



## Board of Commissioners Meeting

Virtual – Zoom

Thursday, January 25, 2023

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Minutes

**Present:** Co-Chair Kate Pew Wolters, Co-Chair Lew Chamberlin, Kevin Clay, Krashawn Martin, Melinda Johnson, Anthony Queen, Josh Sayles, Joslyn Ward, Randy Thelen, Flora Ma, Michelle Van Dyke, Hanna Jaworski, Leah Adkins, Claire Guisfredi, Milt Rohwer, and Amanda Barbour

**Absent:** Ron Koehler, Sean Welsh, Howard Earle, and Kelsey Perdue.

**Guests:** None today

**Staff:** Shelby Glover, Megan Streng, Christine Timbol Larson, Jennifer Headley-Nordman, Heather Boswell, and Kiana Garcia

### Welcome:

Kate Pew Wolters called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Introductions.

### Consent agenda:

Kate Pew Wolters asked for a motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting.

Motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda: Milt Rowher

Support: Michelle VanDyke

Motion: Passes

### Public Comment:

None today.

### Investing Early:

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Financial Audit:**

- Josh Sayles presented the First Steps Kent Financial Audit.

- Motion to approve as presented: Lew Chamberlain

- Support: Randy Thelen

- Motion passes

- November Financials:**

- Josh Sayles presented the November First Steps Kent Financials and Ready by Five financials.

- Motion to approve as presented: Milt Rohwer

- Support: Michelle VanDyke

Motion passes

- **Ready by Five Reallocation Update:** YMCA applied for this Healthy Development Niche Family Supports RFP (a service previously run by ELNC) Total recommended allocation for April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 is \$201,488.11

Motion to approve as presented: Michelle VanDyke

Support: Randy Thelen

Hanna Jaworski abstains

Motion passes

**Accessible Resources for Families:**

- Parent Leader Update – Joslyn updated us on opening a child care center in Wyoming with a capacity of 96 and her family is expecting twins
- Anthony spoke about the local and national work he has been doing.
- Parent event tonight.
- President’s Update – Jennifer went over Millage Renewal update and dates for approval meetings at Kent County. She has been assigned a role on ELO. Staff reassignment/restructuring. Also mentioned recent happenings with Bethany Christian Services.
- Communications update: New video and Gap Analysis

**Systems Foundations:**

- Nominating committee – Welcome Flora Ma, Leah Adkins, and Guillermo Cisneros.
- **Adjournment & Executive Session** - Kate Pew Wolters ended the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

**Next Commission Meetings:**

**Thursday, January 28, 2024**