**Minutes – Kids First Trust Fund Meeting**

**October 15, 2020**

**-- Zoom Session --**

**Board Members Present:** Candes Shelton, Richard Hug, Will Young, Doug Weinberg, Christina Hage, Laura Smith-Wynn, and S. Maria Finnell

A quorum WAS present.

**Call to Order / Welcome:** Board Chair Candes Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM (Eastern).

**Approval of Minutes:** There was no objection to the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting as submitted.

**Financials:** The financial report from DCS was not available due to some staffing issues. Chair Shelton noted that there should not have been much change from the figures distributed and reported on at the last meetings.

**Meeting Dates:** After some discussion the time of the regular bi-monthly board meeting was changed to 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern. It will remain on the third Thursday of the month. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 17, 2020; and in 2021 – February 18, April 22, June 17, August 19, October 21, and December 16.

**PCAIN Quarterly Report / Deliverables:** Sandy Runkle and Sharon Pierce reviewed the latest reports (attached to the board meeting notice). Sandy highlighted the Nurturing Parents and Nurturing Fathers work being done by Carol Pool and Brian Carter of the PCAIN staff and the Parent Cafes being offered to Healthy Families mothers and foster parents. She also noted that PCAIN was hosting webinars and participating in exhibits when possible. Topics of particular interest included:

Child Safety and Teen Safety Matters – Train the trainer program for Monique Burr Foundation

“Left to their own devices” presentation

Train the trainer work on Psychological Maltreatment following last year’s summit on the issue

Train the trainer work also on youth in detention – coming in March

Continued work with Andrew Campbell on the intersection of animal abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse – new efforts in Bloomington and Randolph County [Rick Hug noted that Andrew Campbell had done a workshop recently for the annual IUN forum and agreed to send a link to a Youtube replay]

Continued participation with Darkness to Light – child sexual abuse prevention

Sandy also noted in her presentation that 30% of foster children identified as LGBTQ+.

Sharon Pierce reported on some co-branding with the Indianapolis Colts on prevention of child trafficking, a $200,000 grant for work on a strengthening families component to the Healthy Families program, and some notes on the Prevention Framework for Indiana and PCAIN’s work with Transform Consulting on the project. Doug Weinberg and Sharon noted that work on the framework, which the board has strongly supported, is progressing with good participation from the committee and that pilot community projects will be decided upon in the near future.

**Committee Reports: Governance**

Rick Hug noted that the committee had met with DCS Director Terry Stigdon about the KFTF legislation allowing us to create an associated 501 c 3 organization. Doug Weinberg provided an update indicating that there was a possible problem because representatives will be limited in the number bills that they can submit in the upcoming session. A stand-alone bill might therefore be unlikely. Finding a bill that is germane and available for us to attach our bill can also be a problem. The committee therefore contacted Director Stigdon again asking that she consider including this bill in the DCS package this session. The committee also noted that we had contacted the Governor’s representative about the matter and were waiting for an appointment with him.

**Committee Reports: Planning**

Doug Weinberg reported that the committee had met and finalized its draft of the KFTF Goals, Vision, and Mission. The group reviewed the work and voiced approval of the work to date. Doug invited suggestions for the strategies to achieve the goals and noted that the committee will meet soon on this matter.

Candes reviewed the history of the Board’s involvement in the funding of proposals from the early years to the current time and noted that the planning committee will be responsible for recommendations on funding going forward.

**Committee Reports: Communications**

Candes noted that Jeni O’Malley had asked to be relieved of her duties as chair of the committee because of more pressing Covid-19 responsibilities at the Health Department. Rick Hug reported on a recent meeting the Children’s Trust Fund Alliance Communications committee which convinced him that the Alliance could be very useful on these matters. He also reported on a free, very good webinar sponsored by the Alliance focused on communications skills needed when dealing with the press.

**Committee Reports: Board Development**

Chair Laura Smith-Wynn invited other board members to join the committee and invited feedback on the orientation provided and suggestions for the future. With regard to a possible parent advisory committee for KFTF she reported that she has spoken to possible members from Michigan City, Indianapolis, South Bend, and Jeffersonville and stressed the importance of having a diverse group of parents to advise us.

As noted in previous meetings, the Board Development committee will work on a possible slate of officers for presentation at the December meeting. Members were encouraged to give their suggestions, including self-nominations, to Laura. Nominations from the floor will be accepted whether or not a slate is proposed.

Laura also reiterated her suggestion of Tyrone Spann, a philanthropy executive from northwest Indiana and Gina Haloman, a school principal from Indianapolis as possible new members. She will provide more detailed information about these possible candidates at our next meeting. The group noted that we needed some representation from the southern part of the state and suggested follow-up with Gini Combs, a retired DCS manager from that region.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.