**Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board**

**Thursday, November 10th, 2022, 9:30 a.m. –** **12:00 noon**

5th Floor Conference Room, Nebraska Children & Families Foundation

Present: Dave Hansen, Georgie Scurfield, Camas Holder, Sara Morgan. Deacon Don Blackbird and Claire Bazata via Zoom.

Excused: Jillian Chance

**Staff and Guests Present**

DHHS: Dana Peterson; Nebraska Children: Kathy Stokes; Emily Arent for fiscal report and Brenda Weyers for Marketing Report

Dave called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Budget Report**

Emily provided an overview of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 allocations and expenditures spreadsheets. The expenditures were less than usual last year due to several factors including COVID and one contract that was declined. Emily described the review process for each quarterly report and invoice. Camas and Dana responded to a question about the normal time to pay approved invoices which is within 30 days. Camas also described the DHHS process to get remaining contracts to the grantees.

**Program Update**

PCIT, COSP, and Community Response. Kathy referred to the written update and provided brief progress notes.

Plans of Safe Care. Camas summarized progress for Plans of Safe Care (POSC) that includes weekly calls with the federal technical assistance. This includes hard copy binders for each participant although an APP based platform is being considered. United Way of South Central Nebraska (Hastings) is developing readiness with moms and other stakeholders and has worked with two pregnant moms. An initiative in Houston, TX works through the medical community and Nebraska’s state team is working to coordinate with medical providers. Sara has worked with birthing hospitals to provide training, mostly on POSC as support resource instead of a punitive process under the federal legislation (CARA). Nebraska is trying to focus on reaching moms before birth to avoid crises at the time of birth. Sara says when these pilots get off the ground, we’ll learn more about who needs to be involved (home visiting, WIC, etc.).

Mental health/interpreter training. Dave provided an overview of this training which was successful and could accommodate more participants. The training isn’t specific to any one language and focuses on the helping providers and interpreters work together with more competence and confidence. Sara could recruit participants among community health workers.

Community Cafés. The partnership between the Lincoln Community Learning Centers (CLCs) and the parent hosts is being renegotiated. The CLCs and the parents are very interested in continuing Community Cafés but will likely revise the scope of work.

**Annual Evaluation Report**

Kelsey Tourek, Assistant Project Director at UNMC, serves as a 3rd party evaluator for Nebraska Children’s Community Well Being initiative. Kelsey provided a PowerPoint overview. She noted that the Community Well Being initiative had seven collaboratives participating in evaluation a few years ago while there were 19 this past year and growing. The primary areas of NCAPF program support were Community Response (CR), COSP, and PCIT. “Qualify for public assistance” means participants are eligible for Medicaid, Title XX, or free lunch. Most CR need is housing and utilities. CR participant improvements were statistically significant in all four areas measured. COSP served more families this year than last. Twenty-one percent were Hispanic/Latino. COSP participant improvements were statistically significant in all three measures. PCIT served less families than in previous year.

**Marketing and Communications**

Brenda said the planning phase for the spring public awareness campaign is occurring now. Learfield is working on the radio and digital ad campaign. She works with the parent and youth advisory group on messaging. Firespring is designing and printing localized materials for the collaboratives and a way to let them order. Each collaborative will be able to co-brand with local logos and specific information like events. Nebraska Children is updating the Bring Up Nebraska website for contacts and other information for each collaborative. We are also working with Abante to stock the Prevention Store. We will contact the new Governor and DHHS communication staff and will invite and support community collaboratives in many April activities. We’re exploring TikTok but won’t have paid ads on it this year.

**Board Development**

Board openings. There are openings for each of the three legislative districts. By statute and purpose, it would be good to have candidates for the open seats that have experience in mental health, business, and early childhood, and that could represent diverse cultural and other perspectives. Kathy will send basic information board members may use to invite applications.

Community Well Being Conference

Camas summarized the Bring Up Nebraska conference on October 24-25th. The agenda included keynote speaker Corey Best on social justice, a panel presentation by Nebraska’s Parent Advisory Council, and Michelle Parker on historical trauma and system barriers for the tribes. The afternoon included several breakout session on topics such as Full Service Community Schools, Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), Nebraska Youth & Families Thrive, etc.

On the second day, Edi Winkle with the FRIENDS National Resource Center and Jennifer Skala with Nebraska Children led a short session to align the plans for Bring Up Nebraska, Thriving Families Safer Children, DHHS Strategic Transformation, the Family First Prevention Services Act, and family voices. Sara noted the plan had changed since the April event and included commitments from state partners.

Board members received copies of the Nebraska Statewide Plan for Community Well Being. Jennifer is working on feedback for updates. Dr. Jerry Milner, director of the Family Integrity and Justice Works at [Public Knowledge](https://pubknow.com/), and former head of the [U.S. Children’s Bureau](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb), was the keynote speaker for the Changemakers luncheon.

Sara noted time wasn’t organized as needed to achieve the event goals but included many interesting conversations among diverse stakeholders. There was discussion about lived experience as a term, desire to avoid tokenism, concerns with vulnerability, individuals with multiple roles (e.g. lived experience parent and partner staff member), etc.

**Strategic Planning**

Board members received a working copy of the statewide plan. Goals established at the April event are highlighted in dark blue on the plan. Since then, community collaboratives participated in surveys with collaboratives and the information is incorporated in each sub area. The DHHS Strategic Priority alignment (all DHHS Divisions) is in light blue. There are five high level goals. The NCAPF Board can review to inform and align with its current investments and potential future investments.

With this new focus on alignment, LB 1173 will bring a consultant to DHHS to determining what is and isn’t working and report to legislature.

Camas said discussion of the plan by Central Navigators (with Community Response sites across the state) recognized challenges such as the quantity and quality what can be measured. Another draft coming. Camas and Kathy mentioned some of the goals and challenges of having a statewide plan.

Sara said NCAPF’s role depends on each strategy. For example, PSOC could be imbedded in OBGYN practices. Dave said this plan may inform future investments, including continued investment in some strategies and/or adding something new.

Board members are encouraged to review and send comments/questions before the February meeting. Kathy will send an updated plan before the meeting.

Camas will ask Andrew Keck (DHHS) to provide a revenue update with longer term projections and recommendations for expenditures at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, **February 16th**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon