

**BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Virtual Meeting or Boone County Community Services Department**  
**(107 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Columbia MO 65203)**

*Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.*

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**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Rodney Dixon, Greg Grupe, Wiley Miller, Lynn Barnett, Connie Leopard, Sebastián Martínez, Bob Aulgur

**Board Members Absent:** Michele Kennett, Leigh Spence

**Staff Present:** Joanne Nelson – Director, Kristin Cummins – Deputy Director, Enola White – Program Manager, Michelle Thompson – Program Specialist, Victoria Woods – Health & Justice Coordinator, Ben Lee – Administrative Coordinator, Gina Jenkins – Data & Performance Specialist

**Guests:** Liz Palazzolo – Senior Buyer, Boone County Purchasing; Alpha Hightower

**1. Open Meeting**

- Meeting opened at 8:02 am

**2. Introductions**

- Liz Palazzolo and Enola White were introduced to board members. Sebastian left at 8:07 am.

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

Lynn motioned for closed session at 8:08 am, Bob seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Rodney-yes, Wiley-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes.

Enola left the meeting due to a conflict of interest with one of the vendors considered for RFP #14-03JUN25.

Sebastian rejoined at 8:12 am.

At 8:28 am Bob left meeting and then returned at 8:32 am.

Greg motioned to approve GUIDE as a vendor for the Strategic Planning RFP. Bob seconded.

Roll Call: Lynn-yes, Bob-yes, Sebastian-yes, Rodney-yes, Connie-abstain, Wiley-yes, Greg-yes

Connie abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Liz left at 8:38 am. Enola rejoined at 8:38 am

Lynn motioned to table the contingency fund request until more information could be provided. Greg Seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Greg-yes, Connie-yes, Rodney-yes, Sebastian-yes, Wiley-yes

Greg motioned for a vote to reject supplemental funding requests for Flourish & Job Point (Columbia Builds Youth). Rodney Seconded

Roll Call: Rodney-yes, Greg-yes, Bob-yes, Connie-yes, Sebastian-yes, Lynn-yes, Wiley-yes

Lynn motioned to vote that no supplemental funding requests will be considered at this time. Connie Seconded

Roll Call: Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Bob-yes, Rodney-yes, Sebastian-yes, Wiley-yes

Lynn motioned to come out of closed session. Bob seconded

Roll call: Greg-yes, Rodney-yes, Bob-yes, Connie-yes, Sebastian-yes, Lynn-yes, Wiley-yes

Open Session begins at 9:26 am

Alpha re-joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

#### **4. Approve Minutes for June 12, 2025 Meeting**

Bob motioned to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025, meeting. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **5. Financial Report for August 14, 2025 Meeting**

Joanne gave a report on the net position of the children's services fund:

- Net position is \$6,930,689
- The sales tax revenue is \$1,878,980
- The use tax revenue is \$381,314
- Interest revenue is \$113,276
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.4 million
- Utilization is higher than last year.
- Earned interest for May was smaller than forecasted.
- Reallocations are expected to increase programs are halfway through the year.
- Revenues and fund investment report were discussed.

Connie motioned to approve financial report. Rodney Seconded. The motion carried.

#### **6. FY2026 Children's Service Fund Budget**

- Joanne gave an overview of the projected budget for fiscal year 2026 and the projected position of the fund at the end of the year.
- Rodney asked about clarification on some of the projected numbers for the fund balance going forward.

Lynn motioned to give budget preliminary approval, Connie seconded. The motion carried.

## **7. Directors Update- Staff**

- **Office of Violence Prevention** – Joanne provided an update on meeting attendance and goals of the group convened by the City of Columbia’s Office of Violence Prevention.
- **Child Advocacy Center Update** – A report was provided by Partner for Better. The project is going well and should be completed soon.
- **Boone County Public Safety Childcare Center** – Joanne has been touring childcare centers with Ami Hayes, the new Boone County Public Safety Childcare Center.
- **Philanthropy Missouri Collaboration** – Joanne and Kristin are planning an event for Central Missouri funders in collaboration with Philanthropy Missouri.
- **2025 Interim Reports** – Kristin provided an update of the department reviewing interim reports. More information will be provided at the next Boone County Children’s Services Board (BCCSB) meeting.
- **2025 Board Presentation Videos** – Kristin explained that funded organizations will have video presentations uploaded soon. The BCCSB will receive a link to review the videos soon.
- **Administrative Recommendations Update** – The department continues to review and implement strategies to improve operations and the Children’s Services Fund. An updated outline with color coding and goals was provided to the BCCSB. Several items have been completed or are in progress.
- **Funded Organization Directory** – Department staff are working on compiling a more detailed directory of programs funded by the BCCSB. The goal is to increase awareness and access of funded programs across Boone County.
- **Grassroots Funding Opportunity** – A written report was provided to the BCCSB regarding the Grassroots Funding Opportunity.
- **Upward Mobility** - Enola has fully transitioned into her role as Program Manager for the Upward Mobility project. A written report was provided to the BCCSB.
- **Health and Justice Coordination** – Victoria provided an update on efforts to coordinate various governmental and charitable organizations. A written report was provided to the BCCSB.

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

The BCCSB discussed the proposed budget for FACE for fiscal year 2026:

- Proposed budget will not increase for fiscal year 2025
- Changes from previous year’s budget were noted
- Dedicated office space will no longer be used.
- There are to be reductions in the filling of open roles to help use funds more judiciously.
- Summary of Principal Investigator (PI) roles for FY26 were given and discussed.
- An updated organizational chart was discussed.
- Andy will now be primary contact as opposed to Aaron who will be stepping back.

Motion to approve proposed FACE budget for FY2026 was motioned by Lynn. Sebastian seconded. The motion carried.

## **9. Public Comment**

Alphia requested that reports and other information discussed during the meeting be made available to her.

## **10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am

**NEXT MEETING:**

**September 11, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.**