

# **BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

## **In-Person Meeting**

### **Boone County Family Resources Building**

**2700 W Ash St Columbia, MO 65203**

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

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## **MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Leigh Spence, Bob Aulgur, Greg Grupe, Rodney Dixon, Wiley Miller, Lynn Barnett

**Board Members Absent:** Connie Leipard, Sebastián Martínez, Michele Kennett

**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, Ben Lee – Administrative Coordinator, Gina Jenkins – Data & Performance Specialist

**Guests:** Amy Gerskin– Boone County Purchasing Department, Aaron Thompson – Family Access Center for Excellence (FACE), Andy Frey – FACE, Wendy Reinke – FACE, Kristin Hawley – FACE, Ketih Herman – FACE, Alpha Hightower – Citizen

### **1. Open Meeting**

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

### **2. Introductions**

Leigh opened the floor for introductions.

### **3. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) of Boone County Presentation**

Wendy explained how schools gather student surveys on FACE's Early Identification System (EIS) Administrator Dashboard. Wendy showed the risk level of the overall student population and of a specific student on data provided by both students and teachers, depending on the grade level.

There was a question about how parents can access or be informed about their student(s) taking these surveys. Wendy mentioned that there are options for parents to opt in or out of receiving information.

Wendy shared that there is an Intervention Hub which is used as a resource to schools. This hub includes various PDF's, which can be generated for a specific issue that gives teachers instructions on how to implement intervention strategies.

**4. Motion and Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(11)(12)(13)**

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:32 a.m. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes

Wiley entered the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Amy left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Greg motioned to come out of closed session at 9:16 a.m. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Rodney – yes, Wiley – yes

**5. Approve Minutes for May 15, 2025 Meeting**

Rodney motioned to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2025 meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alphia joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

**6. Financial Report for May 15, 2025 Meeting**

- Net position is at \$6,930,689
- The sales tax revenue is at \$1,878,980
- The use tax revenue is at \$381,314
- Interest revenue is at \$113,276
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.4 million

**7. New Business**

The board discussed the BCCSB Equity Statement due to recent federal government restrictions. The BCCSB Equity Statement was included on the BCCSD website and the BCCSB Funding Policy.

Bob motioned to remove the equity statement from public access. Rodney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob motioned that the board continues to operate in the same manner that it has always operated. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## 8. **Director's Update**

- **Office of Violence Prevention**

Joanne has been asked by D'Markus Thomas-Brown to be on the City of Columbia Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Group. Joanne attended the first meeting and reported there was a lot of useful information.

- **Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and Medicaid**

The department met with Dr. Borduin regarding his efforts of getting Medicaid funds approved for Multi-Systemic Therapy and potential opportunities for the BCCSF to match Medicaid funding. Joanne discussed the complexity and limitations of matching Medicaid dollars.

- **Meeting with Dr. Klein**

Kristin and Joanne met with Dr. Klein, the new Columbia Public Schools Superintendent, to share about the Boone County Community Services Department and the Boone County Children Services Board.

- **Children's Funding Project & Sacramento Children's Fund**

Kristin shared that she attended a meeting organized by the Children's Funding Project with the Sacramento Children's Fund. The Sacramento Children's Fund was recently established and they wanted to learn more about the BCCSB's Review and Assessment Report in 2024. Broward County Children's Services Council in Florida has also reached out to the department to get more information.

- **Foundant Trainings**

Krisitn shared that the department in collaboration with Heart of Missouri United Way and the City of Columbia held training sessions for organizations on Foundant. The department has also updated the website to reflect Foundant as the new funding management system. The new funding management officially went live with organizations being granted access.

- **2024 Annual Report**

The department shared the 2024 Annual Report and the executive summary. The department will work on sending both versions out to the community. The department will work on a press release announcing the report.

- **Upward Mobility**

Verna shared that she will be retiring from the department as Upward Mobility Program Manager. The department is seeking new applicants for this position.

- **Health and Justice Coordination**

Victoria shared that there is a first draft of the Health and Justice Coordination Website.

## 9. **FACE Board of Representatives (BOR)**

Joanne shared that Dr. Klein is seeking to serve on the FACE Board of Representatives.

Bob motioned to approve Dr. Klein as a member of the FACE Board of Representatives. Lynn seconded the motion. The motioned carried.

**10. Public Comment**

Alphia agrees with the board's decision around the removal of the equity statement but continuing the work. Alphia also shared some concern on data reporting from organizations. Alphia expressed her excitement about the collaboration taking place to expand Children Service Fund's to other counties/states.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:  
August 14 at 8:00 a.m.**