

**BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Hybrid Meeting: Virtual Meeting or Boone County Community Services**  
**Department, 605 E Walnut, Ste. A, Columbia, MO**

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

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**MINUTES**

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

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

**Guests:** Liz Palazzolo – Boone County Purchasing Department

**1. Open Meeting**

Leigh opened the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

**2. Motion & Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo §610.021(11)(13)**

Greg motioned to go into closed session at 8:02 a.m. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

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

Rodney Dixon joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

Liz Palazzolo joined the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Bob motioned that the Board approve the funding amount available, language for Section 3 of the 2024 Open RFP draft, and contract renewal options as proposed by the Department. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Connie Leipard joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Wiley Miller joined the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

Greg motioned that the Board approve the Strategic Innovation Opportunity (SIO) proposal from the Daniel Boone Regional Library. Lynn seconded the motion.

The Board continued further discussion regarding the motion. The motion was withdrawn.

Liz Palazzolo left the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Bob motioned that the Board table the business to the next Board meeting, where the Department will share information gathered after meeting with representatives from the Daniel Boone Regional Library regarding the SIO proposal. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Leigh – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastian – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes, Michele – yes, Wiley – yes

**3. Motion & Vote to come out of Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(11)(13)**

Rodney motioned to come out of closed session at 8:53 a.m. Wiley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Leigh – yes, Lynn – yes, Greg – yes, Bob – yes, Sebastian – yes, Rodney – yes, Connie – yes, Michele – yes, Wiley – yes

Michele Kennett left the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

**4. Approve Minutes for March 14, 2023 Meeting**

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

Greg Grupe left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

**5. Financial Report for April 11, 2023**

- The fund's net position is approximately \$9,283,548.
- Contracts are at 17% duration, but some February payments are still processing resulting in lower utilization rates.
- University of Missouri (MU) contracts with the Department of Psychiatry are still on hold until the reimbursement check from 2023 contract overages is received by the Department.

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

## 6. New Business

The Board notes no new business to discuss that is not outlined on the existing meeting agenda.

## 7. Director's Update

- **Staff & Department Changes-** Joanne shared that Kerby accepted a promotion into the Program, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Specialist role. The Administrative Coordinator role will be posted for applicants this week. The Health & Justice Coordinator role has been filled by Victoria Finn who will start on June 3rd. This position is not funded by the CSF. The Community Services Department will be relocating in the second quarter of 2024. The new offices are undergoing closing processes.
- **Missouri Ethics Commission Reminder-** Joanne reminded the Board that the Missouri Ethics Commission should have sent mail to each member and that Board members must file by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Grants & Conferences-** The Department will host another Results Based Accountability (RBA) training conference on June 7<sup>th</sup> as funded by a Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) grant. Joanne will attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) County Juvenile Justice Innovation Network (CJJIN) conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in late April. Kristin will attend the Missouri Rural Philanthropy Conference in Springfield, Missouri in early May. Joanne and Victoria will attend the NACo Familiar Faces Peer-Learning conference in Santa Ana, California in late June.
- **2023 Year End Reports & Reimbursements-** Year End Reports are completed for 2023. The Department is still awaiting reimbursement from MU for 2023 contract overages.
- **2023 Annual Report-** Kristin is working on the 2023 Annual Report draft with the goal of sharing a draft at the May Board meeting. There have been a handful of art pieces submitted via the art contest organized by the Department.
- **Partner for Better CSF Report-** The Department met with Partner for Better last week to check in on report progress. Partner for Better is scheduling interviews and focus group meetings, and the administrative draft is completed. The first report will be shared by the Partner for Better team at the May Board meeting.
- **Upward Mobility-** Gina shared that all workgroups continue to meet and make progress. Joanne will be speaking at an Urban Institute webinar next week regarding the County's Mobility Action Plan. Representatives from Fayette, Missouri reached out to the Department seeking guidance on how to begin implementing upward mobility concepts into Howard County.
- **Housing Study-** Community meetings with Dr. Boston occurred this week, with the final meeting taking place tonight in Ashland. Bob noted that the meetings have showed good turnout and quality conversations and input. The community survey is closing soon and has received over 600 responses. There is a Housing & Homelessness Summit currently scheduled for the fall, and the Department hopes to share key points from the Housing Study at the event.

**8. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Update**

Kristin reviewed the Year End Report for FACE and the Therapy Access Program (TAP). School-based metrics from the report will be available in the Interim Report due to the academic calendar.

**9. Public Comment**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:1 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:  
May 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**