

**Minutes  
Clay County Children's Service Fund  
Board Meeting  
April 19, 2023**

**The Board of Directors of CCCSF** met on April 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at 7001 North Locust, Suite A-100, Gladstone, Missouri, 64118. Virtual attendance was also available for attendees. Present members included: Kenneth Honeck, Chair; Pastor Robert Franseen, Vice Chair; John McGovern, Secretary; Deb Hermann; Ed O'Herin; Tom Peca; and Nic Riesenberg

Excused: Bruce Culley

**Also Present were:**

Kathy Macken – Executive Director, Clay County Children's Services Fund  
Peggy Nichols – Executive Assistant, Clay County Children's Services Fund  
Sarah Forgey – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff  
Afton Baxter – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff  
Joseph Jefferson – Ability KC  
Caroline Kull – Ability KC  
Sarah Ballentyne – Crittenton Children's Center  
Heather Heaster – Crittenton Children's Center  
Katie Onello – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City  
Amy Gorton – Easterseals  
Carron Miesner – Easterseals  
Julie Mees – Excelsior Springs SAFE  
Chris Evans – Feed Northland Kids  
Pearlena Campbell – Hillcrest Transitional Housing  
Olivia Krohne – Kearney School District  
Ron Johnson – Kansas City Autism Training Center  
Cindy Lynn – Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care  
Jessica Meisenheimer – Liberty Public Schools  
Sonya Swenson – Liberty Public Schools  
Julie Youngers – Mattie Rhodes Center  
Becky Poitras – Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry  
Denise Harwood – Smithville School District  
Cassidy Collins – Synergy Services  
Dennis Meier – Synergy Services  
Jocelyn Mourning – The Family Conservancy  
Brittany Semsch – Tri-County Mental Health Services  
Elizabeth Stanford – Tri-County Mental Health Services

**Call to Order**

Ken Honeck called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Peggy Nichols then called roll on behalf of John McGovern. Bruce Culley was excused. All other members of the board were present. Nic Riesenberg was welcomed as newly appointed to the board.

### **Approve/Amend Agenda Items**

The board reviewed the agenda for the April 19, 2023 meeting. Pastor Robert Franseen moved to approve the agenda. Nic Riesenberg seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0.

### **Visitor Introductions**

Ken Honeck welcomed in-person and virtual visitors to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ed O'Herin made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting. Pastor Robert Franseen seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0.

### **Finance Report**

Ken Honeck gave an overview of the financial report for March 2023 on behalf of Bruce Culley. Sales tax revenue in March 2023 totaled \$874,774.98, an -4.58% decrease compared to March 2022. The total fund balance as of March 31, 2023 was \$15,983,043.60, with \$11,840,834.58 in total grants committed. Revenue in March 2023 totaled \$885,262.61 and expenses totaled \$2,034,628.53, for a total net operating revenue in March 2023 of (\$1,149,365.92). With a motion by Pastor Robert Franseen and a second by Nic Reisenberg, the board voted to approve the financial report as presented 7-0.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Kathy Macken shared that 29 community-based service applications were submitted for review.

Several meetings were held with current community-based service partners to review programs. The 2023-2024 renewal applications were reopened for North Kansas City School District and Smithville School District to replace the SRO program in the applications and budgets.

In efforts to boost brand awareness, Ms. Macken shared that window decals for school buildings will be ready by the end of April, and an agency poster for wall or tabletop display has been drafted.

Lastly, Ms. Macken welcomed Nic Reisenberg to the board, and presented resources available through Nonprofit Connect to all board members.

### **Action Items**

The CSF received bids for the 2022 financial audit firm selection. The Finance Committee recommended selecting Marr & Company, P.C. to perform the annual audit, bid at \$24,750 maximum. Ken Honeck made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation of hiring Marr & Company, P.C. Deb Hermann seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0.

Next, the board reviewed a proposed Residency Policy, which would enable the CSF to serve children meeting residency criteria as listed in the policy. Pastor Robert Franseen made a motion that the CSF adopt the Residency Policy. Tom Peca seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor 7-0.

### **Liberty Public Schools Presentation**

The board invited Jessica Meisenheimer from Liberty Public Schools to present on the impact of services currently supported by the CSF. The CSF granted a \$2,824,040 funding allocation for the 2022-2023 school year. The district includes 19 schools, with students in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Services that are

supported by the CSF include elementary resiliency lessons, expressive art and recreational therapy, Signs of Suicide (SOS), conscious discipline, Panorama, professional development and student sessions with Sonya Richardson-Thomas, LPC.

Following the presentation, Ms. Meisenheimer answered questions from the members of the board.

**Other Business**

The Programs Committee will meet May 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to review school-based renewal applications.

**Next Meeting**


The next Board of Directors meeting is to be held on May 17, 2023.

**Adjournment**

With a motion from, Pastor Robert Franseen and seconded by Nic Reisenberg, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Afton Baxter  
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

Board approved May 17, 2023

	John McGovern	Secretary	5-17-2023
Signature	Printed Name	Title	Date