



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020

10:00 EST Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Michelle Antle, Sarah Bays, Michelle Bush, Heidi Cooley Cook, Justin Cooper, Tal Curry, Kim Howard, Enid Hurtado, Nancy Lovett, Kathy Meredith, Mike Miller, Mindy Pfau, Liz Sternberg, Larry Taylor, Norma Thomas, Coy Travis

1. Introduction by Larry to all members joining us by phone.
2. Review of the KATC Advisory Board Minutes, December 12, 2019. Motion to approve minutes by Justin, second approval by Norma.
3. KATC Budget Report by Larry. He mentioned that KATC normally spends a lot of funds for travel, but due to the pandemic we have not. Soon Larry will move the funds to be used for other things. Larry received the KDE grant for next year, it is being processed with UofL's Sponsored Programs. The process is delayed because UofL's virtual processing. KATC did receive money from the legislature and CPE. Funds were due to expire June 30th, but the deadline extended to December 31, 2020. Motion to approve report by Nancy, second by Coy. All members in attendance approved.
4. KATC Personnel Update by Larry. Human Resources approved KATC to hire an Assistant Director. In the past KATC had one, and at times, two Assistant Directors, but the positions have been vacant since December of 2013. The Assistant Director position approved before UofL began telecommuting. Heidi was selected by the interview search committee that was composed of adult with autism, Tal, Larry, and Michelle Bush.
5. UL/CEHD/KATC Update
 - a. COVID 19 & UL Leadership Plans by Larry. President Bendapudi and Provost Boehm announced UofL will be working remotely through May 31. KATC assisting individuals and their families remotely. All University and KATC in person events cancelled until May 31 and all summer classes will be online. Fall classes will remain in person until further notice. UofL providing mental health resources to faculty and staff.
 - b. Transition Conference by Heidi. Summit was March 10-12 at the Marriott East Louisville Hotel. Approximately 100, young adults, families and professionals attended. Presentations from self-advocates and professionals. Two UofL Career Service Center staff members met with self-advocates for resume writing help and mock interviews. The event's keynote speaker was Ivanova Smith. Larry mentioned how the hotel staff was very flexible in accommodating the needs to support conference participants. This was KATC's third, consecutive year collaborating with the Office of Autism, UK's Human Development Institute and KY Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for a transition summit.
 - c. First Responder Trainings by Heidi. Reported that all in person First Responder Trainings are cancelled. Louisville Correction requested a training for new recruits. Training will be held in June. Heidi plans to conduct in person trainings when permitted by UofL. She has scheduled for Lexington Police Department, Franklin County and Daniel Boone Safety. Heidi and Michelle Antle to team up for a training in Graves County in Mayfield,

KY. Coy asked if there has been an increase in request or inquiries about First Responder Trainings. Heidi reported most groups have been okay with the need to reschedule at this time and they still want the training. Larry and Heidi meeting to discuss trainings and support for School Resource Officers.

d. KATC Work

i. Larry reported National Leadership Summit has requested information from KATC to provide to individuals they serve.

ii. KATC Services provided

1. Electronic Resources by Sarah. (PDF provided) KY Coop's doing a great job supporting teachers and others in the school so KATC shifted focus to provide support and resources to parents and families. Field Training Coordinators filtered through resources for families and Sarah created a google website. FTC's provided information on communication, visual and emotional supports, as well as academic resources. The resources are reaching individuals outside the state and even in other countries. Updates are made to the site regularly and open for feedback. Please reach out at KATC staff to update the website. Nancy mentioned sharing the website with the Preschool Coordinators and these counties visited the website (per Sarah's handout). Kathy informed us that she shared the information with a parent in Oregon.
2. Training Sites (Current & Next Year)-Michelle Antle, Kim, Enid, & Sarah. FTC's still working with current sites and received site applications for the upcoming school year. Increased number of applications and the team is excited that school districts applied. This shows that districts are trying to build capacity and that we are building capacity across the state. Regional Training Centers, expanding their work and are becoming training sites.

Usually during this time of year, FTC's, would be out conducting interviews, orientations etc., Sarah mentioned that applicants have been very engaging doing this part of the process virtually. FTC's will be meeting virtually to decide on the sites for the upcoming year to narrow down list of accepted sites and potentially conducting a virtual orientation. Several Administrators across the state have requested assistance from KATC, in the past it was teachers reaching out to KATC for help. Larry mentioned questions from the Building Administration have been about support required to build capacity. Districts have mentioned the importance of support for Building Administrators. Kim mentioned she's had 100% Building Administrator support when conducting Zoom meetings. Enid mentioned that some of her districts are applying for a second time and found value in KATC's flexibility to meet their needs. Everyone starting to see the big picture, that in order to build capacity they need to collaborate with Coop's, KATC, etc. Sites are seeing KATC as part of their team.

3. Parent/Student Services by Mike. Reported that parents are overwhelmed, parents were not prepared to work with their child for the rest of the spring school year. Behavior has been an issue for school aged kids and families. Mike has been working with Eastern, Murray, and Morehead to help support college students with autism. Working with them to help students maintain their accommodations while finishing the semester online. Students are having a difficult time with the transition to online. Mike working with UofL's Cardinal Success Program and the Office of KY Vocational Rehabilitation to provide support and other assistance for students during the pandemic. is paying if student has been in contact with them. Mindy asked if Mike



received more calls and emails since we've been working remotely. Mike replied by saying he's received more emails. Michelle Antle mentioned Cater Clinics are still supporting those families and they are receiving more calls and emails. Families are reaching out for support which is great, probably wouldn't have happened 10 years ago. Larry mentioned Kim has been working with the commission clinic in Morehead. Hoping to continue and grow the work, it is very valuable to bridge work from the clinic to school and vice versa. Kim spoke with the clinic on Friday, in infancy stage, only held one diagnosis clinic, moving to online process for diagnosis (telehealth) or meeting with one family at a time.

4. Upcoming Trainings for Next Year by Heidi. She reported there have been discussions about whether to conduct trainings online or in person. KATC had a training scheduled in June with KY-SPIN who works with families of younger children, but due to COVID-19 will be rescheduled for later in the year. Larry mentioned that ADOS-2 training is scheduled for August 20-21 and we still plan to proceed. KATC plans to have another MIGDAS training and Programmatic Language training sometime, spring 2021. The Parent Summit has been cancelled and we are looking at dates in November, (4-5) to have the training. Kim and Michelle Antle conducting online trainings.

6. Office of Autism Update by Tal. He reported that he is excited to be working with KATC and happy about Heidi becoming the Assistant Director. He is working with Heidi to identify new council members. Tal has been receiving calls and working with KATC staff directly and passing information along. Mentioned the inability to lock down date for the Parent Summit because parks are not booking right now. There was a Connect the Dots training on March 4-5, but the May 12-13 CTD training has been postponed. The Commission Clinics plans to still work with families in Bowling Green, Paducah and Owensboro.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Bush on April 27, 2020.