

# BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

**Hybrid Meeting: Virtual Meeting or Boone County Community Services  
Department, 107 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia, MO**

*Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.*

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## MINUTES

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**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

**Guests:** Melinda Bobbit – Boone County Purchasing Department

### 1. Open Meeting

Leigh opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

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

Leigh motioned to go into closed session at 8:03AM. Lynn seconded the motion.

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

Wiley joined the meeting at 8:09AM

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

Leigh motioned to come out of closed session at 8:10AM. Wiley seconded the motion.

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

Melinda left the meeting at 8:10AM

**3. Approve Minutes for June 13, 2024 Meeting**

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

**4. Financial Report for June 13, 2024**

- The sales tax revenue is around \$3,400,00.00.
- The Use Tax is over \$500,000.00.
- Other revues include a \$172,000.00 reimbursement from the University of Missouri and \$588 in reimbursement from an employee who left their position and was not vested.
- Sales tax has gone down slightly, but the department is expecting a rise again as students move back to Columbia.
- The contract utilization rate was reviewed. There are a couple contracts that have used a higher percentage of their contract.
- The contracts funded through the Grassroots Funding Opportunity started and received their first installment.
- Service reallocations that were processed since the previous board meeting were reviewed.

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

**5. New Business**

Leigh, Joanne, and Kristin had discussed the idea for the board developing a strategic plan after the Children’s Services Fund report is completed. There was a discussion on how to sustainably fund programs and to ensure the funds are being utilized strategically to address needs in the community. They suggest possibly having money set aside for an outside organization to help with this strategic planning. It was noted that other Children Services Funds have developed strategic plans. Joanne will request strategic plans from other Children Services Funds and share with the board.

**6. Approve FY2025 Children’s Services Fund (CSF) Budget**

Joanne presented the preliminary budget for the Children’s Services Fund for fiscal year 2025. The board discussed potential changes from the current budget.

Lynn motioned to approve the FY2025 CSF Preliminary Budget. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 7. **Boys and Girls Club of Columbia Area Renewal**

The contract for Boys and Girls Club of Columbia Area is for six-month time frames. The renewal amount is \$139,697.08 and will end December 31, 2024.

Michele motioned to approve the renewal of the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia Area contract. Sebastián seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 8. **Director's Update**

- **Moving Update:** The department moved to 107 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Facility Management and IT have assisted the department and several tasks remaining. The department plans on having an open house and possibly a ribbon cutting with commission.
- **Media Updates:** There have been several media requests. Kristin was interviewed regarding the Housing Study and Joanne was interviewed regarding youth violence.
- **County Juvenile Justice Network:** There will be a Juvenile Sequential Intercept Mapping in November.
- **Partner for Better:** The department continues to meet monthly with Partner for Better (PFB). PFB stated that they almost done with stakeholder interviews and focus groups. PFB is on track to complete the study within the original timeframe.
- **Staff Attendance at NACo:** Verna presented with Commissioner Thompson at the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference regarding Upward Mobility. Verna and Gina shared about their experience at the conference and stated participants have reached out for more information on the Upward Mobility project.
- **One Health:** One Health is a new concept that Commissioner Kendrick recommended Joanne to be involved with. One Health involves the Department of Conservation with the goal of setting aside land to make nature more accessible to the public. Joanne says she will share more information as she attends more meetings.
- **Upward Mobility:** The department will host an Upward Mobility Update and Poverty Simulation on September 6<sup>th</sup> at Forum Christian Church at 9:00AM. Verna shared an update on the three Upward Mobility workgroups.
- **Housing Study:** The department is working with Dr. David Boston who is doing the housing study for the county. Dr. Boston plans on finishing the study sooner than expected and will be present at the Housing Summit on October 24<sup>th</sup> to present his findings. The Housing Summit will include panels

with community representing different sectors. The goal of the summit is to prioritize next steps to address affordable housing in Boone County. The department invited the board to attend the summit.

## 9. FACE Update

- **FY2025 Budget:** FACE's current budget proposal is for \$4.1 million while their current budget is around \$3.6 million. The board discussed the need to keep the budget similar to the 2024 contract amount and the importance of FACE diversifying funding streams. There was discussion to allow FACE to not have a physical office space in the future. The unit rate for the Therapy Access Program (TAP) was increased to be comparable to publicly available rates. Joanne will request FACE resubmit the proposed 2025 budget by the September meeting.
- **Interagency Partner meetings:** A letter from FACE was shared regarding changes the Interagency Partner meetings. The board expressed concerns on the proposed changes and ensure feedback from partner agencies was collected. The department will request FACE discuss the changes further with the agency partners.
- **FACE BOR Feedback:** Ruth McCluskey representing the Juvenile Justice Office on the FACE Board of Representatives (BOR) is taking a new position at Columbia Public Schools. The Juvenile Justice Office representative on the FACE BOR will need to be filled.
- **FACE 10 Year Celebration:** FACE will be holding a 10 year celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Missouri Historical Society. The board was invited to attend.

## 10. Public Comment

Kerby shared that the Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence (JTIE) Equity Lab will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Daniel Boone Regional Library from 8:30AM-12:30PM.

## 11. Adjourn

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:47AM

**NEXT MEETING:  
September 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**