

Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board
Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Pat George

Members Present: Chair Pat George, Sandra Dixon, Robyn Chadwick, Gary Henson, Laurie Krom, Monica Murnan, Sara Caylor, Mike Brouwer, Mike Kagay, Keith Richard, David Fye

Also Present: Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General; Robert Hutchison, Office of the Attorney General, legal counsel for the Board; Christopher Teters, Office of the Attorney General; Philip Michael, Office of the Attorney General; Eric Montgomery, Office of the Attorney General; Billie Hall, Sunflower Foundation; Krista Machado, Sunflower Foundation; Brandon Skidmore, Sunflower Foundation; Cheryl Bean, Sunflower Foundation.

Introduction of the Board: Chair Pat George opened the meeting with a brief introduction of himself and the role he envisions for the board. He welcomed introductions from each board member.

Introductory Comments by Attorney General Derek Schmidt: Attorney General Derek Schmidt welcomed the board and thanked them for their service. He provided a brief historical overview of the opioid litigation joined by the State, as well as a brief discussion of the Kansas Fights Addiction Act.

Training on Kansas Open Meeting Act and Kansas Open Records Act: Assistant Attorney General Philip Michael provided an explanation of the duties and expectations imposed on the board by the Kansas Open Records Act and the Kansas Open Meetings Act. As articulated by Philip Michael, the Board must follow both the KORA and the KOMA.

Comments on Government Ethics: Office of the Attorney General Chief of Staff Eric Montgomery advised the board that they will receive a detailed explainer of the statutory requirements of governmental ethics that the Board must follow while they serve on the board. Eric Montgomery advised that each member will need to complete a Statement of Substantial Interest. Additionally, the OAG will create email addresses for each board member and will provide additional information following the meeting.

Mike Kagay had to leave the meeting to attend to another matter.

Background on Opioid Litigation and Discussion on Purpose of the Board: Assistant Attorney General Teters provided a detailed explanation about the currently announced opioid settlements, the expected payment schedules, and potential uncertainties. AAG Teters also discussed the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, the board powers and limitations found within the act, and the act's grant evaluation criteria. Finally, AAG Teters discussed the reporting requirements of the various settlements and the Kansas Fights Addiction Act.

Introduction of the Sunflower Foundation: Billie Hall, Krista Machado, Brandon Skidmore, and Cheryl Bean introduced the Board to the Sunflower Foundation. The Sunflower

representatives provided a history of the Foundation and explained that the Foundation is here to assist the Board with the administration of the grant review program.

Development of the Grant Review Program: Chair Pat George raised the topic of establishing the priorities of the Board as a topic for discussion. The Board variously discussed the need for maximizing the effectiveness of the funds by first understanding what is available. Pat George raised the possibility of needs-based assessment, and Krista Machado of the Sunflower Foundation advised the Board that the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and DCCCA are working on a state-wide needs assessment that may serve the Board's needs. Laurie Krom raised a concern about the timetable for expenditures and AAG Teters advised the Board that neither the Kansas Fights Addiction Act nor the announced settlements impose any timeline on when expenditures need to be made.

Pat George expressed a desire to take time, prior to seeking or evaluating potential grants, to establish a plan for distributing funds. He expressed a desire to discuss a potential plan at the next board meeting.

Discussion of Future Meetings: The Board discussed when to schedule the next meeting, and expressed an interest in meeting more frequently during the organizational stage. No next date was established. New meeting date will be proposed by the Chair in the near future. The board further agreed to follow Robert's Rules of Order for future board meetings, and agreed to modify Robert's Rules a necessary in the future.

Chair Pat George adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.