

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD
MEETING
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – BOONE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
801 E. WALNUT ST., COLUMBIA, MO.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Les Wagner, Greg Grupe, Dewey Riehn, Nancy McKerrow, Bruce Horwitz, Jennifer Walker, Kathy Thornburg, Harry Williams

Others Present: Kelly Wallis, Director of Boone County Community Services Joanne Nelson, newly hired Program Manager

Board Members Absent: Michele Kennett

Guests: Jacqueline Schumacher and Christian Arment, consultants from the Institute of Public Policy in the Truman School of Public Affairs

1. Community Input Session #5 and Community Comments

Community input session #5 was opened by Jacqueline Schumacher. The BCCSB hosted a Community Input Session on April 24, 2014. This open forum session offered the Boone County community-at-large to address the Board. Two agencies submitted worksheets on behalf of their agencies. Each agency was given five minutes to answer the following questions:

Question #1: *What are the top two issues you feel need to be addressed in your service population for primary prevention?*

Question #2: *Are there systemic obstacles to your success when working with primary prevention services?*

Question #3: *Where is the gap in your primary prevention services?*

Questions #4: *What is a quantitative measure of your success when working with primary prevention services?*

Question #5: *Please describe potential collaborations you envision for addressing challenges in the primary prevention service area.*

Another member of the community offered a few comments. He felt that mental health should be the primary concern of the Children's Fund, the community input sessions were helpful but felt that they would be more successful if the Board traveled to the outer portions of the county to hear direct input.

Two non-conflicted referral agencies participated as well. A representative from the Missouri Children's Division expressed a number of concerns about funding to reunite families, lack of providers willing to accept services at a state-established rate, and transportation for families. Two representatives from the Columbia Police Department voiced concerns pertaining to youth who have not yet broken the law but are at a high risk of engaging in criminal behavior. They stated that police often need a non-criminal environment for children to be housed, possibly assessed, and directed to family services.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 10th BCCSB Meetings

Les called for the approval of the minutes. Bruce made the motion and Dewey seconded, the motion carried.

3. Discuss Consultant Deliverables – Surveys v. Key Informant Interviews

Les called for a motion to focus on Key Informant Interviews versus Surveys. Kathy made the motion and Dewey seconded, the motion carried.

Greg shared the names of the suggested Key Informant Interviews that was brainstormed and discussed during a sub committee meeting held on 4/23/14. Les called for a motion to move forward with the names suggest. Greg made the motion, Bruce seconded, the motion carried.

4. Discuss Election of Officers Protocol

Kelly reminded the Board that there was discussion about when the election of officers would take place. There was not a consensus regarding this at a previous meeting. Kelly shared research regarding this issue from two other counties. She explained that the current bylaws call for elections in January. After a discussion, there was a motion made by Greg, to change the bylaws and seconded, by Harry, to approve that nominations and election for officer positions are made at the first meeting in May of each calendar year.

5. Discuss Board Member Communication

Due to time constraints the BCCSB moved and approved to table this agenda item to the May 8, 2014 Board Meeting.

6. Discuss Board Retreat on April 30th

Kelly gave a brief overview of the time, location, and tentative agenda for the Board Retreat being held on 4/30/14.

7. **Public Comment:**

No other comments were offered.

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Les.

BOARD RETREAT: April 30, 2014
NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2014