

**BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD**  
**MEETING**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS – BOONE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**801 E. WALNUT ST., COLUMBIA, MO.**

*Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.*

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**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Les Wagner, Greg Grupe, Dewey Riehn, Michele Kennett, Nancy McKerrow, Jennifer Walker, Kathy Thornburg

**Others Present:** Kelly Wallis, Director of Boone County Community Services

**Board Members Absent:** Bruce Horwitz and Suzie Forbis

**Guests:** Consultants from the Truman Institute, Jacqueline Schumacher, Christian Arment and Aron Meyers.

**1. Community Input Session #1**

The BCCSB hosted a Community Input Session on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and invited Boone County social services agencies to attend. The topic of this session was *Shelter & At-risk Populations* which centered on temporary shelter services and services for unwed mothers and unmarried parents. A total of 19 agencies were invited to participate, of which 12 were able to attend. Each agency was given five minutes to answer the following questions:

Question #1: *What are the top two issues you feel need to be addressed in your shelter and/or at-risk service populations?*

Question #2: *Are there systemic obstacles to your success when working with shelter and/or at-risk populations?*

Question #3: *Where is the gap in your shelter and/or at-risk population services?*

Question #4: *What is a quantitative measure of your success when working with shelter and/or at-risk populations?*

Question #5: *Please describe potential collaborations you envision for addressing challenges in the shelter and/or at-risk populations service area.*

## **2. Community Services Director's Report**

United Way did make final funding cut decisions and put out a press release about it, they are cutting agency funding 10% across the board. In relation to that we have had a request from Rainbow House requesting emergency funds. They sent a letter after the last board meeting requesting emergency funds and Kelly wanted to get some input from the board about how they would like to address that request. Rainbow House is one of the United Way agencies that were cut. The Board discussed how to respond to Rainbow House's request. It was decided the Director would be in contact with Rainbow House regarding their request and explain that the Board is interested in responding to the need and learning more about the circumstances of the Rainbow House but will not be able to make decisions about funding until there is a process in place to do so.

### **Program Manager Position**

The program manager position has been posted. Hopefully, the administrative position soon after that.

### **Discuss House Bill 1813**

HB 1818 is basically proposing to create a legislative committee over the Children's Services funds. The Board would be required to report to this legislative committee. The legislative committee would also make decisions about what best practices are for youth and would also analyze further needs from the state perspective. There was a hearing on it on Tuesday. Representative Courtney Curtis is the sponsor of the bill. He is a representative out of St. Louis city. Boone County did send down their legislative liaison and Representative Curtis did not have anyone there in support of the bill. Boone County testified against it as well as Putting Kids First. The Board discussed the importance to develop a process for voting by e-mail.

### **Discuss House Bill 1695**

It's the same representative and the wording on this is not as intrusive to the board as the wording on the other. It adds that preventative services designed to prevent substance abuse and emotional abuse would be added as eligible services to be funded by the tax. Also what would be added would be programs intended to improve children and families well being by including juvenile delinquency prevention services to support families and enhance the positive development of youth including up to one month of startup fees for such programs and it removes that transportation and services are excluded from this statute.

The Board discussed the implications HB 1813 and HB 1695 may have on the BCCSB and the children and families in Boone County.

**Les Wagner:** You want to make a motion Kathy?

**Kathy Thornburg:** I was going to say I moved that the board allow, request, that Kelly testify in opposition to the bill during the hearing.

**Les Wagner:** Is there a second for that motion?

**Greg Grupe:** I second.

**Les Wagner:** Greg Grupe is second of that motion. Is there anymore discussion? All in favor? Everyone is in favor.

### **3. Discuss Revised Draft Funding Policy**

The Board discussed the changes made to the policy since the discussion at the last meeting. **Greg Grupe:** I would like to move that we approve the hard work of the funding committee and the funding policy. **Jennifer Walker:** I second it. **Les Wagner:** Ok, so Greg moved and Jennifer seconded it and we've accepted the funding policy as re-drafted. Everyone in favor. **Les Wagner:** So this needs to be incorporated into the operations manual with an approved date and so forth.

### **4. Minutes:**

The Board discussed what should and should not be included in the meeting minutes.

**Les Wagner:** The minutes should only have:

- Topics Discussed
- Persons in Attendance
- Date of the Meeting
- Any decisions that were reached
- The motions made and the vote

Michele moved that we adopt that motion. Dewey second the motion. The board all voted in favor.

### **5. Meeting Adjourned**

Board Chair, Les Wagner, adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2014**