

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Hybrid Meeting: Virtual Meeting or Boone County Community Services
Department, 605 E Walnut, Ste. A, Columbia, MO

Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present in Person: Greg Grupe, Bob Aulgur

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Connie Leopard, Lynn Barnett, Craig Stevenson, Wiley Miller, Leigh Spence, Michele Kennett

Guests Present: Les Wagner

Staff Present: Joanne Nelson – Boone County Community Services Department Director, Kristin Cummins – Boone County Community Services Deputy Director, Michelle Thompson – Boone County Community Services Program Specialist, D'Andre Thompson – Boone County Community Services Program Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Sloyer – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator, Max Carrisalez – Boone County Community Services Department Intern

1. Open Meeting

Greg opened the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

2. Staff Updates

Kristin has taken on the role of Deputy Director for the Boone County Community Services Department. The Program Manager position will open shortly for applications.

3. Board Composition, Committees, & Reminders

Les Wagner shared his resignation with the Board members. Les expressed his gratitude to the Board members and noted his pride in what the Board has accomplished during his time of service. Les included his hopefulness and trust in the Board members going forward.

Les Wager leaves at 8:10am.

Joanne shared that the Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer positions are up for election in May.

Wiley Miller joined the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

Craig Stevenson shared that he will fill out the remainder of his term, which concludes on March 31st, 2023, but will not seek an additional term at this time. Craig imparted his gratefulness for the time with the Board and the ability to have made impacts within the community.

Bob Aulgur and Wiley Miller both are seeking to reinstate their terms, which both expire April 30, 2023.

The Board will review and form Committees after election.

Joanne reminds all Board members to sign and return the annual Conflict of Interest form.

4. Motion & Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo §610.021(3)(11)(12)

Leigh moved to go into closed session at 8:19 a.m. Lynn seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Connie – yes, Lynn – yes, Craig – yes, Wiley – yes, Leigh – yes, Michele – yes

Lynn motioned to approve a contract amendment for MU CAST program to update the staff training source for Group Therapy services. Leigh seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Connie – yes, Lynn – yes, Craig – yes, Wiley – yes, Leigh – yes, Michele – yes

Leigh motioned to approve a contract amendment for CMCA Bridge program to adjust the unit measure for Home Visiting to 1-hour units. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Connie – yes, Lynn – yes, Craig – yes, Wiley – yes, Leigh – yes, Michele – yes

5. Motion & Vote to come out of Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3)(11)(12)

Michele moved to come out of closed session 8:36 a.m. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Connie – yes, Lynn – yes, Craig – yes, Wiley – yes, Leigh – yes, Michele – yes

6. Approve Minutes for December 8, 2022, January 12, 2023, & February 9, 2023 Meetings

Michele motioned to approve all three Board meeting minutes. Lynn seconded the motion. Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Lynn – yes, Craig – yes, Wiley – yes, Leigh – yes, Michele – yes, Bob – abstain.

7. **Financial Reports for December 8, 2022, January 12, 2023, February 9, 2023, & March 9, 2023**

Joanne reviewed the financial report changes throughout the months. The current Fund balance is approximately \$10,800,000, despite not having received final 2022 sales taxes. Joanne stated that the April financial report will project tax income more accurately due to Treasurer's department processes. The Community Services department will provide a comparison of other county children's services funds.

Wiley motioned to approve all four financial reports. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Stevenson left the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

8. **Director's Update**

- **Site Visits:** Most Site Visits have been held, and the Community Services department is working with programs to complete all documentation. Lynn shared that she attended a handful of Site Visits and found them educational. Lynn also encouraged other Board members to attend one or two Site Visits each year.
- **Strategic Innovation Opportunity (SIO):** The Community Services Department has already received a handful of applications for the budgeted \$500,000 towards SIOs. Kristin anticipates more applications will be submitted. The SIO Board Committee will convene before the next regular Board meeting to review proposals.
- **RFP Time Frames:** The County Purchasing department wants to consider extending contract periods for 2024. The Community Services department wants to review and compare other Children's Services Funds and their RFP timelines.
- **Upward Mobility:** All workgroups continue to meet. Joanne will be speaking at a national conference focused on Workforce Development. The Community Services department, in conjunction with the City of Columbia, is releasing a Housing Study RFP and are pursuing ARPA funding for the study. The Community Services department is consulting with the Fair & Inclusive Housing Upward Mobility workgroup for their insights on a housing study.
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Report:** The quarterly Equity Lab will occur on Wednesday, April 12th at the Ragtag Cinema from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Equity Lab will focus on navigating the current anti-inclusion political climate. Greg encourages Board members to attend. The Source Summit is holding a mixer with Dr. Woods on March 10th, and a focus group roundtable on April 11th discussing transportation and the Youth Summit.

9. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Update

Kristin reviewed proposed updates to the FACE program Scope of Work. While reviewing program measures, staff were finding that they were unable to capture data for some instances of family contact. The proposed Scope of Work updates would now include Information & Referral data-points under their ‘Engagement Strategies’ performance measure. Additionally, FACE is currently updating terms and definitions to promote clarity and common understanding.

Lynn motioned to approve the Scope of Work changes for the FACE program. Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Flourish & Youth Violence

Flourish is seeking assistance with their youth initiatives and has been directed to convene with the Source Summit. The Source Summit is coordinating a Youth Summit to be held in the fall.

The High-Risk Youth Committee of Board members will meet to plan support for the Source Summit in coordinating their planned Youth Summit.

11. Public Comment

Greg reminds that we will have two Board member vacancies to fill alongside upcoming elections and encourages that we look for candidates county-wide – keeping diversity, youth, and unique positions in the community in mind.

Leigh brings up that hybrid meeting formats are convenient but can be affected by technology issues. There was a discussion of the flexibility from Zoom meetings and connection from in-person meetings.

12. Adjourn

Greg adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
April 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**