



## Families First Community Advisory Board Meeting

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November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **Board Members Present:**

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD)
- Ashleigh McFadden: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)
- Senator Bo Watson
- Senator Raumesh Akbari
- Representative David Hawk
- Representative Bryan Terry
- Jack Bailey
- Elizabeth Fournet
- Dr. Jerry Askew
- Annie Cacheiro
- Brittany Cleveland
- Rachael Corry
- Executive Jim Mangubat
- Bishop Edward Stephens

### **Staff Present:**

- Trevor Lauri
- Dakota Simpson
- Keisha Thaxton
- Lakecia Peterson
- Gary Wilson
- Cherrell Campbell-Street
- Charles Bryson
- Suzanne Carr
- Krisann Hodges
- Eric Dunn
- Melisa Hucks
- Michelle Joyner

### **Board Members**

#### **Absent:**

- Commissioner Bob Rolfe (DECD)
- Dr. Emily House

**1:08 p.m. Welcome and Commissioners Update**

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Commissioner Carter called the meeting to order once it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Commissioner noted that the upcoming December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting would be when decisions on the planning grants will be made.

**1:13 p.m. Planning Grant Update**

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Suzanne Carr gave an update on the planning grant process. Eighty-one applications were received, and forty-seven applications passed mandatory review. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board will deliberate to break down the applications by score and Grand Division to make final decisions.

Commissioner Carter reviewed the application review timeline, next steps, and key dates.

**1:19 p.m. Technical Assistance Hub Partner Overview**

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Commissioner Carter reviewed the “hub-and-spoke” model being utilized for the Technical Assistance Partner. DHS will absorb the cost of evaluation for all the pilots with this model. The RFP is expected to be issued in the Winter of 2021/2022, with the Partner to be identified before the selection of the pilots begins.

**1:27 p.m. Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**

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Dr. Askew asked if there would be information forthcoming on where out-of-town board members should stay for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dakota Simpson answered that hotel block information would be contained in the follow-up email to the Board after the meeting concluded.

**1:29 p.m. Adjournment**

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The Board meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m. The next Advisory Board meeting will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10 am – 4 pm CST in the Nashville Room of the Tennessee Tower.