

South Dakota CASA Commission Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Central Time – Virtual

Attending:

Commissioners - Kristie Fiegen, Judge Patrick Smith, Jolynn Bostrom, Crystal Aman, Lloyd Guy
CASA EDs - Kate Kelley, Julie Wermers, Kehala Two Bulls, Stacey Tieszen, Jackie Horton, Sherri Rodgers-Conti
Guest - Colleen Moran
UJS Staff - Sara Kelly

Meeting Called to Order: Vice Chairperson Kristie Fiegen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, central time. Commissioner Fiegen made opening remarks stating the CASA Commission was established by state legislation in 2003 and quoted a sentence in SDCL 16-2-51 “grants shall be awarded to support the development, growth, quality, and continuation of CASA programs in South Dakota”. Commissioner Fiegen reminded attendees the legislators didn’t want this to be a formula-based award, but an overview of each program.

Introductions: Two new CASA Commissioners Crystal Aman and Lloyd Guy introduced themselves, other commissioners and CASA executive directors introduced themselves

Vote on Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Fiegen stated with the vacancy of Commissioner Max (former Chairperson) asked for a motion for a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Commissioner Smith motioned a nomination of a slate of Kristie Fiegen – chairperson and Jolynn Bostrom – vice chairperson. Crystal Aman second the motion. Limited discussion. Vote – 5 yea 0 – nay – Motion carries

Review statistic spreadsheet: Discussion of the CASA services statistic spreadsheet and the information the commissioners would like to have. Commissioners agree for number of children served by CASA volunteers and served by staff to each have their own column; these two columns will equal the total number of children served. Commissioners agreed to combine the monitored by program with the number of children on a waiting list as the programs monitor all the cases that a CASA volunteer isn’t assigned to yet. The number of children on a waiting list was set with a date as the waiting list number can change daily. The ICWA columns will be moved to the annual CASA impact report. Sara Kelly will send a draft revised spreadsheet for commissioners’ approval.

Review grant questions: Sara Kelly asked the commissioners if there are any changes or additions to the grant application. Discussion on questions, key talking points took place. Sara will make the changes and send a draft to the commissioners for final approval.

Set date for 2022 meeting/2022 Annual Meeting: Commissioners discussed the options of in-person, virtual or hybrid for the 2022 annual meeting. The decision was made for the 2022 meeting to be virtual. The 2022 annual meeting date was set for Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Central Time. The Zoom meeting will be opened at 8:30 am Central Time. A calendar invite will be sent out and information will be added to the SD Boards and Commissions website.

Topic: SD CASA Commission Meeting

Time: May 19, 2022 08:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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