

# BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

**In Person Meeting:**

**Boone County Family Resources – Community Room North**

**2700 W Ash Street, Columbia, MO**

***Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.***

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## **MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Leigh Spence, Bob Aulgur, Lynn Barnett, Greg Grupe, Michele Kennett

**Board Members Absent:** Wiley Miller, Rodney Dixon, Sebastián Martínez Valdivia, Connie Leipard

**Staff Present:** Joanne Nelson – Boone County Community Services Department Director, Kristin Cummins – Boone County Community Services Deputy Director, Verna Laboy – Boone County Community Services Department Program Manager, Michelle Thompson – Boone County Community Services Program Specialist, Lenna Peterson – Boone County Community Services Department Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Webb – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator

**Guests:** Adielle Ehret, Keith Herman, Wendy Reinke

### **1. Open Meeting**

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

### **2. Introductions**

Leigh asked that all attendees introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Michele Kennett joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

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

Adielle shared that school resource officers have started piloting the runaway youth FACE referral procedures first envisioned by Columbia Police Department (CPD) Chief Jill Schlude. FACE staff note seeing higher marijuana usage in and on school properties. Adielle shared that FACE only receives the minors' initials and a parent/guardian contact due to legal restrictions. FACE staff attempts to make referrals from that contact. Keith added that Ruth McClusky is developing a data sharing plan from the Juvenile Office which would provide de-identified runaway youth trend reports twice per year to FACE staff. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is in the works for this data sharing system. Adielle added

that presentations from outreach coordinators to juvenile officers are well received, and plenty of QR code cards are distributed into their teams.

The FACE website is now officially launched for public access - <https://faceofboonecounty.org/>

Adielle shared that a handful of FACE staff provide services at their own practice or as part of an agency. Without direction from the Children's Services Fund (CSF) Board, FACE has historically excluded these providers from their menus to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest. However, as referrals ask for more specific qualifications or diverse providers, the inclusion of providers who incidentally work for FACE would prove very beneficial to these referrals. Adielle asked that the CSF Board consider the need for accessible clinicians and services and provide guidance regarding the unofficial policy regarding the menus of options presented to referrals.

Wendy shared updates from the school-based services (SBS) team. Data collected and reported from the 2023-2024 academic year includes the following metrics:

- **Screenings-** 24,967 teacher checklists and 17,399 student checklists have been completed.
- **Direct Services-** 166 students are receiving group therapy, 140 students are receiving individual therapy, and 103 families are receiving family intervention specialist (FIS) services.
- **Risk Assessments & Follow Up-** 118 suicide risk screenings have been completed and 288 internalizing protocols have been completed.
- **Connections to Resources-** 312 referrals have been made to outside school agencies or services and 91 referrals have been made to FACE community-based services (CBS).

Wendy clarified that FACE and school counselors communicate to ensure that only one screening or intervention is requested of a child at one time.

Keith highlighted a few key grants and funding applications currently pending or awarded to the Missouri Prevention Science Institute that intersect with FACE operations. A grant from the Department of Justice has helped FACE provide rural schools free access to a technology-based threat monitoring system. Funding awarded for 2022 to 2025 supports this program in Southern Boone schools, and funding awarded for 2024 to 2026 supports this program in Columbia Public Schools (CPS). A grant awarded from the National Center for Rural Education in the amount of \$10 million for 2019-2025 targets rural schools and their capacity to identify, prevent, and intervene in youth mental health concerns. The grant has allowed all Boone County and CPS schools to redesign the Coalition checklist surveys, dashboard, and reporting system. FACE is in the process of translating the checklist survey into multiple languages for wider and more accurate assessment.

Adielle, Keith, and Wendy left the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

**4. Motion & Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo §610.021(3)(11)(12)**

Lynn motioned to go into closed session at 8:26 a.m. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Michele – yes

Bob motioned to remove the MU SWIM program from considerations regarding reimbursement to the CSF of excess revenues. Greg seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Michele – yes

Bob motioned to require the \$172,006.13 of excess revenues collected by the five MU Department of Psychiatry programs from their 2023 CSF funding be reimbursed to the CSF by check. Greg seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Michele – yes

**5. Motion & Vote to come out of Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3)(11)(12)**

Lynn motioned to come out of closed session at 9:13 a.m. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh – yes, Bob – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Michele – yes

**6. Approve Minutes for February 8, 2024 Meeting**

Greg motioned to approve the previous Board meeting minutes. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**7. Financial Report for February 8, 2024**

With all payments processed from 2023 CSF funds across all contracted programs, final utilization rates came to 83%. The CSF net position is \$9,239,500.00. February sales tax and use tax revenues have increased slightly over January's deposits.

Lynn motioned to approve the financial report. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**8. New Business**

The Board notes no new business for this meeting.

**9. Director's Update**

- **CSF Board Members Upcoming Term Expirations-** Leigh, Lynn, and Connie have all reapplied to the CSF Board, and the appointment is scheduled for the Commission meeting.

- **Grant-** Boone County was selected as one of five counties to participate in a County Juvenile Justice Innovation Network (CJJIN) organized by the National Association of Counties (NACO). The cohort of representatives from the five selected counties will convene this year in New Mexico. Joanne shared that the department will be including FACE in discussions regarding the CJJIN and gathering input from youth and school systems.
- **Funding Management System-** The department is looking for potential replacement funding management systems for 2025. The current software, Apricot, has had some functionality and support phased out since it was acquired by Bonterra. The department is reviewing eight possible replacement systems with Boone Impact Group (BIG) partners.
- **FACE Board of Representatives-** Elaine Hassemer will be retiring and therefore leaving the FACE Board of Representatives. She will be providing some recommendations for a replacement representative. Joanne will notify the CSF Board once she has reached out to the proposed replacement candidates.
- **Art Competition-** The department will be releasing a flyer advertising an art competition to gather art created by local youth and children. There is not any designated prize for the competition, as the goal is to publish the art in the 2023 Annual Report produced by the department. Leigh offered to help spread the flyer to art teachers in CPS.
- **Upward Mobility-** Verna shared that all workgroups continue to meet with meaningful purpose. The Affordable Housing Coalition met in its two committees, Policy led by Nick Foster and Marketing led by Erica Pefferman, for the first time. Second Chance Leasing is excitedly discussing the new rental standards. The Early Grade Literacy group has set a goal to bring in all Boone County superintendents. Jobs and Workforce Development is prioritizing creating a comprehensive list of their strategic action steps.
- **Housing Study-** The housing study community survey has been released to the public, and the department staff will be posting flyers around Boone County next week. Dr. David Boston has interviewed 40 plus key community voices regarding housing and related issues. The Board is encouraged to attend the community meetings, which are scheduled for the second week of April.

#### 10. Public Comment

None.

#### 11. Adjourn

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:  
April 11, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**