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## KCDD Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2021 -9:00AM-12:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705422962?pwd=Wmk2MC9Rb3hBQzdOa3RsTlVtcGg1UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0542 2962

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**Members Present:** Alters, Keck, Schwindt, Story, (Burgess for Nichols), Smith, Seymour-Hunter, Seitz, (Swindler for Shogren), Padding, Martinez, McLemore, Fessler, Heiman, (Zajic for Moore), Decker, Meitner, Chaffin

**Members Absent:** Tweedy, Darnell, Fairchild, Stiffler

**Staff Present:** Gieber, Knutson, Schroeder, Long, Cobbs

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**Call to Order:** Chair Keck/Intro/Ice Breaker with a quorum present 9:00am

**Minutes:** Review Minutes (August 13, 2021)  
**(Vote)** - Meitner motions to approve the minutes, Zajic seconds. Nancy abstains. Motion passes

**Budget:** Approve Budget

- KCDD met with DCF and reviewed our budget. We didn't make a huge change. We tried to consolidate items that were duplicated in other areas. We streamlined and took out some misc. items that we haven't had in the last few years. We made an increase to communications to accommodate the new KCDD staff position, and to update the website.
- **(Vote)** – Alters moves to approve the budget, Decker seconds. Motion passes



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**KDHE Survey:** Update from KDHE Survey – Heather Smith

- Family Experience with Kansas Medicaid COVID-19 Temporary Policies.
  - 481 responses (46 incomplete, 25 Not Applicable) 410 Analysis Eligible.
  - Participants by waiver
    - 290 I/DD
    - 83 Technology Assisted
    - 37 Physical Disability
    - 35 Total Autism

**COVID-19 Funds:**

- Interhab Project
  - Be Safe With Me - <https://interhab.org/besafewithme/>
  - Be Safe With Me Toolkit - <https://interhab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Be-Safe-With-Me-Campaign-Toolkit.pdf>
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- Balance \$30,000 needs to be expended by Oct. 2023
  - Actually needs to be expended by Oct. 2022
  - Possibly could fund test kits for individuals and families.
  - Possibly could be used to purchase PPE and other supplies.

**VR Updates:**

- Dan Decker- DCF
- Starting their State Plan. Have a combined state plan with the Dept. of Commerce
  - Pre-ETS program
    - able to serve individuals from 14 to 21
    - Able to get an additional 10 specialists and 2 managers throughout the state
  - Attending the InterHab conference



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- Getting to fully staffed
  - Recently hired a Pre-ETS manager in Topeka (not part of the expansion)
- Piloting a project to only provide Pre-ETS services during the summer
  - Having a difficult time to find providers during the school year.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Access to Technology Committee to make recommendations on phones etc.
  - Need to get this committee together and have a meeting to discuss new application and other things.
- Executive Committee to set guidance for Unsolicited Proposals
  - Need to get this committee together to get some guidance on another proposal that has come in.
- State Plan Submission complete posted on KCDD Website
  - Was completed and posted on the website
    - Kudos to Craig – actually worked with ACL to help test the new site. Step up for us at the KCDD Council and stepped up Nationally as well.
- Grants Processed
  - Families Together
    - FEAT
    - Parent IEP Mentor
    - SACK
    - Employment 1<sup>st</sup> of Butler County
      - Will host another Employment First Summit again this year

### **Updates:**

- Bob Bethel KanCare Oversight
  - Many families came and testified about the troubles they are having with helpers.



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- Oct. 21-22 I/DD issues meeting input from Council
  - Does the Council want to have input at this meeting? Given the new 5-year state plan, KCDD should seek out being invited to this.
  - Spending 2 days to talk about the I/DD waiting list
  - Do we have information about the waiting list from our Listening Sessions that would be important to share?
- Discussion on training needs of families testifying – **Table this discussion for next meeting to discuss plans**
  - Can do some Zoom trainings for additional information on the general legislation process.
  - Education to families on how to get involved.
    - Where to park
    - How to get in to the building
    - What do I do when I get in the building?
    - Etc.
- Waiver Renewal Work
  - Don't remember why we have this on the list to discuss.
- Autism Work Group
  - Sean Swindler and Steve Gieber are on this group. Started off on 5 or 6 topics to work on (workforce, funding, special population, reinvesting in early intervention diagnostic teams, creating modern resource website, creating a roadmap for families across the lifespan). Discussion in the group about access to crisis services, or lack of crisis services.
  - Supposed to wrap up in November.
  - This group will probably be involved in the Autism Waiver Renewal process.
- Brain Injury Workgroup
  - They met within the month and are working on a plan on how to use money that they have received. Looking to establish a board. Kathy Keck was asked to sit on this workgroup. Mike Burgess and Fran Seymour-Hunter asked to participate as well.



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- Coffee House
  - Have decided not to host this activity anymore. We feel that it has served its purpose and was good, but has probably ran its course. Want to get Council feedback on this: If people reach out and say that they miss the Coffee House, we'll revisit the idea.
- Governors Appointment Office
  - Charline has been working really hard with the Governor's office to get the appointments needed. Hopefully we'll see some movement on this soon.
- Staff Activity Report (see written report)

## **2023 Planning:**

- Need Committees to work on the items below now so we're ready to implement in 2023
  - SACK Leadership Grant
  - Grant Writing
  - Parent Advocacy Family Info.
  - Outreach on Latinx
  - ANE training for Law Enforcement
  - Develop material for Supported Decision Making

## **Public Comment/Wrap Up**

- Congratulations to KUCDD on the 2 ACL grants they recently received.

## **Remaining 2021 Council Meetings**

October 8, 2021- 9-12- zoom

November 12, 2021-9-12 zoom – Committees Only (times to be determined)

- Have Committee Meetings in November and full council meeting in December.  
Executive Committee, Grants Outcomes Committee



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- Access to Technology Committee needs to meet ASAP to discuss the new application and what our plans are for the current phones and service plans.

December 10, 2021- 9-12- zoom

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**Note: KCDD Meetings are open to the public. A time for public comment is made available.**



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