

## **Boone County Children's Services Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday February 13, 2014**

**Attending:** Jennifer Walker, Kathy Thornburg, Nancy McKerrow, Les Wagner, Greg Grupe, Michele Kennett, Bruce Horwitz, Dewey Riehn

**Absent:** Suzie Forbis

**Guests:** Kelly Wallis, CJ Dykhouse

**Presentations:** Tim Rich, Executive Director of Heart of Missouri United Way and Karla DeSpain, Board President

#### **1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 27, 2013:**

Is there discussion regarding the approval of the minutes? There was none. All in favor and unanimously approved.

#### **2. Heart of Missouri United Way (HMUW) Presentation by Tim Rich, Executive Director of Heart of Missouri United Way, Karla DeSpain, Board President:**

Tim Rich introduced himself. He is the Executive Director of Heart of Missouri United Way. Mr. Rich reported HMUW fundraising for this past year ended up about \$400,000.00 below what they had raised the previous year. It was due to a number of different factors but it has caused HMUW to have to make some internal changes fairly rapidly as they get into this year. They cut internally by ten percent and ended up reducing two positions. HMUW is looking at probably a ten percent across the board cut of their entire budget. Mr. Rich reported on what he has been hearing from HMUW funded agencies and stated he wanted to give the Children's Services Board a heads up because he was very sure some of them are

going to be looking to the Board to see if there is a way to mitigate some of the problems HMUW has had this year. Mr. Rich stated one of the things HMUW is doing, because they do like to think of themselves as being very resourceful, is they are digging in to figure out what are all the factors that have contributed to essentially a ten to fifteen percent loss in our campaign this last year. It has been fascinating, Mr. Rich stated, because they always have in their pledge campaign some industries that are up and some that are down from year to year depending on what is happening with the economy. This is the first year in his memory and the memory of his staff, some who have been there for twelve years, that every sector was down across the board. He was quite startled when he heard Salvation Army's kettle drive was down \$100,000.00 at one point. Mr. Rich stated, "For me, and I started my career in nonprofit ringing the bells for Salvation Army when I was twelve, that is a very interesting barometer for us. That is not planned giving; it is not something you budget it is something you pull out of your pocket as you are moving in and out of stores during the holiday season. For some families a large number of them it is almost a ritual of the Holiday Season it is where you take your kids to begin to teach them to be giving and taking care of the community. So for that to drop and drop \$600,000.00 in Chicago says to me there has been a real depression that has happened mentally among donors and citizens in the community. Watching that when there is a lot of fear about jobs and wages and health care it feels like folks are going to back up and are holding out a little bit and that is putting a crunch on the entire network." Mr. Rich stated he wanted to come and share that and see if you had some questions or some insights that perhaps we could share with you because you are in the process of determining how you will go about administering tax funds. Just want to share that update with you and take questions from you and will try answering those. Mr. Rich received questions from the Children's Services Board regarding funding cuts and decrease in fundraising. Mr. Rich was unable to specifically answer how decisions for funding cuts were made or how the funding cuts will be implemented as the full HMUW board had not yet approved the recommendation.

### **3. Community Input Committee Report Jacqueline Schumacher and Christian Arment:**

We will give the whole board a brief over view of what we talked about at the Committee Meeting. To start with there are essentially twelve categories of funding and in the e-mail I put an inventory of all the agencies that would be essentially fundable. The methodology for this inventory is very strict because we don't want to expose ourselves to just putting names of agencies on the inventory with out due purpose. The inventory was created by compiling agencies funded by the City of Columbia, funded by Heart of Missouri United Way, agencies involved with the Kids First Coalition or their partners with Youth Community Coalition or Partners with Voluntary Action Center. A lot of the agencies overlap and you see for example Rainbow House is in all the categories almost because they have many, many services. We are open to treatment methodology if there is another agency or coalition group that might work into Children's Services. If the Board has other suggestions or method for adding people that is fine. I have had conversation with Christine to send me basically her roster of anyone who has come to the coalition meetings and she sent me a list of all agencies and their goal and I did the research from there. These agencies are simply the starting block who will be included on invitations to the Community Input Sessions. We want to include other people in the community we know about and thats is fine, but they are not going to be on the formalized inventory. The inventory actually is one of the deliverables that you asked for in RFP so this is our best shot at doing that. The inventory is simply just the starting block for who the players are and what it looks like and actually the final list of inventory which I think we are going to get to you in March actually breaks down all the categories to show you the service areas of all these agencies. Thirty percent of them are in prevention. Another two percent are in Day Care so it sort of breaks down how the services are distributed based on this inventory. Moving away from the Inventory to the Community Input Session schedule. We went around and around how to break up the categories into sessions

so you have a view of our best attempt and we came up with service topic area names the first was Shelter and At-Risk Populations. The list of questions you see on the right hand side will be asked at the session so we can create a commonality among sessions. The final piece is just the invitation and it is structured so it will be very explicit.

**a. Upcoming Input Sessions:**

The consultants and the Board discussed the format of the Input Sessions. Ideas were brought forth to either present a question and have each agency answer or have each agency answer all questions and then move on to the next presenter. Final determination as to format was left up to the consultants.

**b. Extension of BCCSB meeting times for Input Sessions:**

Board discussed whether to add a third monthly meeting while Input Sessions are being conducted or to extend meeting times to allow for additional time to discuss board matters. It was decided by a majority of the Board to extend meeting times as needed.

**4. Discuss Formation of RFP Committee:**

The Board discussed the need to form a committee to draft requests for proposals and develop a process to evaluate proposals. Bruce Horwitz, Kathy Thornburg and Les Wagner form the RFP Workgroup.

**5. Discuss Draft Funding Policy:**

A discussion regarding the Draft Funding Policy was led by Michele Kennett, Administrative Policy Committee Chair. The Draft Funding Policy was reviewed section by section with the Board. Board members made suggestions for changes. Suggestions for changes will be incorporated into the Draft Funding Policy and brought back to the Board for further discussion.

**6. Community Services Director Report:**

Community Services Director, Kelly Wallis, reported as to the progression of the Community Services Department including progression of items related

to the Children's Services Fund including summarizing meetings with the Columbia Public School, Christine Corcoran of Putting Kids First, a Field Representative from Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler's Office, Heart of Missouri United Way, City of Columbia and the Department of Mental Health and Department of Social Services.

**7. Future Meeting Topics:** No Comments.

**8. Public Comment:** No Comments.

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Board Chair, Les Wagner.