**Kansas Fights Addition Grant Review Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, March 10, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Kansas State Capitol**

**Room 152-S**

**300 SW 10th Avenue**

**Topeka, KS 66612**

Members Present

Pat George, Chairperson

Mike Brouwer

Sara Caylor

Robyn Chadwick

Sandra Dixon

Jason Hess

Mike Kagay

Laurie Krom

Monica Murnan

**Member Absent**

Gary Henson

Keith Rickard

**Committee Staff Present**

Robert Hutchison, Office of the Attorney General

Christopher Teters, Office of the Attorney General

Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Krista Machado, Sunflower Foundation

Brandon Skidmore, Sunflower Foundation

**Others attending**

See attached list

There was a quorum present.

Chairperson Pat George called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Chair welcomed Board members and staff.

**Approval of February 24, 2023 Board Meeting’s Minutes**

*Laurie Krom moved to approve the Board Minutes for February 24, 2023, Sandra Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous*.

**Status Update from the Office of the Attorney General**

Chris Teters, Office of the Attorney General, provided a brief update on the annual report; there were some minor errors that were getting corrected on the municipal side. There have been several requests to get the opioid website updated; it has been updated as of yesterday; as well as updated information how to get access to the RFP.

Board members were asked to send two to three sentence bio about themselves, specific to your experience, and any links to more detailed bios on your organizations websites.

Pursing cities and counties to sign minor paperwork as part of the settlement process for the next five settlements, with more details to follow at May meeting.

**Request for Proposals Update and Review Process**

Krista Machado, Sunflower Foundation provided an update on the Request for Proposals, which went out on the 6th of March. Sunflower Foundation has received 15 confirmations of intent, for the first webinar, we have 47 registered, and the second webinar has10 registered. In the grant management system entities can register in advance, but cannot access the on-line application until March 21.

Discussion on the application process and request Board members working with entities to disclose as soon as possible. All questions and inquiries should be directed to the Sunflower Foundation. The Board decided to adopt formally and a motion was made.

*Sara Caylor moved that Board Members direct all calls, inquiries and questions to Sunflower Foundation regarding RFP grant applications. Monica Murnan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Schedule for Inviting Testimony**

After Board discussion Chairman George stated we would hold off on accepting testimony for round two, and modify as the Board goes forward. In the future if applicants wish to request the opportunity to provided written testimony, to submit those request to Krista Machado or Connie Burns, so those requests will be on hand when the Board is ready to request additional testimony.

Staff will look at Subcommittee and executive sessions rules to be sure the Board is in compliance with the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

**Lived Experience Perspectives Testimony**

Several individuals have volunteered to participate in the Lived Experience Perspectives testimony.

Pablo Mose is a partner at the law firm Rebein Brothers PA. He is a native Kansan with a Mexican-American Mother and Polynesian Father. Pablo graduated from University of Kansas School of Law. Pablo has a unique experience seeing the destruction of addiction in a diverse set of circles, and has seen that addiction does not discriminate based on race, class, or gender. His experience confirms the life-changing benefits of recovery organizations – particularly in rural areas of Kansas.

Clayton Carr, has over 33 years of working with children, youth, and adults in behavioral health programs. He has operated agencies and facilities as an Executive Director or CEO that provided a continuum of services. Community based services, juvenile delinquency prevention programs, secondary education alternative education programs, substance abuse counselor/counseling, secure corrections residential for adolescent males, and private juvenile detention. He has 34 years of recovery from addiction and attends Narcotics Anonymous (NA) regularly as well as active in service work for NA. He believes his purposes is to carry the message of recovery through operating facilities at a high-performance level, establishing a thriving culture of progress for all team member, personally and professionally.

Michael Grover is a retired addiction counselor that was introduced to 12 Step recovery in 984.After getting sober in 1985, he started doing volunteer work at a substance abuse center where his sponsor worked and was soon employed as detox aid at the same center. Michael attended Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology and social work. After his start as detox center aide. Michael worked as a residential and outpatient counselor and program director in substance use disorder clinic, and has worked on the “front line” for 32 years with people with substance use disorder problems in private, state-funded, and prison systems. Michael currently works part time in private practice but find his greatest fulfillment in his involvement with others in recovery bringing 12 Step meetings into detox and treatment centers, jails, and prisons to present the opportunity for recovery to those in an institution.

Christopher R. Wilkins, Sr. MHA, has maintained an entrepreneurial approach to solving complex services delivery problems in addiction treatment. He was the Founder of Loyla Recovery Foundation, an entity that operated for 11 years setting a practice-based evidence standard in the US Veterans Health Administration for crisis stabilization of veterans with Substance Use Disorders. Mr. Wilkins launched another innovative initiative to commercialize and proliferate ACHESS (Addiction Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support System) on behalf of Dr. David Gustafson. The entity, CHESS HEALTH, is an established sector leader in innovative technology for managing Substance Use Disorders and other behavioral health conditions.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 14, 2023, at 9 am in room 152-S in the Statehouse.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Approved by Committee on:

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