

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 21, 2022



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Members Present

Nichelle Adams, Kansas Department for Children and Families
Jennifer Adhima, Kansas Head Start Association
Marites Altuna, Kansas Deaf-Blind Project
Rachel Anno, Kansas Department for Children and Families
Emily Barnes, Barnes Child Care
Amanda Billings, Stepping Stones Academy
Tanya Bulluck, Child Start Inc.
Gail Cozadd, Kansas Children's Service League
Kelly Davydov, Child Care Aware of Kansas
Jennifer Forker, Hutchinson Community College
Jennifer Francois, Kansas Institute for Early Childhood Education and Research
Amy Gottschamer, Googols of Learning Child Development Center
Crystal Henry, Family Conservancy
Sheila Hermocillo, USD 443, Dodge City Public Schools
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Department for Children and Families
Audra Kenneson, Rainbows United
Esther Kottwitz, USD 497, Lawrence Public Schools
Malissa Martin, Communities in Schools Mid-America
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Department of Education
Amy Meek, Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund
Lucas Neese, Sprout House Learning Center
Patty Peschel, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities, Inc.
Amanda Petersen, Kansas State Department of Education
Kate Roggenbaum, Parent Leader
Dannah Schatz, Russell Child Development Center
Lisa Schmidt, Women's Community Y
Cassandra Sines, Parent Leader
Cornelia Stevens, TOP Early Learning Centers
Jenny Welch Buller, University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research
Reva Wywadis, Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas

Minutes

Welcome

Amanda Petersen called the meeting to order with a quorum present, described processes for a remote meeting, and directed participants to **the [Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website](#)** for meeting materials.

Meeting Agenda

Gail Cozadd moved to approve the agenda and Jennifer Adhima seconded, with a unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

December 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Lisa Schmidt moved to approve the December minutes and Amy Meek seconded, with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as presented.

Kansans' Open Forum - Written and Verbal Comments

No comments submitted.

Discussion of proposed recommendations and action plans developed by the Panel work groups

Amanda Petersen started the conversation to discuss the next steps for the ongoing recommendations process. She thanked Panel work group members for the hard work that they have put into the development of the recommendations to date. This work is valued and is meaningfully impacting our Kansas early childhood system. As we move towards approving the current recommendations, it is important to give this process the time needed for Panel members to review and meaningfully consider recommendations.

Melissa Rooker also noted her appreciation for the hard work of the Panel work groups as they develop recommendations to be presented for consideration to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, in the Cabinet's role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council. She is requesting that the groups spend more time over the next month to refine the draft recommendations, to include information as to the "how" and "who" of moving the work of each proposed recommendation forward. These revisions will provide clarity to questions that are anticipated will be asked by Cabinet board members.

Amanda commented that thinking of the Panel as a standing "drafting committee" of the Children's Cabinet, doing the work of drafting the recommendations for the Cabinet to adopt during their meeting, may be helpful as Panel members continue their work

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.