

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

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Greg Grupe, Lynn Barnett, Bob Aulgur, Leigh Spence, Michele Kennet, Connie Leipard

Board Members Absent: Rodney Dixon, Sebastián Martínez

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

Guests: Alpha Hightower, Kip Kendrick - Boone County Commissioner, Justin Aldred – Boone County Commissioner, Janet Thompson – Boone County Commissioner (via phone).

1. Open Meeting

Leigh called the meeting to order at 8:02 am

Greg entered the meeting at 8:04 am

2. Consent Agenda

Bob motioned to approve the Consent Agenda

Lynn seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Boone County Commissioners

Leigh guided introductions to the Board and the Commissioners. The Commissioners updated the Board about new and upcoming county business, including the recently completed Boone County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Training Facility.

Justin Aldred entered the meeting at 8:09 am. Janet Thompson joined the meeting via phone at 8:10 am

The Board was updated on the delays that have hampered the construction of the new childcare center that is located across from the BCSO Training Facility. Weather complications have delayed the completion of this facility by several months, though the Commissioners expect it to be finished by August of this year. After completion of construction, inspections for public safety and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will take place. The new childcare facility will begin operating in the fall of 2026, with the inaugural class of children expected to be around 40.

The Commissioners also covered upcoming road and bridge construction projects, as well as the county's ongoing move from the current radio system for emergency responders to the new standard 800 MHz system.

The Commissioners then covered the county's potential response to the proposed Missouri income tax repeal that is being discussed in the state legislature. The County is currently looking for alternative funding solutions for the potential loss of funding in programs that are supported by state monies.

The Board then asked the Commissioner's about the plan for the building that the BCCSD currently occupies. The BCCSD building is intended to last for several more years at least, and maintenance will be done to keep the building in good shape until the plans for renovation and construction are finalized.

Capital expenditures for the HVAC system have been budgeted for and will be a cost share agreement between the County and the Children's Services Fund. Roof replacement costs will be addressed after the current assessment is finished.

The Board then asked the Commissioner's about any feedback they had received about the BCCSD and BCCSF Board in the community. The Commissioner's expressed strong positive sentiments about the BCCSD and the BCCSB. They expressed that the relationship between the County and the BCCSB has been extremely positive. The accountability and transparency of the BCCSB has received positive approbation in the community as well as the data driven approach that the BCCSB has taken towards program funding.

The Board thanked the Commissioners for their time.

The Commissioner's left at 8:43 am.

Alphia left at 8:45 am as the Board moved to closed session.

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

Greg Motioned to move into closed session at 8:46 am. Lynn seconded the motion.

Leigh-yes, Lynn-yes, Greg-yes, Connie-yes, Michele-yes, Bob-yes.

The motion passed.

Bob motioned to come out of closed session at 9:37 am. Lynn seconded the motion.

Leigh-yes, Lynn-yes, Greg-yes, Connie-yes, Michele-yes, Bob-yes.

The motion passed.

5. Financial Report for April 9, 2026 Meeting

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

- The Net Position is \$5,389,543 which is a \$729,745 decrease from last month.
- The sale tax revenue is \$2,341,287.35
- The use tax revenue is \$493,683
- The interest revenue is \$36,614.50
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are \$13,732,482.82
- Contract utilization is currently 25% while the average utilization rate is 15.25%. There have been no service reallocations so far in 2026

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

6. New Business

There is a current vacancy on the Board. The BCCSB would like to honor Dr. Miller's time serving on the board at an upcoming meeting.

7. Missouri Budget and Legislation

Joanne covered the potential impact of the legislation currently working its way through the Missouri House. Joanne met with representatives of other children's services funds from throughout the state of Missouri about the potential of the elimination of the income tax and its impact on sales tax collection. The current HJR 173 and 174 would not only repeal the income tax requirement but would also eliminate the ability of municipalities to expand local sales taxes. This would lead to dropping funding levels over time as the legislation may not consider increasing population numbers and the impact on sales tax revenues. The situation is currently being monitored as it evolves, and the Board will be updated as the situation changes.

8. BCCSB Strategic Planning

Lynn provided a summary of the recent Financial Oversight and Strategy committee meeting. The initial funding priorities will focus on addressing Mental Health, Safety, and Basic Needs programs. Funding parameters are being discussed with the goal that they be well defined but flexible. Long-term sustainability is a major focus, with a step-down funding approach being considered for implementation. This may be applied on a case-to-case basis. Additional considerations were discussed due to some organizations or programs may have limitations to other funding sources. There may also be an overwhelming need in the community where funding may be needed for a longer period.

Michele motioned to approve the Strategic Plan. Bob seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

9. Public Comment

As we were short on time, Alpha said she would email any questions to Joanne.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2026

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

April 9, 2026

1. BCCSB March 12, 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 also done finalizing reports. All purchase orders have been closed, and any issues have been shared with the BCCSB.
 - Early Childhood Update
 - Kids Win-Boone County Child Care and Early Education Planning Project Advisory Group – Joanne is part of this group that is going through a process to understand the current Boone County child care and early education landscape. It will also look into the true cost of implementing a high-quality, child care and early education system to meet the community's needs. This group will develop goals and strategies to accomplish these goals.
 - Child Care Works (CCW) – Joanne is on a subcommittee of the Kids Win Initiative that is piloting a rollout of CCW. This project design allows for flexible structures, shared funding models, and tax-smart strategies to make child care more affordable and labor force more sustainable. This program helps employers, families, and communities share the cost of child care. The program is intentionally flexible – allowing employer, employee, state, local, and/or philanthropic contributions in almost any combination.
 - 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.

Update: The RFP closed on March 31 and received three responses. Vendors included Powerhouse Community Development, In2Action, and Glory House Ministry.

- Department Reports Attached:
 - Grassroots Funding Opportunity Update
 - Upward Mobility Update
 - Health and Justice Coordination Update

- Community Collaboration Meetings 3/12/26 – 4/8/26:

Group Name	Meeting Date
Office of Violence Prevention	3/12/26
Boone County Child Care Works meeting	3/20/26 and 4/3/26
Boone County Child Care and Early Education Planning Project Advisory Group	3/31/26
Recovery Coalition	3/20/26
Unity in the Community	3/23/26
Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Barriers to Health Care	3/23/26
Missouri Children’s Services Fund Directors meeting	3/24/26
Columbia Public Schools Community Collaboration meeting	3/25/26
Central Missouri Community Action Data “Lakehouse” discussion	3/25/26
Health and Justice Coordinating Council meeting	3/30/26
REDI Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Planning	3/31/26
Columbia Chamber of Commerce Quarterly meeting	4/3/26
HJCC Data Sharing Meeting – Tetras Technology	4/6/26
Impact Support Meeting	4/6/26
Central Missouri Community Action Community Conversations	4/8/26