

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Meeting: Virtual Meeting or

Boone County Community Services Department, 107 N 7th St., Columbia,
MO

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: Wiley Miller, 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, 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: Kip Kendrick – Boone County Presiding Commissioner

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Discussion with Commissioner Kendrick

Commissioner Kendrick gave the board an update on search for a Director for the planned childcare center for Boone County first responders. He shared that the childcare center's groundbreaking will be in mid-April 2025 and construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025. Commissioner Kendrick asked that the Board members and department staff share information on the open Director position for the childcare center. He says that the County is looking for a candidate that has blended experience in childcare and in business which would be helpful with development of the facility.

Kip Kendrick left the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

3. Motion and Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(11)

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:14 a.m. Rodney seconded the motion.

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

Bob motioned to go into closed session at 8:30 a.m. Rodney seconded the motion.

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

4. Approve Minutes for January 9, 2025 Meeting

Greg motioned to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2025 meeting. Sebastián seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

5. Financial Report for January 9, 2025 Meeting

- The sales tax revenue is at \$788,463.15
- The use tax revenue is at \$131,601.81
- Interest revenues are not yet reportable for the new year
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are at \$13.2 million
- As of February 13, 2025, the average 2024 utilization amongst organizations was 85%

6. New Business

There was no new business to share.

7. Director's Update

Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA) Meeting

Joanne shared that MONACA had their first open house of their child advocacy center. Rodney shared that he attended the open house and that he thought that it was a great facility.

Philanthropy Missouri (PhilMO) Conference

Kristin and Joanne attended the Philanthropy Missouri conference. Joanne shared that it was interesting to talk to philanthropy folks across the state. Joanne also shared that a great takeaway from the conference was accountability and how to assure constituents that their funding is making a difference.

BCCSF Review and Assessment Report

The Partner for Better report listed recommendations that were made to the Board. The department staff had an internal retreat to discuss what could be done to complete the listed recommendations and also created a timeline for each of the potential action items. There was some group discussion about how we can better inform the public and funded organizations about BCCSB meetings and agendas.

Foundant

All proposal documentation has been moved over from Apricot to Foundant. Organizations are also sending in their site visit documentation, which includes how they will be tracking their contracted services.

2025 Site Visits

The department had to reschedule some of the site visits, and the updated schedule will be shared with the Board. All site visits are going well and have been helpful to both the organizations and to the department.

Year End Report

The department is in the process of reviewing 2024 Year End Reports while also completing site visits.

Upward Mobility

Gina shared that all workgroups are doing a good job on continuing to work on their 2025 priorities.

Job Titles and Activities

Joanne has reached out to the Boone County commissioners about changing a job title in the department to defer any negative attention that may be received. The job title *Boone County Community Services Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Specialist* has been changed to *Boone County Community Services Program and Community Specialist*.

Health and Justice Coordination

Joanne and Victoria met with all of the school superintendents to talk about a new federal award. There was also some discussion on the Juvenile SIM that was held and grant initiatives for work with juvenile justice.

Rodney left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

8. Public Comment

The Journey Towards Inclusive Excellence Committee will host an Equity Lab on February 26 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodhaven's Palmer Training Center. COMO Mobile Aid will be presenting on community organization.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
March 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.**