

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

*Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.*

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**MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Kelly Wallis- Director of Boone County Community Services, and Joanne Nelson- Program Manager Community Services, and Jodie Jackson-Columbia Daily Tribune.

**Board Members Absent:** Harry Williams

**Guests:** Darin Preis and Steve Hollis- representing Cradle to Career Executive Leadership Counsel.

**1. Open Meeting**

Les Wagner, Chair, opened the meeting at 4:30.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

September 25, 2014 – Les called for the approval of these minutes. Bruce made the motion and Dewey seconded, the motion carried.

**3. Approve Contribution of \$7,500.00 to the Cradle to Career Initiative**

Darin Preis, Executive Director of Central Missouri Community Action, and Steve Hollis, Human Services Manager for the City of Columbia, spoke to the Board about why each one of their organizations invested in Boone County's Cradle to Career initiative. They both offered insight into Cradle to Career's efforts to bring Boone County together and engage the community. Handouts were provided that explained that this coalition made up of community leaders is working to measurably improve student success and reduce disparities by helping community organizations and schools work more closely together and use local data to identify practices that work. The handout included the community members on the Cradle to Career Leadership Council: Steve Calloway (Minority Men's Network), Karla DeSpain (DeSpain Cayce Dermatology Center and Medical Spa), Dr. Chris Belcher (MU College of

Education), Steve Hollis (Human Services Manager, City of Columbia), Dr. Jeffrey Lashley (Moberly Area Community College), Dr. Dianne Lynch (Stephens College), Teresa Maledy (Commerce Bank), Matt McCormick (Columbia Chamber of Commerce), Michael Middleton (University of Missouri), Darin Preis (Board of Education, Central Missouri Community Action), Tim Rich (Heart of Missouri United Way), Dr. Tom Rose (Rolling Hills Veterinary Hospital), Robert Ross (Minority Men's Network), Phil Steinhaus (Columbia Housing Authority), Dr. Peter Stiepleman (Columbia Public Schools), Dr. Terry Smith (Columbia College), Karen Taylor (Boone County National Bank), Janet Thompson (Boone County Commissioner), Michelle Zvanut (Boone Hospital Center), Kelly Wallis (Boone County Community Services), and Bishop Lester Woods (Urban Empowerment Ministries). The data gathered will help to decide where there are current gaps in services. Joining the Cradle to Career alliance with other community organizations and governmental entities allows the Boone County Children's Services Board a great opportunity to invest in a group that looks at community level outcomes and evidence-based practices. Kelly explained that having this type of information and will help the Board in setting priorities with funding decisions.

Bruce suggests that the Board develop a transparent and open process so that other organizations can have the same access to this funding as this group.

Dewey motions to invest \$10,000.00 in Cradle to Career, Kathy seconded and the motion carried.

**4. Approve Director to Enter into Contract with Apricot for Funders**

Apricot for Funders grants management software easily supports online data collection, including online applications, review processes, and online progress reports.

Kathy motions to approve, Nancy seconded and the motion carried.

**5. Appoint a Budget Committee to Make Budget Recommendations for Board Approval by October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This subcommittee is to make budget recommendations for 2015.

Kathy, Les, Bruce and Nancy volunteer with Nancy being Chair.

**6. Motion to enter closed session**

Bruce motioned to enter into closed session, Dewey seconded. Les, Chairperson, performed a Board roll call for the motion for closed session.

Jennifer Walker: yes, Dewey Riehn: yes, Bruce Horwitz: yes, Greg Grupe: yes, Michele Kennett: yes, Nancy Mckerrow: yes, Kathy Thornburg: yes.

Motion to move into a closed session passed.

Summary of Status of Proposals – Fall 2014, is reviewed and discussed.

**7. Public Comment**

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Les.

**NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2014**