

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Online Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leigh Spence, Wiley Miller, Lynn Barnett, Connie Leopard, Rodney Dixon, Michele Kennett, Bob Aulgur

Board Members Absent: Sebastián Martínez, Greg Grupe

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, Michelle Thompson – Boone County Community Services Department Program Specialist, Gina Jenkins – Boone County Community Services Data & Performance Analyst, Kerby Webb – Boone County Community Services Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Specialist, Victoria Woods – Boone County Community Services Health & Justice Coordinator, Emilio Ayala Youngblood – Boone County Community Services Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Amy Gerskin – Boone County Purchasing Department, Liz Palazzolo – Boone County Purchasing Department, Kasey Hammock – Partner for Better, Jessica Macy – Partner for Better, Sarah Smith – Partner for Better

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Introductions

Leigh asked that all the people present introduce themselves.

3. Presentation: Partner for Better – Budget Update and Review

Kasey from Partner for Better presented a slideshow of 2024 Boone County Children's Services Fund: Review and Assessment 2019-2023 report to the group. The presentation provided a summary of the Boone County Children's Services Fund's investments and to provide strategic recommendations. The report includes community perceptions on the funding process, recommendations on areas of

improvement, return on investment, and three key areas that regarding funding to meet needs in the community.

The report will be finalized after final revisions are completed by Partner for Better. The final report will be ready for the board to vote on and release to the public at the December meeting.

Wiley entered the meeting at 8:10AM

Kasey, Jessica and Sarah left the meeting at 8:36AM

4. Motion & Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo §610.021(12)(13)

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:38AM. Lynn seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes, Bob – yes

Lynn motioned to approve the best and final offers for RFP #20-26JUN24. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes, Bob – yes

Bob motioned to approve FY2025 renewals for the Grassroots Funding Opportunity and Strategic Innovation Opportunity contracts. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes, Bob – yes

Wiley motioned to approve the Supplemental Funding Request of \$3,842.25 submitted by Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Connie seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes

Bob abstained.

Lynn motioned to approve the Supplemental Funding Request of \$9,480.00 submitted by the Columbia Farmers Market. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Michele – yes, Bob – yes

Liz and Amy left the meeting at 9:12AM.

Motion & Vote to come out of Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo §610.021(12)(13)

Wiley motioned to come out of closed session at 9:17AM. Rodney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Leigh- yes, Wiley – yes, Lynn – yes, Connie – yes, Rodney – yes, Bob – yes, Michele – yes

5. **Approve Minnutes for September 12, 2024 and October 10, 2024 Meetings**

Lynn motioned to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2024 and October 10, 2024 meetings.

Rodney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. **Financial Reports for October 10,2024 and November 14, 2024 Meetings**

- The sales tax revenue is at \$5,690,031
- The use tax revenue is at \$977,064
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$12.6 million
- Service contract expenditures are higher than the past couple of months as organizations are resolving issues related to interim reporting.
- Since the last meeting, two organizations have completed reallocation requests.

7. **New Business**

There was no new business to share.

8. **Director's Update**

Juvenile SIM

Joanne shared that there will be four staff members present at the Juvenile Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) the week following the meeting. Victoria shared information on the \$1,000 that the board provided for this event. It will be used for catering purposes at the Juvenile SIM.

Grassroots Funding Opportunity

Kerby shared program updates on the grassroots funding organizations. The Community Services Department staff met with each organization. A summary report of the meeting served at the organization's quarterly report.

Housing Summit

The department has built a website to house the housing study and summit information. A video of Dr. Boston's presentation and panel discussions will be uploaded to the website. Additional materials will also be added once information from the summit is finalized. There will be a meeting with Boone County and City of Columbia elected officials to discuss the recommendations outlined in the study.

Upward Mobility

Verna shared that a survey was sent out to the Upward Mobility workgroup meeting attendees. The survey will provide information on how to move forward effectively with the workgroups. Verna shared that there is meaningful discussion occurring at these workgroups. Verna invited the board to attend the meetings as they are hybrid meetings.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Kerby shared an update on the Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence committee. The next equity lab will be on November 20 on the topic of Neurodiversity in the workplace.

Michele left the meeting at 9:34AM

9. FACE Board of Representatives Appointments

The next FACE Board of Representatives (BOR) meeting is scheduled for November 21 at 12:00pm. The department requested that the Children Services Board approve the appointments of Katie Helfer and Angie Bezoni to the FACE BOR to fill vacancies.

Lynn motioned to approve the addition of Katie Helfer and Angie Bezoni to the FACE BOR. Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. FACE Update

Quarterly Report

Kristin shared an update on the Quarterly report which includes updates on the services provided from January through September 2024. FACE continues to work with the Juvenile Office (JO). FACE also had a retreat to discuss programming and funding for the next year.

Interagency Meetings

Joanne stated that Aaron Thompson shared that FACE is losing two Family Intervention Specialists and that FACE is trying to find ways to improve employee retention.

FACE provided additional written explanation on their involvement with interagency meetings.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjourn

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 10:06AM

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