

# Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

May 22, 2025

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**Voting Members Present:** Kimberly Villotti, Tonya Krueger, Beth Van Meeteren, Jessica Burger, Shelley Horak

**Voting Members Absent:** Heather Rouse, vacant Head Start parent position

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Monica Garner, Ami Leath, Sharon Burke

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Teri Orr

**Staff to Council:** Marianne Adams, Amy Stegeman

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item

### Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Kimberly Villotti called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves via roll call.

### Public Comment

Two members of the public were in attendance. Kimberly Villotti offered each public attendee an opportunity for public comment. Jessi Freers commented she was attending with a desire to hear any available information about the Shared Visions Programs.

## ACTION Items

### Approval of Minutes

Kimberly asked the group to review the April 15, 2025, meeting minutes and noted these were emailed out prior to the meeting.

Jessica Burger made a motion to approve the minutes. Beth Van Meeteren seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

### Discussion of FY26 Shared Visions Grants

Kimberly offered a summary of the current status of the Shared Visions Grants proposed legislation during the 2025 legislative session. The Council maintained authority of appropriated funding for at-risk Shared Visions grants in FY26. Kimberly outlined two potential options and reminded the Council there may be other options they wish to consider as well.

Kimberly described one option would be to extend the current grant cycle for an additional year. Grant awards would remain status quo and services would continue for current preschool and parent support grantees. The Council could work on developing a competitive grant process for the following year. Kimberly added this option would require the Council to first rescind the previous approved motion to release the Shared Visions preschool application to the public from the November 14, 2024 meeting.

Kimberly then described a second option of moving forward with the competitive grant process and using the established application for FY26 as had been approved at the November 2024 meeting. Grant awards would be determined after the applications are submitted and reviewed. The formal application and review/award process would extend the timeline and likely cause a delay in services as awards were being determined. No additional

action by the Council for Shared Visions Preschool would be needed; the previous motion would still stand. The Council would need to determine next steps for an application for parent support grants. Considerations included releasing the application used in FY21, or scheduling another meeting to review and approve an application similar to the preschool version for FY26.

Ami Leath asked for clarification on the renewal option and the timeline. Kimberly stated the renewal funding would be available in July of 2025 for the 2025-2026 program year.

Jessica Burger asked if there would be a chance the competitive grant could be stalled again next year. Kimberly stated it was possible depending on actions and events in the legislative session.

Kimberly asked if anyone had another option for consideration. There were no other suggestions stated.

Jessica suggested if the Council moved forward with a renewal application, option one, it would be beneficial for the Council to develop a competitive grant process the Council and Department could both support so the process wouldn't be paused again. There was agreement to be proactive and to consider the impact to programs as well as understand how legislative changes may impact the grant process and cycle, and/or programmatic requirements.

Beth Van Meeteren commented the release of a new application at this time of year would be very challenging for programs. Tonya Krueger commented a renewal option would best serve the children and families receiving services at this point.

Kimberly clarified the option selected would be for both preschool and parent support grants in FY26.

## **ACTION Items**

Shelley Horak made a motion to rescind the previous action taken in November 2024, which advised the Department to announce the Shared Visions Preschool application period. Beth Van Meeteren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelley asked for clarification of the options on the table so the Council could make an informed decision moving forward. Kimberly offered a summary of the two options being considered.

Ami Leath asked what the turnaround time would be for moving forward with notifying grantees of the actions taken today. Kimberly offered a summary of the timeline with the intent to move as quickly as possible.

Tonya Krueger made a motion for the current grant cycle to be extended with a one-year renewal option for FY26. Shelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kimberly asked the Council to allow the notification of this decision to come through the proper communication.

Kimberly clarified the Continuum of Care grant is moving forward out of Health and Human Services (HHS) and all questions would go to HHS.

## **Adjourn**

Marianne Adams reminded the group they will receive a survey to identify dates for Council meetings in FY26.

Kimberly Villotti adjourned the meeting at 8:43 AM.