

**BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

*Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.*

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**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present via Videoconference:** Les Wagner, Greg Grupe, Lynn Barnett, Connie Leopard, Michele Kennett, and Leigh Spence

**Board Members Absent:** Joel Ray, and Wiley Miller.

**Others Present:** Joanne Nelson- Project Manager of Boone County Community Services, Kristin Cummins-Program Specialist of Boone County Community Services, and Megan Corbin – Data & Performance Analyst of Boone County Community Services Department

**1. Open Meeting**

Les Wagner, Board Chair, opened the meeting around 8:00 a.m.

**2. Approve Minutes of February 20,20 and March 19, 2020 Meetings**

Joanne reviewed the minutes from both February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Connie motioned to approve February 20, 2020 and March 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes; Lynn seconded; the motion carried.

**3. Approve Financial Report**

Joanne reviewed the financial report, January and February had good utilization. There was a discussion on COVID-19 affecting how organizations will spend over the next few months.

**4. COVID-19 Response**

- Community Services Responsibilities with ESF 6: Mass Care and Human Services
- Overview of CSF Change Requests

There was a discussion on the daily conference call between Heart of Missouri United Way, Community Services, Veterans United, and the City of Columbia. Organizations are encouraged to apply for funding, and the partners are working together to communicate community need and capability to fund.

There was a discussion on the Boone County/City of Columbia shelter-in place order and the homeless population.

There was a discussion on the rural schools' districts and promoting their distribution of food resources. Kristin reviewed information on the handout regarding change requests to the Children's Services Fund contracts during COVID-19.

- Emergency Procurement

- Family Access Center for Excellence

Joanne shared information on the call center for children, youth, and families for abbreviated screenings during the shelter-in place order.

- Rainbow House

Joanne reviewed information regarding childcare for essential employees and the funding that they currently receive and need to sustain this.

- Commissioner Thompson expressed concern with the Wi-Fi coverage in rural parts of Boone County that is affecting the residents and students. There is a request to expand broadband and the department is looking into the costs.

## **5. Director's Update**

- Brilliant Beginnings Update  
Joanne updated the board on how the City of Columbia is currently on a hiring freeze due to COVID-19. There was a request to put a hold on the project for the time being.
- Year End Reports  
Staff is inundated with ESF-6 work and has put Year End Reports on hold but will try to work on them when the requests slow down.
- Site Visits  
Joanne updated the board on pushing back site visits to June/July or until the shelter-in place order is lifted for Boone County.
- Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition Update
  - Joanne reviewed information about how the Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition (BCSMHC) received feedback from the County Superintendents. The Board would like staff to gather more information about their individual needs for each school district.
  - BCSMHC requested that the BCCSB increase the unit rates for checklists offered in January to help their budget. After a discussion, there was a motion made by Lynn to decline the increase in unit rates, it was seconded by Leigh. The motion passed.
- High Risk Youth Committee Meeting  
Joanne reviewed information on the High-Risk Youth Committee. They have not yet been able to meet. A meeting will be set up to discuss next steps.
- Targeted RPF  
Joanne reviewed information on the targeted RFP. The conference was postponed and intended to inform organizations, community stakeholders, etc.

## **6. Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. § 610.021(3) and 610.021(13)**

- Response to Commissioner's Letter  
Joanne reviewed the response to the Boone County Commissioner's Letter. There was a discussion on the Director communicating to commissioner's the barriers to developing an appropriate plan and will discuss again after the COVID-19 crisis.

## **7. Public Comment**

None.

## **8. Adjourn**

Les adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**