

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

In Person Meeting:

Boone County Family Resources – Community Room North

2700 W Ash Street, Columbia, MO

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leigh Spence, Bob Aulgur, Lynn Barnett, Sebastián Martínez Valdivia, Greg Grupe, Connie Leipard

Board Members Absent: Michele Kennet, Wiley Miller, Rodney Dixon

Staff Present: Joanne Nelson – Boone County Community Services Department Director, Kristin Cummins – Boone County Community Services Deputy Director, Verna Laboy – Boone County Community Services Department Program Manager, Michelle Thompson – Boone County Community Services Program Specialist, Lenna Peterson – Boone County Community Services Department Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Sloyer – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Adielle Ehret, Aaron Thompson, Keith Herman, Andy Frey, Sandy Miller

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Introductions

Leigh asked that all attendees introduce themselves and their affiliations.

3. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Presentation

Adielle shared updates from the FACE Community Based Services (CBS) team. 2023 surpassed all previous years in the number of families served, as well as the number of connections made from youth and families to services. FACE CBS served 511 youth and families, connected 1,058 community resources, and managed 54 support cases. The overall engagement rate in 2023 was 67%, which is increased over last year. FACE CBS Outreach Coordinators and Clinical Case Managers collaborated with Juvenile Officers and School Safety members, as well as the Juvenile Detention Alternative

Initiative (JDAI). FACE CBS staff is also working with Melissa Williams of Heriford House Counseling Center. Jill Schlude of the Columbia Police Department (CPD) and officers are working with the FACE CBS team to identify paths for runaway youth to engage with FACE instead of entering the justice system.

Sandy shared updates from the FACE School Based Services (SBS) team. Sandy explained how the FACE SBS and FACE CBS sides collaborate which avoids duplication of service loads. FACE Family Intervention Specialists (FIS) provide intensive case management which can include coordination with homeschool programs. FACE Regional Coordinators (RC) implement a family checkup model and assist in seamless transfer between support systems within FACE. Keith shared that a 2024 goal of the FACE SBS team is to partner with the school districts to address educator stress.

Aaron shared that Matt Gass welcomed him to speak on radio about FACE services to broaden community knowledge about local family resources. FACE is currently finalizing a large website update which will feature an online referral form, make FACE SBS services visible on the website, and link the Look Around Boone website.

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

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:34 a.m. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Bob motioned to approve the Contingency Funding Request from Mary Lee Johnston Community Learning Center for up to \$100,000.00 to be overseen by the Department. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Greg motioned to approve the Grassroots Funding Opportunity RFP language, application, and up to \$375,000.00 of funding for an initial six months followed by up to \$750,000.00 per year for three funding years. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Lynn motioned to approve the Contract Amendment for Connections to Success. Sebastian seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Sebastian – yes, Greg – abstain, Connie – yes

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

Connie motioned to come out of closed session at 9:32 a.m. Sebastian seconded the motion.

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

6. **Approve Minutes for August 10, 2023 Meeting**

Greg motioned to approve the previous Board meeting minutes. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. **Financial Report for September 14, 2023**

- **Update on Low Utilization-** Utilization has not changed much since the last meeting due to Holiday working weeks affecting normal payment timelines from the Auditor’s office. The Department anticipates Reallocation requests to increase at the end of the contract period to best utilize funding for services.
- **Sales Tax Revenue-** The Children’s Services Fund (CSF) Net Position is \$9,611,865.00. Sales tax and use tax revenues are steady at numbers above initial anticipated values.

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

8. **New Business**

Bob notes that he will abstain from future voting measures related to Heriford House due to a current conflict of interest.

The Board agrees to meet in-person on a quarterly basis, with a preference to meet at the FACE Community Room if it is available.

9. **Bonterra/Social Solutions Renewal**

Greg motions to approve the 2024 contract renewal in the amount of \$4,601.90 with Bonterra regarding the Social Solutions software. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. **Director’s Update**

- **2024 Funded Organization Meeting-** This meeting will be mandatory for 2024 Funded Organizations, where at least one representative will attend one of the two planned virtual meetings. These meetings will be Tuesday, January 9th from 1:00-2:00pm and Friday, January 12th from 9:00-10:00am. Board members are encouraged to attend these meetings if possible.

- **CSF Study-** The Department has fulfilled the ten years history data request from Partner for Better. The team is very responsive and meets with the Department virtually monthly.
- **Upward Mobility-** Verna reviewed the workgroups' meetings and notes that the groups are in various stages of implementing Results Based Accountability (RBA) concepts into discussions and planning. The Urban Institute is following Boone County initiatives as one of two counties continuing work and releasing an Upward Mobility annual report.
- **Housing Study-** The contract is in the finalization phase, and a meeting is set for the beginning of the year with the contractor.
- **Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast-** The Department has reserved a table of ten seats for staff and interested Board members.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Adjourn

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
January 11, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**