

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

**MINUTES**

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

**Board Members Absent:** 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, Kerby Webb – Program & Community Specialist

**Guests:** Naija Farhat - KBIA, Cynthia Berry – Guide Research and Planning

**1. Open Meeting**

Leigh opened the meeting and introduced the board members and guests that were present.

**2. Introduction for Strategic Planning with GUIDE Research and Planning**

Dr. Cynthia Berry introduced herself. She gave a brief background on her work with other children's services funds and organizations in other cities/counties. She gave a general outline of strategic planning initiatives and an overview of the types of data analysis she would be using for the Boone County Children's Services Board's (BCCSB) strategic planning. She also gave a brief description of the reporting process and the types of benchmarks that would be used for the strategic plan.

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

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

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastián-yes, Michelle-yes, Rodney-yes

Naija was moved to the waiting room during the closed session

Greg motioned to approve funding up to \$4,550 for The Source Summit's Strategic Innovation Opportunity proposal and requested an itemized list of requested expenses. Rodney Seconded.

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastián-yes, Michele-yes

Bob motioned to come out of Closed Session. Rodney Seconded

Roll Call: Bob-yes, Greg-yes, Lynn-yes, Connie-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastián-yes, Michele-yes, Rodney-yes

Naija rejoined the meeting at 8:42 am

**4. Approve Minutes for September 11, 2025 Meeting**

Connie motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the last board meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn seconded. The motion carried.

## **5. Financial Report for September 11, 2025 Meeting**

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

- The Net Position is \$6,563,215 which is a \$412,218 increase from last month
- The sale tax revenue is \$4,972,719.58
- The use tax revenue is \$967,561.09
- The interest revenue is \$217,948.25
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are \$13.4 million
- Contract utilization and service reallocations were reviewed

Bob motioned to approve the financial report. Rodney Seconded. The motion carried.

## **6. FY2026 Contract Renewals**

The BCCSB reviewed renewal recommendations based on contract utilization and development/start funding not carrying over to the next fiscal year. The contract amount approved by the BCCSB totals \$13,200,122.35.

Bob motioned to approve the renewal recommendations. Lynn seconded. The motion carried.

## **7. Director's Update – Staff**

### **• Missouri Children's Services Funds Medicaid Matching**

Joanne and other Missouri Children's Services Fund Directors will be meeting with Missouri Department of Social Services to discuss Medicaid matching. The meeting will cover next steps on how to move forward and appropriate benchmarks for implementation.

### **• Youth Justice System Collaboration**

The department has been working with the Juvenile Justice Center on their federal continuum of care grant. The goal is to streamline communication between different stakeholders.

### **• NACo Peer Learning Opportunities**

Victoria recently attended a National Association of Counties (NACo) Peer Learning Exchange trip in Virginia along with the Boone County Joint Communications Director. Victoria shared at the conference Boone County's health and justice coordinating efforts. Victoria learned about several successful projects to help inform Boone County's initiative. Joanne also attended a NACo Peer Learning Exchange trip with D'Markus Thomas-Browne in Washington that shared initiatives on reducing juvenile justice involvement.

### **• The Source Summit - November 13-15**

The Community Services Department will be facilitating a Grassroots Funding Opportunity panel consisting of the six grassroots organizations on November 14. The panel discussion will be recorded and shared with the BCCSB.

### **• BCCSB Strategic Planning**

A date for the strategic planning retreat has almost been finalized. The CSD is working on finding an appropriate venue for the event. Dr Berry is finalizing surveys for dissemination to staff and board members.

- **Philanthropy Missouri Collaboration**

The department is organizing an event for central Missouri funders to network and expand collaboration. Philanthropy Missouri is partnering for this event by facilitating discussions and inviting funders in their network.

- **2025 Interim Reports**

All initial reviews have been done. Still working through follow-up items with orgs. All concerns have been shared with board in closed session.

- **2025 Board Presentation Videos**

The department has compiled feedback from board and responses will be sent. Rodney and Greg spoke about how helpful the videos are in allowing them to be able to speak to the community the different organizations. The board stressed the importance and usefulness of the videos and were very appreciative of the time and effort of the organizations for putting those videos together.

- **Grassroots Funding Opportunity**

Kerby spoke about grassroots panel discussion at the Source Summit conference and that the session will be recorded so that it can be shared with the board.

- **Upward Mobility**

Enola gave an update on the status of Upward Mobility and its initiatives and workgroups. There were updates regarding September meeting attendance and objectives. She shared that Al Plummer, the Early Grade Literacy facilitator, had recently passed away. The work group has adopted a new mascot (an otter) they named after Al in recognition of the wonderful contributions that he made to Upward Mobility over the years. Enola discussed the goals for Upward Mobility for next year and current scheduling priorities for the different workgroups. She also discussed the ongoing social media plan and its intended releases over the next several months.

- **Health and Justice Coordination**

Victoria shared about meetings between the Johnson County and Boone County IT departments regarding data sharing efforts. Key stakeholders were invited in to observe the process and help offer recommendations around the data sharing initiative. The Health and Justice Coordination Council meeting is set for October 28<sup>th</sup> and has had a strong response rate.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

**NEXT MEETING:  
November 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.**