**NCAPF Board Meeting Minutes 4-14-25**

**Members Present**

In-person: Sara Morgan, Georgie Scurfield, Deacon Don Blackbird

Zoom: Camas Holder, Jillian Chance, Claire Bazata

Excused: Dr. David Hansen

**Guests**

DHHS: Chris Siefken and Jennifer Parker for DHHS (until 11:00)

Nebraska Children:Kathy Stokes, Brenda Weyers (for Public Awareness Update)

**Call to Order and Meeting Minutes**

Georgie called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Sara motioned to approve the February meeting minutes and Don seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Board Updates**

The NCAPF Board was removed from LB 346 and will continue to exist for the foreseeable future. Georgie has contacted the previous applicants and two have responded with interest so far. Camas will contact Pat Selk at the Governor’s office to ask how the appointment process will work going forward as it may change.

**Budget Report**

Camas, Jennifer, and Chris assisted board members in reviewing the allocations and invoices spreadsheet. The spending rate is consistent with previous years. Spending by POSC grantees is a little less than others. COSP and CN grantees will likely spend at a good rate through the remaining quarters. Kathy noted that the Public Awareness grantees spend most of their grant funds in the third and fourth quarters.

**Program Reports**

Board members commented on the Community Collaborative Six-Month Reports. Georgie liked the variations by community. Sara also noted that needs are similar for all communities while responses are unique. Camas noted that NCAPF Board funds are included among other funding sources.

The Valentine Collaborative may join with the local public health department as needs in the area are high while there aren’t many resources. The Coordinator has been working as the only staff member.

**Marketing and Communication**

Brenda shared a written report that included work with Makayla McMorris (Moxie16)

The Omaha World Herald published an Op Ed from Heritage Institute that was originally in the LA Times and was against community prevention. Prevent Child Abuse America responded in comments. Camas said that Dr. Emily Hornstein’s point isn’t necessarily wrong (i.e., fatalities, head trauma, severe child abuse and neglect account for approximately 10% of child abuse and neglect). However, approximately 70% of calls are related to neglect and poverty. Neglect includes mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence and other needs that access to community-based services can help address before they become a crisis. Nebraska Children’s response will state this.

Georgie shared the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation by Dr. Bish that said we're all part of prevention while professionals help meet extreme needs.

Claire commented that you never know how early your intervention is.

Camas said the Child Welfare League of America Conference had a session on Child Welfare for Community Collaborative grantees across the country that highlighted NE. Senator Ricketts’ office representative was interested in following Jennifer Skala’s presentation.

**Grant Applications**

NEAEYC. Camas noted that Circle of Security will not be in the FFPSA clearinghouse until approximately 2027 (if approved). Don motioned to approve the application and Jill 2seconded approval of this application at $60,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Norfolk Family Coalition. There were some favorable comments about the Collaborative’s partnership with the health department. Camas motioned to approve and Sara seconded approval of this application at $24,999.93. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dawson County Family Partners. Camas said this budget, like some other applications, includes the requested funds in the Federal Column instead of State Column and should be should cleaned up in all applications. Claire said that this Collaborative will be combining with another in the area (Sandhills) and will continue with the same name and logo. Sara motioned to approve with needed corrections and Camas seconded approval of this application at $25,000. Claire abstained. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Fremont Family Coalition. Board members referenced the Coordinator’s presentation at the previous meeting and the media coverage. There is great feedback from community partners and lots of cross-discipline training. Also included is a kind of co-assignment for warm hand-offs from CFS to the Collaborative to follow up. The Coordinator, Michelle, is leaving but will stay involved as a community member. Camas motioned to approve and Don seconded approval of this application at $60,000. The motion was unanimously approval.

Columbus Area United Way for the Community and Family Partnership Collaborative. Kathy noted the ongoing focus on mental health and Claire requested checking on the number of sessions provided as multiple session are more effective. Don motioned to approve and Sara seconded approval of this application at $25,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

South Central United Way for the Community Investment Network. Claire asked about data on POSC participants. Camas said we have some data about system entry after child is born. Claire asked about a participating Mom who seemed to do everything right (had a binder and was testing negative) but her child was still removed. Claire looked through her binder and wondered if she had been successful. Related discussion included the local Bridge’s Mommy and Me program as a good resource and how reporting depends on law enforcement, hospitals, and other.

Sara also asked about POSC data knowing the numbers will be small. Kathy will follow up with Mikayla. Sara said they are still in the process of hiring an infant mental health nurse that will work with Makayla. Camas motioned to approve and Jill seconded approval of this application at $19,999.69. The motion was unanimously approved.

Families 1stPartnership. Sara asked if there is enough focus on or outreach to prenatal Moms. Board members would like more information in the narrative. Claire said the community needs an inpatient facility. However, the Arm in Arm Program for recovering Moms through Region II is good (mentioned on page 3). The budget narrative and form need corrections to match. Sara motioned to approve with needed corrections and Camas seconded. Approval of his application at $10,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Grand Island Public Schools. Don motioned to approve and Jill seconded approval of this application at $11,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Auburn Public Schools. Sara motioned to approve and Don seconded approval of this application at $12.000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Crete Public Schools. Camas motioned to approve and Sara seconded approval of this application at $12,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Bridge Collaborative. Jill motioned to approved and Camas seconded approval of this application at $30,924. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. Kathy recused herself from the discussion. Don motioned to approve and Camas seconded approval of this application for $90,424.20. The motion was unanimously approved.

Moxie16. The Board will decide whether to ask Moxie16 if to submit another application depending on the plan or outline to be shared at the July meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Friday, July 11th, 9:30-12:00