

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

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**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present in Person:** Greg Grupe

**Board Members Present via Videoconference:** Bob Aulgur, Lynn Barnett, Michele Kennett, Leigh Spence, Connie Leopard

**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**

D’Andre has accepted the inaugural position with the City of Columbia, as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer. His last day with the Community Services Department is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The County has opened the position for a Program, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist for applications.

The Program Manager position is open for applications, and four interviews are scheduled for the end of April.

**3. Approve Minutes for March 9, 2023 Meeting**

Lynn motioned to approve the previous Board meeting minutes. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 4. Financial Report for April 13, 2023

The current Fund balance is approximately \$10,575,500. Current budget utilization is in line with projections – approximately 12% of contracted funds have been utilized.

Connections to Success and Presbyterian Mentoring have not yet invoiced for services. Mary Lee Johnston Community Learning Center is actively working with the Community Services Department to create monthly service documentation to submit alongside invoices, and their organization expects to have all months caught up by the next Board meeting.

The total 2022 sales tax revenues collected totaled \$8,500,000 – in 2021 \$7,900,000 in sales tax was collected.

Coyote Hill hosted a ribbon cutting for a Reunification Home, which Michelle Thompson and Bob Aulgur attended. Inside the new building a plaque recognizes and thanks the Boone County Children's Services Fund for their support.

Michele motioned to approve the financial report. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Connie Leopard joined the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

#### 5. Director's Update

- **Missouri Ethics Commission:** Joanne gave a reminder that filing with the Missouri Ethics Commission must be completed by May.
- **2022 Annual Report Preparation:** Kristin has begun working on the Annual Report and estimates it will be completed by the May Board meeting. The Community Services Department has received some success stories from 2022 funded organizations to include in the Report.
- **Site Visits:** Powerhouse site visit was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Community Services Department is currently working with Boys & Girls Club and the Boone County Nature School to schedule their site visits.
- **Upward Mobility:** All workgroups continue to meet. Community Services Department staff are assisting as facilitators for a housing event today, April 13<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Randy Cole. The Early Grade Literacy group has grown to 25 participants, up from seven members. The Community Services Department has applied for the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health prize to support Upward Mobility projects. Commissioner Thompson is assisting the Community Services Department in its application for the NACO award.

- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Report:**

- Journey Toward Inclusivity Excellence (Journey) held their Equity Lab yesterday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, where resources and information were shared concerning politics and anti-diversity climates. The Journey will hold a State of Inclusivity Conference in August and is currently pursuing a keynote speaker for the event.
- The Source Summit Round Table was hosted on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Transportation and Youth focus groups met, and participants discussed a Community Partnering focus group form to garner greater assistance access for the community. The Source Summit is planning to host a conference in November.
- The Minority Men’s Network will be contributing \$1000 to the Nadria Wright Scholarship at Columbia College. The Network has also focused on crafting a response letter to legislators addressing several recent anti-diversity bills.
- Black Men in White Coats Youth Summit sponsored by MU Healthcare is scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**6. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Update**

The Community Services Department toured the new FACE facility and offices at Boone County Family Resource Center. FACE personnel provided an overview of day-to-day workings on the community-based side and showed Community Services staff the processes families go through after a referral.

Year End Reporting has concluded for both the FACE program and Therapy Access Program (TAP). FACE’s community-based side served 859 individuals in 2022, and the school-based side serviced 26,398 individuals in 2022. School-based programs will wrap up with the academic calendar and provide more complete data at the Interim Report.

Greg asked for ideas on how the Board and Community Services Department can assist in getting word about FACE out into the community. Lynn mentioned she hears advertisements for FACE on Christian radio stations, but they may be a little difficult to understand the true scope of FACE to the average listener.

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

Bob moved to go into closed session at 8:33 a.m. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Bob motioned that the Board deny the Strategic Innovation Opportunity funding request from ParentLink and encourage them to build out further partnerships and reapply for funding next year during the Spring 2024 RFP with a revised proposal. Connie seconded the motion.

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

Michele motioned to request that Job Point provide further clarifications regarding their proposal for Strategic Innovation Opportunity funding. Leigh seconded the motion.

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

Michele motioned to deny the current request from Journey Towards Inclusive Excellence for Strategic Innovation Opportunity funding and encourage them to reapply with the correct formal process, including a more accurate funding estimate and breakdown of cost. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Michele Kennett left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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

Lynn moved to come out of closed session at 9:20 a.m. Leigh seconded the motion.

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

**9. Public Comment**

Joanne asked that the Board members please join the Community Services Department staff in attending the Retirement Celebration for Les Wagner tonight, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Boone County Family Resource Center.

**10. Adjourn**

Greg adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:  
May 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**