

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent:

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

Guests: Alpha Hightower, Whitani Beck, Samantha Myer, Latoya Gatewood, Sandra Miller, Rebecca Hart, Denissa Nile, Erin Walker, Jess Burbride, Kristin Hawley, Wendy Reinke, Sarah Owens, Adielle Erhret, Janet Thompson, Allison Pattin

1. Open Meeting

Leigh called the meeting to order at 8:03 am

2. Introductions

Introductions were made for the attending guests.

3. Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) of Boone County Contract Renegotiations

Adielle thanked the Board and introduced each member of the FACE delegation and spoke briefly about the FACE program and its model. Sarah Owens shared information about the school-based services part of the FACE program and how it is changing to accommodate the new funding levels.

FACE currently provides 3 tiers of school-based services. Tier 1 is an Early Identification System (EIS) survey that is used across all schools inside Boone County. The data collected from the EIS survey is used to identify children with early risk profiles and to provide targeted early intervention. Tier 2 provides targeted intervention for those identified in Tier 1, with the focus being on small groups. Tier 3 is individualized care and intervention for the most at risk children. FACE provides consultations to children and families about the availability of services and help with service coordination/referral. Data from Tiers 1 and 2 are also used to find trends and patterns with which to better target future efforts.

Under the new framework, staff roles will be adjusted to provide all three tiers instead of being divided. EIS surveys will continue, but the targeted groups and service referrals will instead be handled by staff assigned to each school. FACE staff roles have been condensed, with coordinators/clinical staff assigned three to five schools each, based on need and population. Rural providers will cover entire districts, as appropriate. Adjustments have been made to include existing school resources. The proposed changes will take place starting June 1st, 2026, with full implementation by the start of the fall 2026 school year.

Bob Aulgur joined the meeting at 8:19 am

Adielle covered the current Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) work with FACE and the proposed changes. Case management for the JJC is currently handled through the community-based part of the FACE program but will continue after the reorganization through the school-based programs. The transition from community-based services to school-based services will impact the juvenile justice arm of the program starting in September of 2026. FACE will have two staff members who will split their time between juvenile justice and school-based services side of FACE.

Kristin Hawley covered the current framework and proposed changes to the Therapy Access Program (TAP). TAP has been focused solely on working with families that have barriers to accessing therapeutic services inside Boone County. The current budget of \$75,000 covers the cost of affiliated clinicians and associated administrative costs. For Fiscal Year 2027, allocated funding for TAP will be cut in half, with a reduction to \$6,000 for FY2028 if staffing is kept at current levels.

To account for the transition to entirely school-based services, FACE community-based services will focus their efforts on Case Management and direct services. They will eliminate their community outreach and reduce staffing from the current 6.5 full time employees down to 4.5 FTE with two of those being school based. This will be done by June 1st 2026 to accommodate the current workload. Other reductions will include the elimination of website referrals, changes to staff hours/office hours, and the ending of social media campaigns. Mid-year reporting will not be impacted by the above changes though end-of-year reporting will look different. The physical lease of the FACE office space will be finished on October 1st, 2026 with the last day of direct community-based services being December 18th of 2026. The Look Around Boone social media campaign is being requested to transition back to the City of Columbia's Department of Health and Human Services.

FACE leadership also presented another budget with smaller reductions in overall funding and projected impacts to the FACE program for the Boards consideration. Boone County school leadership and FACE are currently working to plan for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

The BCCSD will follow up with written clarifications to FACE to develop a scope of work.

4. Consent Agenda

Greg called for a vote to approve the consent agenda. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed.
A copy of the Consent Agenda can be found attached at the end of these minutes.

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

Bob motioned to go into closed session. Lynn seconded.
Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Leigh-yes, Rodney-yes, Michele-yes, Connie-yes, Sebastián-yes, Greg-yes
The motion passed
Entered Closed Session at 8:45 am

Bob motioned to come out of closed session. Sebastián seconded the motion.
Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Leigh-yes, Rodney-yes, Michele-yes, Connie-yes, Sebastián-yes, Greg-yes
The motion passed.
Exited Closed Session at 9:19 am.

6. Grassroots Funding Opportunity Contract

Connie motioned to suspend funding for Dream Tree Academy 573 until their contract could be brought to current status.

Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Financial Report for May 14, 2026 Meeting

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

- The Net Position is \$5,381,422 which is a \$8,121 decrease from last month.
- The sale tax revenue is \$1,183,486.74
- The use tax revenue is \$214,396.79
- The interest revenue is \$46,852.17
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are \$13,781,340.68
- Contract utilization is currently 33% while the average utilization rate is 23.10%.
- MU Psych – Child Trauma Initiative reallocated \$934.80 out of Behavioral Health Assessment & Medical Financial Assistance and into Family Therapy and Individual Therapy-Child. Delivering more family therapy and individual therapy – child than expected.

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

8. New Business

Connie left the meeting at 9:34 am

The Financial Oversight Committee will meet later in May and again in June.

The Board still has one vacancy with no candidates currently lined up. Outreach efforts will continue until a candidate is found.

9. Public Comment

Jody Ashley, a coordinator who has worked for FACE for the last 2 years, spoke to the Board. She spoke about the impact that FACE has had on the community as well as the school system. FACE's services bridge gaps between school and home that would not be possible without FACE and the Therapy Access Program. Jody spoke about the many teachers that believe in the FACE program and provided letters of support that they have written on FACE's behalf. Jody touched on how the cuts to FACE funding will impact services in schools and stressed that services will be lessened which may cause some students to fall through the cracks. She spoke about how appreciative the community is that the Boone County Children's Services Board funds programs like FACE and that she strongly advocates for no cuts to the FACE budget.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am.

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2026

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

May 14, 2026

1. BCCSB April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes (attached)

2. Director's Update:

- Foundant Summit

Kristin and Kerby attended the Foundant Summit for the department's online funding management system. The conference shared updates on the software and individualized technology support. Staff also networked with other Missouri funders that utilize the system and shared funding strategies. Information will be shared with the Boone Impact Group partners that also utilize the system.

- Department Reports Attached:

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

- Community Collaboration Meetings 4/15/26 – 5/11/26:

Group Name	Meeting Date
Information meetings with multiple nonprofits not currently funded	4/15/26, 4/29/26, and 5/7/26
One Health	4/16/26 and 4/23/26
Boone County Child Care and Early Education Planning Project Advisory Group	4/21/26 and 4/24/26
Data and Information Sharing Collaboration	4/20/26
Mid-Missouri CIT Council Meeting	4/21/26
Source Summit Roundtable	4/21/26
Columbia Public Schools Advisory meeting	4/22/26
Health and Justice Coordinating Council meeting	4/24/26 and 5/11/26
Missouri Network Against Child Abuse	4/27/26
Barriers to Healthcare meeting	4/27/26
Unity in the Community	4/27/26
Central Missouri Community Action Community Conversations	4/28/26
BIGGER – Central Missouri funders group	4/29/26
Missouri Foundation for Health Alliance for Justice workshop	4/29/26