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February 28, 2014

Annie Jensen, Vice President of Operations, Burrell Behavioral Health
Barbara Hodges, Executive Director, True North
Cynthia Chapman, Director of Development, Salvation Army Harbor House
Christine Corcoran, Regional Director, Lutheran Family and Children's Services
Deborah Beste, Director, Phoenix Programs
Isabel Rife, Project Director, Project LAUNCH
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Matthew Gooch, Programs Director, McCambridge Center
Mel Fetter, Chief Executive Officer, Pathways Community Health
Stephanie Browning, Administrator, Columbia Public Health and Department of Human Services

FROM: Jacqueline Schumacher, Consultant to the Boone County Children's Services Board

RE: Invitation to the March 27, 2014 Community Input Session

Dear Service Provider,

The Boone County Children's Services Board (BCCSB) is taking steps to gather information about children's services in Boone County. The Chairman, Mr. Les Wagner, and his eight-member board seek targeted information from the perspective of local providers whose services and programming align with Missouri Statutes 67 & 210. With assistance from the Institute of Public Policy in the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri, the Board is organizing a series of five community input sessions, one of which you are specifically invited to attend.

The organization and variety of community input sessions are driven exclusively by the funding statutes. For clarification, Missouri Statute 67 authorizes a local sales tax of one-quarter of one cent to be levied by Missouri counties for the purpose of establishing a Children's Services Fund. This tax was made possible in Boone County following voter approval on November 6, 2012 and is estimated to raise \$6.5 million dollars annually. According to Missouri Statute 210, the Children's Services Fund may be expensed to purchase the following services for children age 0-19 within Boone County:

Service Funding Categories

1. Up to thirty days of temporary shelter for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless or emotionally disturbed youth
2. Respite care services
3. Services to unwed mothers and unmarried parent services
4. Outpatient chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs
5. Counseling and related services as a part of transitional living programs
6. Home-based family intervention programs
7. Community-based family intervention programs
8. Crisis intervention services (inclusive of telephone hotlines)
9. Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families
10. Professional counseling and therapy services for individuals, groups, or families



- 11. Psychological evaluations
- 12. Mental health screenings

You have been identified as a service provider whose services apply to funding Category #4 (outpatient chemical and psychiatric treatment), Category #5 (counseling and related services for transitional living), Category #8 (crisis intervention inclusive of telephone hotlines), Category #10 (professional counseling and therapy), Category #11 (psychological evaluations), and/or Category #12 (mental health screenings). You, or a representative from your agency, are invited to participate in the Boone County Children Services Board meeting at **4:30 PM on March 27, 2014** in the Boone County Commission Chambers (RM 110) at 811 East Walnut, Columbia, Missouri 65201. This input session will address the topic of **Clinical & Mental Health Services** as it applies to Category #4, Category #5, Category #8, Category #10, Category #11, and Category #12.

During the input session, you will be asked five questions (described below). Your answers should be thoughtful, although brief. It is important the Board understands your service area’s collective perspective and not simply agency-specific information. Please keep in mind, **your invitation to address the Board is not an opportunity to express your agency’s need for funding**. Rather, the focus of the input session will center on the five questions listed below.

Your individual response time to these questions will range between a total of three and eight minutes. This time frame depends on the number of input session attendees. Therefore, please **RSVP** to schumacherja@missouri.edu by Friday, March 21, 2014. If possible, I will be in touch with you before the input session to confirm the amount of time you will have to answer the five questions below.

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN’S SERVICE BOARD COMMUNITY INPUT SCHEDULE			
DATE	Service Area	Funding Categories	Questions
Mar 27	Clinical & Mental Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Category #4:</i> Outpatient (chemical & psychiatric) treatment • <i>Category #5:</i> Counseling and related services for transitional living • <i>Category #8:</i> Crisis intervention • <i>Category #10:</i> Professional counseling and therapy • <i>Category #11:</i> Psychological evaluations • <i>Category #12:</i> Mental health screenings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the top two issues you feel need to be addressed in your service population specifically for clinical and/or mental health services? 2) Are there systemic obstacles to your success when working specifically with clinical and/or mental health services? 3) Where is the gap in your clinical and/or mental health services? 4) What is a quantitative measure of your success when working with clinical and/or mental health services? 5) Please describe potential collaborations you envision for addressing challenges in the clinical and/or mental health service area?



We look forward to hearing from your agency next month. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for further information.

Please RSVP by March 21, 2014

Sincerely,

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