

**BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD (BCCSB) MEETING**  
**Hybrid: Boone County Family Resources**  
**2700 W Ash St, Columbia MO 65203 or Virtual\***

*Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.*

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**MINUTES**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Wiley Miller, Connie Leopard

**Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD) Staff Present:** Joanne Nelson – Director, Kristin Cummins – Deputy Director, Enola-Riann White – Program Specialist (Upward Mobility), Ben Lee – Administrative Coordinator, Michelle Thompson – Program Specialist, Kerby Webb – Program Specialist, and Gina Jenkins – Data and Performance Analyst

**Guests:** Alpha Hightower, Vivi Hirschfield – Camp Kesem Outreach Coordinator

**1. Open Meeting**

Leigh called the meeting to order at 8:05 am

**2. Introductions**

Joanne introduced Vivi Herschfield to the Board. Vivi shared information about Camp Kesem, which supports children ages 6-18 who are affected by a parent with cancer. Vivi provided links with more information and will be sent to the BCCSB following the meeting.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Rodney motioned for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda is located at the end of the minutes.

**4. Motion and Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(11)(13)**

Bob motioned to move into closed session. Sebastián seconded the motion.

Rodney-yes, Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastián-yes, Michele-yes, Greg-yes

Alpha Hightower joined the meeting at 8:20 am and remained outside the meeting room as the Board was in closed session.

Rodney motioned to come out of closed session. Sebastián seconded the motion.

Rodney-yes, Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Sebastián -yes, Michele-yes, Greg-yes, Leigh-yes.

Closed session ended at 8:58 am

Alpha Hightower joined the meeting at 8:59 am.

## **5. Financial Report for March 12, 2026 Meeting**

Joanne gave a report on the net position of the children's services fund:

- The Net Position is \$6,119,288 which is a \$278,366 increase from last month.
- The sale tax revenue is \$1,601,132.50.
- The use tax revenue is \$344,621.27.
- The interest revenue is \$23,646.50.
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are \$13,518,437.34.
- Contract utilization is currently at 17% while the average utilization rate is 8.38%. There have been no service reallocations so far in 2026.
- Heriford House is currently on hold.
- Mizzou Academy PO has been finalized and BCCSD is awaiting the final paperwork from the Auditor.

Lynn motioned to approve the financial report. Bob seconded. The motion passed.

## **6. New Business**

Some board member terms are set to expire at the end of March 2026. The deadline to file paperwork for reappointment to the board is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Two board members (Rodney Dixon and Bob Aulgur) have already filed, and their reappointment will be made at the next Boone County Commission meeting. One board member, Dr. Wiley Miller, still has paperwork outstanding. The Boone County Commission office is in communication with him about the deadline for filing.

The BCCSB meeting on April 9, 2026 will have the Boone County Commissioners attending. The BCCSB discussed potential meeting topics with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

## **7. BCCSB Strategic Planning**

Joanne and Kristin provided an updated draft of the strategic plan. The draft includes an executive summary, a high-level overview of the strategic plan, and appendices. The strategic plan has three main goals that includes strategies and deliverables. There will be two versions released to the public. One will be a shortened version that includes the executive summary and strategic planning tables. The second version will attach appendices that are key documents used throughout the strategic planning process. The full version is to provide public insight into how the goals, strategies, and deliverables were developed.

Bob asked Alpha if the summary was understandable to her, to which Alpha responded that it was not initially but was made so with the additional context provided by the attached Appendices and the additional information discussed in the meeting.

The staff provided an overview of the revisions that have been made since the last board meeting. The revisions were to help simplify the language and structure of the strategic plan. Joanne will share the current draft of the Executive Summary with the Boone County Commissioners, to solicit their input. The BCCSB will vote on the final draft of the strategic plan at the next board meeting on April 9, 2026.

## **8. Public Comment**

Alpha asked about the governing rules for commissioners potentially being present at a closed session meeting. The Board referenced the Missouri Sunshine Act and stated that it allowed guests to be invited into a closed session at the Board's discretion.

## **9. Adjourn**

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

**NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2026**

# Boone County Children's Services Board (BCCSB) Meeting Consent Agenda

March 12, 2026

1. BCCSB February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes (attached)

2. Director's Update:

- Year End Reports

Funded organizations submitted their 2025 Year End Reports in the new funding management system. Department staff are in the process of reviewing reports and closing out purchase orders with the Auditor's department. Any issues found while reviewing reports will be shared with the BCCSB.

- Department website transition to .gov

All Boone County websites and email addresses are being transitioned to .gov to enhance security and transparency. Staff emails are the same except now end in "@boonemo.gov." The department website officially changed to .gov on March 4 after ensuring all department-related links were working correctly after the change.

- Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Boone County Commissioners requested that the Community Services Department assist with releasing an RFP and contract monitoring funded through the Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund. The RFP is soliciting proposals for reentry coordination with Boone County Jail. As a reminder staff pay splits were adjusted for general revenue to cover staff time assisting with this task. This included the Director, Deputy Director, and Program Coordinator Health and Justice. Missouri and other government entities have filed lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies for their roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. These efforts resulted in a series of national settlements. In response, Missouri created the Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund to manage incoming settlement dollars. Beginning in December 2022, the state started distributing payments to local governments, including Boone County. The terms of the settlement require that all settlement funds be used for "opioid abatement," which encompasses prevention, treatment, recovery support, harm-reduction services, and related strategies.

- Department Reports Attached:

- Grassroots Funding Opportunity Update
- Upward Mobility Update
- Health and Justice Coordination Update

- Community Collaboration Meetings:

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
Data and Information Sharing Collaboration (DISCo)	3/2/26
Source Summit Committee meeting	2/24/26
Columbia Public Schools Juvenile Diversion	2/26/26
Health and Justice Coordinating Council meeting	3/3/26
Systems of Care Meeting – MO Department of Mental Health-Director of Young Adult Services, Early Psychosis, & System of Care Expansion	3/4/26
Office of Violence Prevention Community Violence Intervention Landscape Analysis Convening	3/5/26