

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, November 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present in Person: Greg Grupe

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Lynn Barnett, Bob Aulgur, Sebastián Martínez Valdivia, Rodney Dixon, Connie Leipard, Wiley Miller

Board Members Absent: Leigh Spence, Michele Kennett

Staff Present: Joanne Nelson – Boone County Community Services Department Director, Verna Laboy – Boone County Community Services Department Program Manager, Michelle Thompson – Boone County Community Services Program Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Webb – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator

1. Open Meeting

Greg opened the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

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

Lynn motioned to enter closed session at 8:02 a.m. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastián – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes

Lynn motioned that the Board approve the contract amendment table for the University of Missouri Psychological Services Clinic Heriford House Stronger Youth Project. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastián – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes

Bob motioned that the Board approve the contract amendment for the First Chance for Children - Lend and Learn Libraries program. Lynn seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastián – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes

Wiley Miller joined the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Lynn motioned that the Board approve the Columbia Farmer’s Market takeover of the 2024 Access to Healthy Food program given the dissolution of Sustainable Farms & Communities at the end of the year. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastián – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes, Wiley – yes

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

Bob motioned to end closed session at 8:18 a.m. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll call: Greg – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastián – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes, Wiley – yes

4. Approve Minutes for October 12, 2023 Meeting

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

5. Financial Report for November 9, 2023 Meeting

- **Update on Low Utilization-** Utilization overall is on track for average usage comparable to last year. Supplemental funds approved at the previous Board meeting have been deposited and seen utilization on recent invoices.
- **Approved Reallocation Requests-** No new approvals since the previous Board meeting, but the Department notes that there have been several reallocation requests submitted with recent invoices. We usually see an uptick in reallocations in the end of the year as organizations seek to best use funding.
- **Sales Tax Revenue-** The Children’s Services Fund (CSF) Net Position is \$9,013,443. Sales tax and use tax revenues are continuing as expected. Joanne noted that we usually see a large deposit of sales taxes in December.

Connie motioned to approve the financial report. Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. New Business

Sebastian requests an update on the Grassroots Funding conceptions from the Department. Joanne shared that the Department met with the Boone Impact Group (BIG), comprised of representatives from Boone County, the City of Columbia, and Heart of Missouri United Way. The BIG partners were all excited by the opportunity such funding presents to the community and is working on common ground concepts for how to best define and apply the term “grassroot initiatives.” There are plans for a further meeting with BIG representatives to discuss this funding while using the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework to plan a clear goal and strategies for building up grassroots organizations’ capacity and effectiveness.

7. Director's Update

- **CSF Assessment Update-** The Department just held the initial meeting with Partner for Better to discuss agendas, personnel, billing standards, communications expectations, timeline and deliverable expectations. The Department will meet with Partner for Better on a monthly basis for check-ins. Kristin and Gina will be gathering the requested data concerning funded organizations.
- **The Source Summit Youth Summit SIO Update-** The Summit events start today, Thursday, with the Youth portion taking place on Saturday at the Compass Church.
- **Upward Mobility-** Verna shared that the Upward Mobility project as a whole has garnered attention in the news. The workgroups continue to meet and are using RBA framework to keep the work grounded. The Columbia school district has contacted the Early Grade Literacy workgroup for community consultation and support. Fair and Inclusive Housing groups are setting forward motion plans for 2024.
- **Housing Study-** Three interviews were held with potential contractors. The Housing Study Committee has set the goal to have the contracting period completed by the end of the year so that the Study can commence in January 2024. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will pay for the County's part of the Housing Study Contract.
- **Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) Contract-** The Department has not yet received a response from MFH regarding funding for the Health & Justice Coordinator. The Commission wants to move forward with this position even if MFH funds are not provided. The position would be full-time and permanent, not to be funded from the CSF. Office space is an issue for the Department, and the Commission has been made aware of this obstacle.

8. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Update

- **Quarterly Report-** FACE staff assisted school districts in writing funding requests for Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which resulted in the placement of 20 doctoral students into schools.
- **FACE Board of Representatives (BOR) Feedback-** The BOR was surveyed on community needs and the meeting of those needs. Responses showed that transportation, housing, and childcare affordability are highly seen needs. The BOR expressed that the wraparound system from FACE is effective and shows great commitment to families. Potential improvements noted by the BOR include providing resources at neutral locations and desiring better ratios of providers to referrals.
- **Community-Based Services (CBS) Testimonial-** The testimonial came from a teacher herself, and she expressed gratitude for the expedited help for her child.

- **Dashboard Report & Reengagement Rate-** The average age of referred youth is eight years old, which is lower than historical data. There were 582 total referrals made, with a 61% engagement rate. Reengagement will be a tracked data point in 2024.
- **Therapy Access Program (TAP) Update-** There have been 83 cases referred to TAP, with 56 cases engaging in services. TAP currently has 22 therapists across 16 different agencies.

9. Public Comment

Verna is nominated for the Sherman Brown Jr. Award by the Columbia Missourian Annual Progress Awards. The Award Ceremony will take place at the Blue Note from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 28th.

The December Board meeting will be in-person, location pending.

10. Adjourn

Greg adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**