

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ILLINOIS
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: July 28, 2021

Chairperson: Becky Weber

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

Staff Present: Kristin Kaufman

Members Absent: Jessica Edmond

Guests Present:

1. Updates from partner organizations/advocacy updates
 - No updates this quarter
2. Last quarter advocacy involvement
 - FY2022 State Budget was passed and signed into law effective July 1, 2021
 - Other notable bills: HB158, HB3308, HB3620, SB820
 - **Federal level**
 - **\$12 million of state and local Coronavirus relief funds** for the Parents Too Soon home visiting line item
 - **\$1.3 billion in childcare funding** to be spent over the current and upcoming fiscal years. While we expect to see more details emerge on the proposed use of these funds, there have been commitments made to increase provider reimbursement rates, stabilize further the provider network and work to attract more families back into the program.
 - **Increased appropriation authority** for anticipated Early Intervention and Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting American Rescue Plan funds. More details on use of those funds are also expected.
3. Child Abuse Prevention Lottery Ticket – Bernadette will follow up with Senator Belt’s office. Kristin reached out to Jennifer Rice but has not heard back at this time.
4. Review Strategic Plan (Goal #3) - all goals were reviewed and on target – no recommendations at this time
5. Approve Committee Description updates for FY22 – committee approved
6. Review Board Advocacy Policy – committee reviewed – no recommendations at this time
7. HB1975 (Faith’s Law)
 - Passed the House unanimously with bipartisan co-sponsors but were never given a committee hearing in the Senate. Not sure the reason, but hope is that the bill was pass during the veto session in the fall.
 - The CACI and CAC both support this
 - Committee recommended we support this bill – Bernadette will do more research on the bill and provide some feedback on if there are similar bills or language

Recommendations to Board: None at this time

Next Scheduled Quarterly Meeting: October 27, 2021, 8:30am