

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

In-Person Meeting

Boone County Family Resources Building

2700 W Ash St Columbia, MO 65203

Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: 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 Program Manager, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Webb – Boone County Community Services Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Specialist, Emilio Ayala Youngblood – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator, Victoria Woods – Boone County Community Services Health and Justice Coordinator

Guests: Aaron Thompson – Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE), Kristin Hawley –FACE, Adielle Ehret – FACE, Sarah Owens –FACE, Wendy Reinke – FACE, Keith Herman –FACE, Kip Kendrick – Boone County Presiding Commissioner.

1. Open Meeting

Leigh opened the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

2. FACE Presentation

Adielle from FACE began by stating that in May, the City of Columbia went live with the “Divert” Program which combines social services with the justice system to prevent law and justice involvement. There have been meetings with Columbia Police Department (CPD) and 11 referrals from CPD, fire departments and the City’s Office of Neighborhood Services. FACE is starting to present to Sheriff’s office staff and workforce, and presentations with CPD are resuming.

Rodney had a question about their approach and the need for more funding.

Adielle responded that there is always a need for more funding, but that collaboration and connections are also greatly important and needed.

Verna asked how long FACE has been opened.

Adielle states that FACE has been open for about nine years.

Verna expressed hope that this Divert Program continues after the nine years of effort, and that the school-to-prison pipeline is real and is not always seen and acknowledged.

Aaron added in that it takes about 10 years for systems to get opened and ingrained into community culture.

Sarah from FACE announces the 10-year celebration of School-Bases Services (SBS) checklist happening in October. She also provided a handout summary of the 2023-2024 academic year. She stated that the support from the board and communication collaboration make their services normal, trusted, reliable and ingrained. Direct services included, over 150 people participating in group therapy and almost 200 in individual therapy. There were 146 families served by the Family Intervention Specialist (FIS) team this year. There have been over 120 suicide risk screenings.

The High School Student Advisory Committee stated that they have selected students for next school year and the creation of Mental Health Ambassadors who are trained in soft skills like leadership, problem solving, and other skills.

Commissioner Kendrick asked about more information about the High School Advisory. Wendy shared that ambassadors are providing information on checklists, counselors are overworked, and teachers are overwhelmed. Sarah replied that the committee provides information and feedback on what happens after there are red/yellow flags from the checklist and also gives feedback on intervention.

Wiley arrived at 8:29AM

All guests except for Commissioner Kendrick left at 8:30AM

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

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:30AM. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Greg motioned that the Board approve the open RFP evaluation process as recommended by staff members. Sebastián seconded the motion.

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

Sebastián motioned that the Board approve revised contract language for Columbia Supreme, Dream Tree and Do Something Right Now. Rodney seconded the motion.

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

Lynn motioned that the Board approve revised budget amount for Do Something Right Now. Bob seconded the motion.

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

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

Lynn motioned to come out of closed session at 8:40AM. Bob seconded the motion.

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

5. Approve Minutes for May 9, 2024 Meeting

Sebastián motioned to approve the previous Board meeting minutes. Rodney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Financial Report for June 13, 2024

- The fund's net position is approximately \$8,941,399
- Interest revenue is at \$64,576.59
- Sales tax revenue is at \$1,883,155.19
- Use tax revenue is at \$296,394.97
- There has been a reimbursement of \$172,006.15 from the University of Missouri Department of Psychology.
- The MU SWIM program has no billing yet due to internal billing system issues.

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

Budget Revision:

Rodney motioned that the Board approve a budget revision to move \$15,000.00 in emergency funds for fixes on the new building for the department. Michele seconded the motion.

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

7. New Business

Everyone present wished Victoria a happy birthday!

8. Director's Update

- **Staff & Department Changes-** Joanne shared that the Department has welcomed Victoria Woods as the new Health and Justice Coordinator and Emilio Ayala Youngblood as the new Administrative Coordinator.
- **Moving Timeline-** The Department has set the move goal to be July 1, 2, and 3. The Department plans on having an open house after the move.
- **Grants-** The Department is working with Jarrell Morton, Tara Eppy and Commissioner Thompson who will host Youth Sequential Intercept Mapping. Joanne and Victoria are traveling to California to attend the Familiar Faces conference with NACo sponsorship.
- **RBA Training-** Joanne shared that the Department hosted a Results-Based Accountability (RBA) training opportunity, which was funded with Missouri Foundation for Health funds, on June 7, 2024. There will be a leadership Lab in the fall and another RBA training next year. The city will use RBA for their workgroups in Community Action Plans.
- **Partner for Better-** Kristin shared there will be focus groups and interviews in the next couple of months. It is still on set for EOY finish.
- **Strategic Innovation Opportunity Daniel Boone Regional Library-** Kristin shared that the Department has met with interim directors who knew about the contract and are aware of the requirements. This will be read in commission later today.
- **Boone Indicators Dashboard-** Kristin shared the Google analytics of the website, noting that there were spikes when the RFPs are out, as expected. There is constant usage.
- **July BCCSB Meeting-** There will be no meeting in July 2024.
- **National Association of Counties (NACo)-** Verna has been requested to present on Upward Mobility at the upcoming NACo conference.
- **Upward Mobility-** Verna shared that she will be celebrating her one-year anniversary at the department and her work in the community continues. Verna shared that there will be a poverty

simulation in partnership with Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) which is set tentatively for September 6, 2024.

- **Housing Study-** The department is looking for a space for the October 24 Housing Summit where there will be a rollout of the completed housing summit by Dr. Boston. Dr. Boston will be present at the summit. There are visitations happening at development sites and meetings with key stakeholders.

Sebastian left the meeting at 9:40AM.

9. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) Update

- **FACE Board of Representatives-** Joanne shared that Steve Hollis will be retiring and Kari Utterback will be replacing his role on the roster. Greg motioned to approve this replacement. Lynn second the motion.
Roll call: Leigh – yes, Greg – yes, Rodney – yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Bob – yes, Michele – yes, Sebastián – yes

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Adjourn

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:42AM.

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