



Families First Community Advisory Board Meeting

March 15th, 2022

Board Members Present:

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Brooxie Carlton: Designee for Commissioner Bob Rolfe (ECD)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD)
- Ashleigh McFadden: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)
- Jack Bailey
- Frank Lawrence
- Elizabeth Fournet
- Dr. Jerry Askew
- Annie Cacheiro
- Brittany Cleveland
- Rachael Corry
- Dr. Emily House
- Bishop Edward Stephens

Staff Present:

- Trevor Lauri
- Dakota Simpson
- Suzanne Carr
- Eric Dunn
- Keisha Thaxton (Virtual)
- Krisann Hodges (Virtual)
- Charles Bryson (Virtual)
- Cherrell Campbell-Street (Virtual)
- Clyde Stith (Virtual)
- Lakecia Peterson (Virtual)
- Stephen Reksten (Virtual)

Board Members

Absent:

- Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Representative David Hawk
- Senator Raumesh Akbari
- Representative Bryan Terry
- Senator Bo Watson
- Annie Cacheiro
- Executive Jim Mangubat

1:00 p.m. Executive Session

The Advisory Board heard the results of the Research Partner RFP solicitation. Commissioner McCord motioned to approve the recommended award resulting from the competitive solicitation process and was seconded by Bishop Stephens. The motion passed by acclamation, with Dr. House abstaining.

1:13 p.m. Welcome and Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Carter called the meeting to order and thanked the group for their work thus far. Commissioner Carter noted that April 7th and 8th, 2022, would be the next big dates for this group as they begin the presentation of Pilot Proposals.

1:17 p.m. Update on April Presentations

Suzanne Carr asked the group if they would prefer to split into teams to review the Pilot Proposals. After discussion, Vice-Chair Askew motioned to approve splitting into two groups to review, Dr. House seconded. The group voted unanimously by acclamation to split into two review groups. Clarification was given that each group would be able to see all of the applications but would only technically be reviewing half of them. Discussion was had about splitting the applications between the two groups by geographic region. Michelle Joyner gave an overview of the rubric for the proposal evaluation.

1:44 p.m. Closing Comments and Next Steps

Commissioner Carter thanked Assistant Commissioner Gary Wilson for his team's work on defining seven primary Universal Outcome Metrics.

Suzanne Carr took the group through the questions that are being given before the presentations to those who are presenting Pilot Proposals next month.

1:58 p.m. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m. The next Advisory Board will convene again on April 7th and 8th 2022, at 8:30 pm CST to observe Tennessee Opportunity Implementation Grant Pitches.