

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Boone County Government Center – Commission Chambers
801 E. Walnut, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leigh Spence, Michele Kennett, Bob Aulgur, Greg Grupe, Rodney Dixon, Wiley Miller, Connie Leipard

Board Members Absent: Sebastián Martínez, Lynn Barnett

Staff Present: Joanne Nelson – Director, Kristin Cummins – Deputy Director, Verna Laboy – Program Manager, Michelle Thompson – Program Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Webb – Program and Community Specialist, Victoria Woods – Health & Justice Coordinator, Emilio Ayala Youngblood – Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Alpha Hightower

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Motion and Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(11)(13)

Greg motioned to go into closed session at 8:01 a.m. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes

Bob entered the meeting at 8:05 am

Wiley entered the meeting at 8:21 am

Rodney motioned to come out of closed session at 8:35 a.m. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes, Wiley – yes, bob – yes

3. **Approve Minutes for February 13, 2025 Meeting**

Greg motioned to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025 meeting. Michele seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. **Financial Report for January 9, 2025 Meeting**

- Net position is at \$7,384,687
- The sales tax revenue is at \$1,563,163
- The use tax revenue is at \$274,201
- Interest revenues are not yet reportable for the new year
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.4 million
- The final 2024 utilization was determined to be \$11,206,330.67 which is a 86.14% utilization rate.

5. **Review BCCSB Committees**

Joanne shared the most current table of the Boone County Children's Board Committees. Leigh suggested the possibility of switching the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to a Communication and Engagement Committee. There was also discussion about whether other committees should continue to be stand-alone committees. The group discussed possibly removing or replacing the Strategic Innovation Opportunity and the Supplemental Requests committee. Final voting for committee restructuring will occur in the April Board Meeting.

6. **New Business**

There was no new business to share.

7. **Director's Update**

- **Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA) Meeting** - Partner for Better put a report together on their current progress on Phase 2 after Phase 1 which was previously shared.
- **Community Relations** - The department has engaged in efforts to further promote the board meetings for community members to attend if they wish to learn more about the department/board. The department is also considering having public meetings for those who request to know more about what the department does.
- **Results-Based Accountability Training** - Gina shared that the department would have the last Results Based Accountability (RBA) training on April 3rd. This training is put on using Missouri Health Fund funds. Board members were invited to attend.
- **Foundant Regional Training** - Kristin was able to attend a Foundant Regional Training, and she shared that she was able to learn much more about the department's new funding system.
- **Year End Reports** - The department is finishing up their reviews of the Year End Reports. Once completed, information will be used to compile the 2024 Annual Report.

- **2025 Site Visits** - All site visits have been completed, and the department is now working on follow-up items from the site visits.
- **Grassroots Funding Opportunity Check-In** - Kerby and Kristin met with all the Grassroots organizations to prepare them for their first full year of funding. Grassroots organizations shared information on their plan for future development. All six Grassroots plan on meeting again as a cohort to help each other out and work together. Joanne has requested that these organizations type up a report on their efforts on working together.
- **Upward Mobility** - Verna gave an update on Upward Mobility. Workgroups are working on being more intentional on each of their strategic actions and focusing exactly on what work they want to complete. The Upward website has been updated to keep the community better informed on when and where meetings occur.
- **Health and Justice Coordination** - Victoria shared that the Health and Justice Council is being created to tackle issues with behavioral health issues occurring in justice involved fields. Victoria is joining coalitions to be sure that she is as informed as she can be to start the council.

8. **Public Comment**

Alphia Hightower shared information on her involvement in the community. Alphia shared her desire to learn more about the Children Services Fund so that she can share her information and knowledge with other community partners. Alphia also shared her hope that the department/board follow through with community engagement so that even more people can learn.

9. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

April 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.