



**Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**Hybrid– Zoom & KISD**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

**8:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Co-Chair Kate Pew Wolters, Michelle Johnson, MD, Josh Syles, Jennifer Headley Norman, Hannah Jaworski, Guiillermo Cisneros, Howard Earle, Erica Harris, Michelle Van Dyke, Flora Ma, Anthony Queen, Amy Turner Thole, Randy Thalen, Mitt Rohwer

**Absent:** Co-Chair Lew Chamberlin, Krashawn Martin, Melinda Johnson, Ron Koehler, Howard Earle, Joslyn Ward, Randy Thelen, Claire Guisfredi, Amanda Barbour and Kelsey Perdue.

**Guests:** Erica Harris (The Source)

**Staff:** Shelby Glover, Christine Timbol Larson, Jennifer Headley-Nordman, Heather Boswell, Awilda Diaz, Kiana Zaderej, Megan Streng, Kristen Sobelewski, Jasper Tinoco, Elyse Greene, Amy Turner-Thole

**Welcome:**

Kate Pew Wolters called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Consent agenda:**

Kate Pew Wolters asked for a motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the June 27, 2024 meeting.

Motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda: Melinda Johnson

Support: Randy Thelen

Motion: Passes

**Public Comment:**

None today.

**Investing Early:**

- **Treasurer's Report**

- June Financials:**

- Josh Sayles presented the April First Steps Kent Financials and Ready by Five financials. Gave an overview of balance, assets, and liabilities. Year-to-date vs budget; statement of activities, and cash flow.

- Motion to approve: Milt Rohwer

- Support: Michelle VanDyke

- Motion passes

- **Ready by Five Millage Update:**

Amy presented the June 27, 2024 update on the Ready by Five millage. Provided information on what the Ready by Five Millage is. FAQ will be provided. RPRB update. Roberts rule of order in voting to support or not support proposed agencies to fund at the specified amount.

- Outreach and Navigation supported –
  - Motion: Melinda Johnson
  - Support: Michelle VanDyke
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- Healthy Development supported –
  - Motion: Randy Thelen
  - Support: Melinda Johnson
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- Translation Interpretation supported –
  - Motion: Michelle VanDyke
  - Support: Melinda Johnson
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- Early Learning supported –
  - Motion: Randy Thelen
  - Support: Howard Earle
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- Parent Education & Support supported –
  - Motion: Milt Rohwer
  - Support: Anthony Queen
  - Motion Passed, abstentions-Michelle Van Dyke (Corewell Health), Josh Sayles (Corwell Health), Hanna Jaworski (Corewell Health)
- Healthy Development Training supported –
  - Motion: Michelle Van Dyke
  - Support: Melinda Johnson
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- Data and evaluation services for Ready by Five supported -
  - Motion: Milt Rohwer
  - Support: Leah Atkins
  - Motion Passed, no abstention
- *Non-funded agency approvals supported –*
  - *Motion: Melinda Johnson*
  - *Support: Anthony Queen*
  - *Motion Passes, no abstention*

Recommendations: Randy is asking for Ready by Five to be mindful to fund new programs and agencies in the future.

#### Accessible Resources for Families:

- **Parent Leader Update**
  - Sitting on a panel in Boston for children ages 0-3 (Anthony)
  - A childcare center opening up in Wyoming (Flora)
- **President's Update**
  - Impact team continuing to review internal policies and procedures, including by-laws, code of ethics.

- Child Care Task Force – Kent County Commissioners will appoint members of the childcare task force.
- National League of Cities – reaching gap areas that need more infrastructure provided.
- Child Care Fiscal Mapping
- FSK to continue providing compensation/stipend for services for parent leaders on the board. motion to include an amendment to the by-laws of FSK to provide a stipend for parent leaders, motion supported, motion passes, no opposition.
- **Grants Update- Kellog and Wege**
- **Mainspring Early Care Alliance**
  - Kristen presented on the Mainspring Early Care Alliance and gave an overview of services, goals, objectives, and recruitment plan.

**Systems Foundations:**

- **Nominating Committee**
  - Emily E. Cantor, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP to be nominated for the board  
Motion to bring Emily Cantor onto the commission: Melinda Johnson  
Support: Michelle VanDyke  
Motion Passes
  - Bylaw updates- to update language around parent compensation.  
Motion: Milt Rohwer  
Support: Leah Atkins  
Motion Passes
- **Adjournment & Executive Session** - Kate Pew Wolters ended the meeting at 10:26am.

**Next Commission Meetings:**

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**