indicators. Board discussed. Tanya Santo moved to deny the carryover request for Santee, second Cara Small. Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, and Holly Hatton voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve Schuyler Home Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Fabiola Dimas discussed the program's request of \$34,463. The program did not request the entire unspent funds. The budget for the 24-25 is less due to a change in the model, which has added a center-based program. The Board has requested that the TA give additional education on spending to ensure good use of the funds. Tanya Santos made a motion to approve the request with further education on purchasing appropriate supplies, second Holly Hatton. Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve Schuyler Center Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Fabiola Dimas discussed the program’s request of \$20,876 from their family engagement program to be used for their center-based. The program will not request the entire unspent funds. Tanya Santos made a motion to approve, second Melody Hobson. Nicole Vint, Holly Hatton, and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Review and approve Seward Carry Over Request (Support Materials)

Fabiola Dimas discussed the program’s request of \$1,409 for family engagement. Tanya Santos made a motion to approve, second, Holly Hatton. Melody Hobson. Nicole Vint and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Discuss and set additional Board meetings to discuss and approve CCP 2024-2025 RFP applications.

Deb Reiman shared that five applications were received. Deb will meet with the review team to discuss scores—an additional meeting recommended for July 29, 2024, at 9:30 to approve applications. Tanya Santos motioned to set an extra board meeting to approve CCP applications, second, Nicole Vint. Melody Hobson and Cara Small voted unanimously yes.

Discuss and Approve UNMC Evaluation budgets and scopes of work for Child Care Partnership (Support Materials)

Deb Reiman shared details on the scope and budget for the Child Care Partnership program with the inclusion of the two new additional districts that will be added. Tanya Santos made a motion to approve, second, Cara Small. Melody Hobson, Holly Hatton, and Nicole Vint voted unanimously yes.

Discuss and Approve 2024-2025 Continuation Reports (Support Materials)

Fabiola Dimas discussed the Continuation Report TA shared challenges and highlights with the Board. TA will implement quarterly calls to support better the program's ability to meet the quality indicators.

<u>Grantee School District</u>	<u>Program Model</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Alliance	Center	Continued
Auburn	Home	Contingent
Auburn	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued
Aurora	Home	Contingent
Bancroft-Rosalie	Center	Contingent
Bancroft-Rosalie	Home	Contingent
Beatrice	Home	Continued
Blair	Home	Contingent
Broken Bow	Home	Continued
Central City	Home	Continued
Conestoga	Center	Contingent
Columbus	Home	Contingent

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Crete	Home	Continued
Falls City	Home	Continued
Falls City	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued
Fremont	Home	Continued
Garden County	Home	Continued
Gering	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued
Grand Island	Home	Contingent
Grand Island	CCP (CCDF Funded)	Continued
Hastings	Home	Contingent
Hastings	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued
HTRS	Home	Contingent
Kearney	Home	Contingent
Kearney	Center	Continued
Kearney	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued
Lexington	Home	Contingent
Lincoln	Center- Educare	Continued
Lincoln	Home	Continued
Lincoln	Center- SCLC	Continued
Loup City	Home	Continued
Millard	Home	Contingent
Norfolk	Home	Continued
North Platte	Home	Continued
Omaha	Center- Educare	Contingent
Omaha	Home – OELC	Continued
Omaha	Center- OELC	Contingent
O'Neill	Center	Contingent
Ord	Home	Continued
Papillion-LaVista	Home	Continued
Plattsmouth	Home	Contingent
Red Cloud	Center	Continued
Santee	Center	Contingent
Schuyler	Home	Contingent
Scottsbluff	Home	Contingent
Seward Consortium	Home	Continued
St. Paul	Home	Contingent
Umo ^o ho ^o Nation	Center	Contingent
Walthill	Center	Continued
Weeping Water	Center	Continued
Winnebago	Center- Educare	Continued
York	Home	Continued
York	CCP (CCDF funded)	Continued