

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

*Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.*

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**MINUTES**

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** Harry Williams.

**Guests:** Cindy Garrett, Chief Juvenile Officer for Boone County.

**1. Open Meeting**

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

**2. Approval of November 13, 2014 Minutes**

Dewey motioned to accept the minutes; Michele seconded and the motion carried.

**3. Director's Report**

First reading of agency contracts were today in Commission Chambers. Kelly reports to the Board that Rainbow House has made changes to their contract as so asked by the Board (unbundling of services and alignment of service rates to a publically available rate). Motion to move forward with Rainbow House contracts made by Greg, and Kathy seconded; motion carried.

Kelly met with Karen Miller, Boone County Commissioner, and Les Wagner, Board Chair, for her one year performance evaluation. She thanks the Board for the opportunity and is excited to move forward with the Children's Services Fund.

Three Boone County Children's Services Board member terms are expiring in early 2015. This meeting will be Jennifer Walker's last Board meeting and Kelly presents her with a Certificate, signed by the Boone County Commissioners, recognizing her volunteer time and dedication to the Board.

Kathy provides the Board with a policy brief, "Are the Children Well", and asks for everyone to read this before the next meeting.

**4. Discuss Meeting Dates & Times for 2015**

No Board members are opposed to meeting monthly and Kelly will send out an availability survey to the Board to decide which day and time will work going forward in 2015.

**5. Joint Funding Management Forms**

A lot of progress has been made developing applications for different funding streams with the City of Columbia and Boone County. Much of the same information is required in all applications. Kelly and others are working together to align the applications which will make the application easier to submit and faster to review.

**6. Discuss Lessons Learned**

A handout that summarizes suggestions for improvement from the Board is given out and discussed. Kelly and Joanne review their suggestions and offer solutions. Quite a few of the suggestions from the Board will be solved with implementation of the funding management system in 2015.

**7. Systemic Access Subcommittee Report and Discussion of Draft Family Access Center Concept Paper Outline**

The subcommittee shared their discussion of recent meetings with the Board. There were some discussions about the need to define exact community issues and the work that the Institute of Public Policy already provided to the Board in the *Community Input Report*. After discussion, Dewey made a motion to move forward on the development of an RFP, seeking "Access to Care" proposals. These proposals would welcome any organization to apply and answer questions around: Program Administration, Target Population, Informed Choice Access, Integrated Information Management System, and Terms of Participation. The motion was seconded by Greg and the motion passed.

Cindy Garrett, Chief Juvenile Officer spoke to the Board about her perceived needs from the community to access services.

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Les.

**NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2014**