

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Boone County Family Resources

2700 W. Ash St., Columbia, MO 65203

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

MINUTES

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

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

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: CJ Dykhous-Boone County Counselor

1. Open Meeting

Leigh Spence opened the meeting at 8:01 am and introduced the board members and guests present.

2. Boone County Counselor- CJ Dykhous

CJ provided a history of the Children's Service Fund in Boone County, the intention of the framework to have Boone County support and provide accountability in expenditures, and in doing board business. He covered the funding policy and identified the primary beneficiaries of the CSF (0–19-year-old children). CJ also reviewed the concepts guiding the CSF conflict of interest policy and the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the county government.

The board members reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and signed the yearly disclosure and agreement forms.

CJ then opened the floor for questions. Bob asked for clarification on the limits of the board's role in relation to the MOU with the county government. CJ clarified that the MOU is merely to fill in the "cracks" in the original statute drafting. He also reiterated that the BCCSB (Boone County Children's Service Board), state statute, and MOU all work together.

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

Greg motioned for closed session at 8:26 am, Bob seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastian-yes

Lynn motioned to deny the Contingency Fund Request presented to the Board. Greg seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastian-yes

Alphia joined the meeting at 9:03 am and was asked to wait outside as we were in closed session.

Bob motioned to return to end the Closed Session at 9:22 am. Sebastian seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastian-yes

Lynn left the meeting at 9:23 am

Alphia rejoined the meeting at 9:14 am

4. Approve Minutes for August 14, 2025 Meeting

Greg motioned to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025, meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report for September 11, 2025 Meeting

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

- Net position is \$6,144,996
- The sales tax revenue is \$4,273,574.56
- The use tax revenue is \$823,792.55
- Interest revenue is \$217,948.25
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.4 million
- Revenues and fund investment report were discussed.

The updated financials from July were discussed along with addressing some of the questions that Rodney had posed during the last board meeting.

Utilization percentages and reallocations for the various organizations were discussed. Alphia requested clarification on the actual process of reallocation and how it works. The process was explained via an example of a hypothetical reallocation.

Sebastian motioned to approve financial report. Connie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) of Boone County

The transition plan for FACE Community Based Services (CBS) was shared and discussed.

Inventory procedures for the transition of FACE from office space to primarily work from home were covered along with the steps that are being taken to track and deal with inventory that FACE no longer needs due to removal of office space. Unwanted equipment or furniture will be coordinated with the Community Services Department, the Boone County Purchasing Department, and the Facilities Management Department after further discussion with the County Counselor.

Bob motioned to approve the FACE transfer plan. Connie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Boone County Children's Service Board Strategic Plan

The new strategic plan along with associated costs was covered by the board. The yearly board retreat and the scheduling around it was briefly discussed.

8. Director's Update-Staff

- **National Association of Counties (NACo)**

Victoria is at NACo with Christie Davis, Director of Boone County Joint Communications, to investigate opportunities for increased health and justice coordination. Joanne will be attending a youth justice symposium next week with D'Markus Thomas Brown, Director of the Columbia's Office of Violence Prevention Coordinator.

- **Source Summit**

Upward Mobility will be on a panel at the Source Summit from November 10-15. There will also be a Grassroots Panel. BCCS will focus the presentation on the Grassroots portion while Upward Mobility will hand out materials and answer questions.

- **Philanthropy MO Collaboration**

BCCS is working with Phil MO to produce a local funders event for Boone County on 10/22. The focus of the event will be on increasing collaboration between funders who work in the Mid Missouri/Boone County areas and on how funding can be best allocated between all the various service organizations. Flat Branch Bank will be providing catering, and the event will be held at the Boone County Family Resources building.

- **Upward Mobility**

Things are going well. Enola continues to familiarize herself with the working of Upward Mobility. There are ongoing discussions around new locations for Upward meetings and the accessibility of current locations. Metrics and reports on meetings were covered briefly, to say that things are going quite well indeed.

- **Grassroots Funding Opportunity**

A report covering the current GFO's was given to the board. Current efforts are going well.

- **Health and Justice Coordination**

Victoria's trip to NACo was covered as well as updates around current coordination efforts with the Boone County courts and other organizations. No major updates at this time, but current efforts are going well and showing improving results.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

10. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

NEXT MEETING:

October 9, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.