

**Kent County  
Family & Children's  
Coordinating Council**

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**KCFCCC Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 2020** 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Kent County Administration Building  
Via ZOOM

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**Members/Alternates**

**Present:** Ron Caniff, Candace Cowling, Lynne Ferrell, Tracey Fountain, Sandra Ghoston-Jones, Kristen Gietzen, Cynthia Gladyness, Lynn Heemstra, Maureen Kirkwood, Adam London, Jacob Maas, Jackie O'Connor, Savator Selden-Johnson, Diana Sieger, Scott Smith, Michelle VanDyke, Bill Ward.

**Members Absent:** Chris Becker, Judge Gardner, George Meek, Jim Paparella, Kasie Pickart, Julie Ridenour, Matthew VanZetten.

**Guests:** Doug Booth, Heather Boswell, Veneese Chandler, Beverly Grant, Jenn Headrick, Carol Paine-McGovern, Kristyn Peck, Wende Randall, Annemarie Valdez, Briana Vasques-Periera, Rachel Willis.

**1 Welcome & Call to Order**

Adam London, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Cynthia Gladyness made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting and the agenda, second was provided by Michelle VanDyke, vote was unanimous.

**2. Public Comment**

There was none.

**3. Cares Act Funding** – Sandra Ghoston-Jones provided a handout that outlined the CARES Act Funds that have been approved by the Board for distribution as of August 25. She gave a brief synopsis of the intended use for these funds. See list of funding provided:

- Family Promise \$500,000
- Kent County Small Business \$25,000,000
- Grow1000 \$75,000
- John Ball Zoo \$200,000
- Business Support Organization Grant Program \$420,000

○ Kent County Non-Profit Organization COVID Relief	\$9,500,000
○ Childcare Grant Program	\$1,200,000
○ Right Place Economic Development Grant	\$600,000
○ Experience GR Grant	\$820,000
○ Urban Outreach Center Grant	\$75,000
○ NAACP Grant	\$100,000
○ Hispanic Community Center Grant	TBD
○ Kent County Grants to Local Units of Government	\$15,000,000
○ Cure Violence	TBD
○ Black Impact Collaborative	TBD
○ Housing	\$2,500,000
○ Wi-Fi Hot Spots	\$1,000,000
○ Schools	\$2,000,000

In the discussion, Sandra shared that the County has been working with the Salvation Army to assist families who have received eviction notices. CARES Act dollars can be used to prevent eviction.

4. **COVID-19 Update** – Adam London provided an update on the current state of COVID-19. He said there are currently 7,751 diagnosed cases in the State. Kent County is at a positivity rate of 2.4%. He added that there are now drive thru testing sites available as well as testing at the Health Department. They are doing about 2,000 tests per day. He mentioned that contact tracing is going well. The State of Michigan is currently categorized as green...which is very good.

Adam said they are in the planning phase for access to and a dissemination plan for the vaccine. The hurdles ahead include changing weather which will bring people inside in close proximity to one another. He is concerned about the schools, but feels they are being careful and doing an amazing job. He asked Ron Caniff and Scott Smith if they could provide any input.

Ron Caniff thanked the group for all of their incredible work enabling the schools to open and/or offer virtual school. He specifically said Joanne Hoganson from the Health Department has done a phenomenal job with the schools. He feels like the system is working.

Scott Smith said they have been working on instruction plans and mitigation of risk. He said they will rely on the Health Department for direction going forward and thanked Adam London for their hard work.

6. **Miscellaneous**

Adam said that there are many issues people are dealing with now and going forward due to the pandemic. He asked the group to share some of the issues their organizations are facing. The group shared their challenges and some of the additional services that they are providing.

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020.