

Child Care Task Force of Ellis County Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2023

Welcome Center – 2700 Vine Street

Virtual Option: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Mission Statement:

To create and maintain a sustainable, quality childcare environment that assists in attracting employees to Ellis County, while developing our children into the next generation of community leaders and workforce.

Vision Statement:

A community in which current and prospective employees are productive while their children are nurtured and educated in a safe and stimulating childcare environment.

1. Committee Member Introductions:

Amy Gerstner	Doug Williams	Melissa Schoenberger
Amy Staab	Eddie Herrman	Michelle Dannels
Andrea and Nick Felder	Erin Gibson	Mindy Kuhn
Andrea Hoss	James Robben	Monique Koerner
Andrew Cutright	Janet Brungardt	Rebekah Meyer
Angie Tetlow	Janice Wilson	Sabina Hoffman
April Brown	Jean Basgall	Sandy Jacobs
Barb Wasinger	Jeff Brull	Sara Bloom
Brett Schmidt	Jennifer Hecker	Sarah Meitner
Brianna Bernasconi	Jessamyn Staples	Sarah Wasinger
Brooke Deines	Kaitlin Robben	Shae Veach
Callie Lewis	Kara Burkholder	Shane Smith
Chelsey Ladd	Katie Dorzweiler	Stephanie Keller
Dacia Haselhorst	Kayla Ford	Steve Keil
Dana Stanton	Kayla Hollern	Tanya Koehn
Dava Gaschler	Kristen Gaschler	Tara Witthuhn
Dave Van Doren	Kristy Younger	Tasha Eichman
David Clingan	Laney Roths	Tori Ruder
Donna Hudson-Hamilton	Lisa Lane	Tricia Dreher
Doug Ford	Lucy Bouscher	Vernie Pritchett

*Names highlighted in yellow were in attendance.

2. ChildCare Aware of Kansas Grant Application

- We were approved for the \$2000 for our smaller portion of the grant.
- I have a follow up email in with CCAKS regarding the \$45,000 application and will let you know just as soon as I hear anything back from them. Other applicants have shared that their \$45,000 grants have not yet been approved just yet.

3. Kansas Children’s Cabinet Child Care Capacity Accelerator Grant

- The Grove’s Child Care Project Update
- Appointment to serve on the Accelerator Grant Committee
 - Grant review deadline is tomorrow.

4. Child Care Provider Appreciation Debrief

- What worked well?
- What didn't?
- Was anything missing?
- What feedback have you received after the event?
- Extra bags available to share with fellow providers
- Setting the date for 2024
 - June 20, 2024 from 6 to 8 p.m.?
 - i. Same location?

5. Child Care Provider Professional Development Series

- October 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering
- January 25th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering
- April 25th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering
- Working with Melissa Schoenberger, Brianna Bernasconi, and Amy Staab from KDHE to find certified speakers
- Suggested content: Mental health for child care providers, asking difficult questions with family to best serve children, and crafts/projects/activities to offer children
- Convening the Sub-Committee to prepare first event

6. Marketing Sub-Committee Updates – Tasha Eichmann

7. Food Program Sub-Committee

- Review survey data from event
- Schedule second meeting if there is a desire for program

8. Early Childhood Transition Task Force Updates If Applicable

9. Round Table Updates from Task Force Members

10. Future Meeting Date and Time: June 27th at 4 p.m. – Hays Welcome Center