

**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment
Board of Trustees**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Stephanni Renn greeted the Sixpence Board of Trustees and other members on the call. John Levy motioned to call the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. Melody Hobson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Via Zoom: Holly Hatton Bowers, John Levy, Cara Small and Melody Hobson (NDE); absent, Tanya Santos and Nicole Vint (DHHS).

Trustees attended: Via Zoom: Holly Hatton Bowers, John Levy, Cara Small and Melody Hobson (NDE); absent, Tanya Santos and Nicole Vint (DHHS).

Others attending: Via Zoom: Ron Theasmeyer, Elizabeth Everett, Shannon Mitchell-Boekstal, Josh Cramer, Stephanni Renn, Tyson Wessels, Fabiola Dimas, Deb Reiman, Kevin Cloonan, Megan Daly, Grace Fletcher, Stephanie Knust, and Brandy Busher.

Approve Minutes from June 7, 2023, Action (Support Material)

Motion to approve Melody Hobson, second Holly Hatton Bowers

Program Highlights-North Platte:

Fabiola Dimas introduced North Platte Sixpence team: Megan Daly, Brandy Buscher, and Grace Fletcher. Megan thanked the Board for inviting them to discuss their Sixpence program.

Highlights:

- They are at full capacity for their Home-based program and have a waitlist.
- The North Platte is experiencing economic growth, with two large businesses opening in the area.
- They have strong community partnerships.
- Families on the waitlist are invited to attend Family socialization activities.

Needs:

- They would like to request additional funding to meet the needs of their community and to expand further into Lincoln County.
- Due to the increase of economic growth in the community, the need for an increased capacity of home-visiting services is growing.

Review Financial Reports and Funding forecast, Discuss Endowment Funds (discuss): Review Financial Reports and Funding Forecast; discuss Endowment Funds Discussion* Support Materials (Kevin

Cloonan, NCFE, and Ron Theasmeyer, NDE attending) Ron Theasmeyer provided a document showing 22-23 program year \$5.9M in payments made with an additional \$2.8 submitted. Ron shared the financial summary, endowment cash fund, and quarterly distributions. Stephanni Renn shared the CCP spending for the 22-23 program year \$2.1 will outstanding balances to be completed by September 31, 2023.

Discuss NDE Audit:

Kevin Cloonan discussed how NCFE is managing the private endowment fund information is included in the packet of Board of Trustees Supporting documents for 9.13.2023.

Cara Small stated she needed to leave the call so if the Board could approve anything that needs a quorum, it would be appreciated. John Levy agreed to rearrange the agenda to move forward.

Approve and Discuss ECTA 2021-23 Modification Endowment Budget (Support Materials) Action:

Stephanni Renn presented a budget modification to utilize the remaining 21-23 funds. Melody Hobson voted to approve the motion. Cara Small seconded the motion. John Levy and Holly Hatton-Bowers voted unanimously.

Approve and Discuss ECTA 2023-2025 Budget Modification (Support Materials) Action:

Kevin Cloonan discussed the new 23-25 ECTA budget beginning 11.1.23 Cara Small made the motion to approve the budget modification. Holly Hatton-Bowers seconded the motion. John Levy and Melody Hobson voted unanimously.

Discuss and Approve Papillion Carryover Request (Support Materials) Action

Tyson Wessels presented Papillion's amendment and made a carryover request for the extra funds. Cara Small asked if the carryover funding was for personnel. Tyson stated no, it is for supplies and extra materials. Melody Hobson motioned to deny the Papillion carryover request. Holly Hatton-Bowers seconded the motion of denial. John Levy and Cara Small voted in favor of denying the request.

Discuss and Approve Bancroft-Rosalie Home and Center Carryover Request (Support Materials) Action

Shannon Mitchell-Boekstal stated Bancroft-Rosalie used extra funding to pay for supplies, materials, books, and toys for their Home-visiting program and Center-based program. They had initially requested an amendment, but the deadline had passed. Bancroft-Rosalie has requested a carryover to purchase more supplies, books, toys, and other materials for family socialization events. Cara Small motioned to approve the carryover request. Holly Hatton-Bowers seconded the motion. John Levy and Melody Hobson voted yes in favor of the request.

Discuss and Approve Carryover Request (Support Materials) Action

Fabiola Dimas stated the Columbus Sixpence had moved to a new building during the grant year, but construction was delayed, they were unable to spend all of their funds. Holly Hatton-Bowers motioned to vote yes on the carryover request. Cara Small seconded the motion. John Levy and Melody Hobson voted yes to approve the carryover request.

Discuss and Approve Request to Move Santee Funds (Support Materials) Action:

Shannon Mitchell-Boekstal stated the Santee Sixpence team would like to switch their funding from \$100,000 of home visitation to center-based and \$62,500 from center-based to home-visitatio. It was decided to deny the request at this time and discuss it again before the 24-25 grant year. Melody Hobson motioned to deny the request. Holly Hatton-Bowers seconded the motion. John Levy and Cara Small voted yes to deny the request.

Revise and Approve Quality Indicators (Support Materials) Action:

Stephanni Renn presented the Quality Indicators for Home Visitation, Center base and Child Care Partnership. Stephanni walked through the suggested changes.

Holly Hatton-Bowers motioned to approve the Quality Indicators, Cara Small seconded the motion. Melody Hobson and John Levy voted unanimously.

Approve 2024 Board Meeting Dates Action:

1/17/24

3/24/24

6/19/24

9/18/24

11/20/24

Melody Hobson made a motion to approve the dates. Holly Hatton-Bowers seconded the motion. John Levy and Cara Small both voted yes.

Discuss Strategic Plan (Support Materials) Discussion

Stephanni Renn shared a PowerPoint about the history, the work, the successes, and the future of Sixpence.

Discuss Grantee Status Report (Support Materials) Discussion:

Sixpence TA shared Grantee highlights and areas for development. With no questions, the meeting came to a close.