

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ILLINOIS
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: January 26, 2022

Chairperson: Becky Weber

Members Present: Theresa Sanford-Shipplett, Dan Whalen, Bernadette Schrempp

Staff Present: Kristin Kaufman, Denise McCaffrey, Tarra Winters, Belinda Farr, Jennifer Samartano, Kelsey Greene, Brittney Hale

Members Absent: Jessica Edmond, Becky Weber

Guests Present: Marrisa Morabito, Kelly Crane, Natalie Towns, Ireta Gasner, Eric Mayo, Alexa Kozial, Julia Strehlow, Karen Dennis, Debra Trickey

1. Updates from partner organizations/advocacy updates (see attached document)
2. New chair of the committee – we will need a new chair of the Advocacy Committee beginning in June – members present in the meeting declined – Kristin, Denise, and Becky will discuss further on how to proceed
3. Prevent Child Abuse America Government Affairs Initiative – we were selected to participate in the 2022 initiative – Kristin and Denise have had one meeting with PCA America and Child Focus to discuss our goals, which include:
 - Building internal public policy capacity
 - Legislative engagement and education
 - Create education materials on primary prevention and return on investments for prevention programs in Illinois
4. Last quarter advocacy involvement
 - MIECHV Reauthorization – starting to work with partners to get information collected to support increase of \$200 million for each year over next 5 years
 - FY23 State Budget – asking for 10% increase to DHS line item for HFI and PTS
 - Build Back Better Act - Sent letter to elected officials
 - 10/6/21 - Ask Congress to pass the plan - specifically sustain the childcare and early learning investment – (Quality Alliance, Start Early, First Five Years Fund)
 - 10/27/21 – Sent letter to elected officials to ensure paid family and medical leave is included in the plan – (PCAA)
5. Child Abuse Prevention Lottery Ticket – no updates at this time
6. Review Strategic Plan (Goal #3) - all goals were reviewed and on target for the year

Recommendations to Board: None at this time

Next Scheduled Quarterly Meeting: April 27, 2022, 8:30am