

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Meeting: Virtual Meeting*or

Boone County Community Services Department, 107 N 7th St., Columbia, MO

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests: Liz Palazzolo – Boone County Purchasing Department, Alpha Hightower – Community Member

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)

Rodney motioned to go into closed session at 8:02 a.m. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Sebastián – yes, Michele – yes. Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes

Wiley entered at 8:29 a.m.

Wiley motioned to approve the Strategic Innovation Opportunity Fund application submitted by Columbia STEM. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Sebastián – yes, Michele – yes. Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes, Wiley – yes

Lynn motioned to approve the Strategic Innovation Opportunity Fund application submitted by Heart of Missouri CASA. Wiley seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – no, Connie – yes, Sebastián – yes, Michele – yes. Bob – no, Lynn – yes, Rodney – no, Wiley – yes

Connie motioned to deny the Strategic Innovation Opportunity Fund application submitted by The University of Missouri – Department of Psychiatry – Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MO-CPAP). Bob seconded the motion. The application was denied.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Sebastián – yes, Michele – yes. Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes, Wiley – yes

Bob motioned to come out of closed session at 8:40 a.m. Sebastián seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Connie – yes, Sebastián – yes, Michele – yes. Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes, Wiley – yes

3. Approve Minutes for April 10, 2025 Meeting

Rodney motioned to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 meeting. Connie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alpha joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

4. Financial Report for May 15, 2025 Meeting

- Net position is \$7,009,767
- The sales tax revenue is \$1,198,653.41
- The use tax revenue is \$240,645.60
- Interest revenue is \$36,095.72
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.4 million

5. Election of Officers

Leigh informed the board members that there will be an election of officers.

Multiple members nominated Leigh to continue as chair. All voted to keep Leigh as board chair. Leigh will remain as chair.

Greg shared that he does not wish to continue as vice chair but plans to continue as a member.

Bob nominated himself to serve as vice chair. Lynn nominated Rodney to serve as vice chair. Rodney was voted as vice chair.

Connie was nominated to continue as treasurer. All were in favor. Connie will remain as treasurer.

Wiley left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

6. Review BCCSB Committees

Kristin followed up with the board on who will serve on what committees. Board members self-appointed themselves.

The department requests at least one more board member to join the Administrative Policy & By Laws Committee. Leigh and Rodney volunteered to join.

7. New Business

Leigh talked to the board about summer meetings. It was noted to everyone that the June meeting will be in person.

Historically, the board does not meet in July. The board decided to skip the July meeting this year as well. The July board meeting has been canceled.

8. Director's Update

- **Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA) Meeting** – Joanne shared the Partner for Better report on MONACA. Joanne said that everything looks good in the report.
- **University of Missouri – Occupational Therapy Reimbursement** – MU Swim has not yet reimbursed the department for the \$200 which was voted on at the last board meeting. MU SWIM has assured the department that the payment is coming soon via check.
- **Foundant Trainings-** Kristin shared that the Foundant training dates have been shared with all 2025 funded organizations. There is also a list of organizations which are not currently funded by any of the three BIG partners, but that should attend this training for possible future funding.
- **Philanthropy of Missouri** – Joanne and Kristin met with PhilMO to see how other funders can collaborate and connect to better support organizations needing funding. There are plans to have a conference with potential funders in the fall or early winter.
- **2024 Annual Report** – The department has drafted a snapshot to give a general idea of what will be included in the final annual report. Kristin shared a few pages of the snapshot. The board suggested having a separate executive summary.
- **Upward Mobility** – Verna shared an update on Upward Mobility and encouraged the board to read it thoroughly.

- **Health and Justice Coordination** – Victoria shared current partnerships that are happening with the Health and Justice Council.

9. Family Access Center for Excellence (FACE) Update

- Kristin shared some information on FACE's year-end report. Some key points included 90% utilization of funds and data sharing with the Juvenile Office. FACE shared concerns about staff retention with the current salary and compensation. TAP noted 23 subagencies contracted.
- Kristin also shared a 2025 Quarter 1 report submitted by FACE. There was a dip in contracted agencies and therapists. The quarterly report shared some data about services provided so far in 2025.
- Joanne shared the roster of the FACE Board of Representative (BOR) and plans on meeting with the new CPS Superintendent, Jeff Klein, to get him introduced and familiar with the FACE BOR as well as with the CSF and its funded organizations.
- Joanne mentioned the possibility of meeting with FACE to discuss their 2026 budget. Joanne hopes to have the meeting within the next month.

Wiley entered the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

10. Public Comment

Verna shared that Kristin and Rodney were both nominated for the COMO 20 under 40. Congratulations to them both!

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
June 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.**