

**Minutes  
Clay County Children's Service Fund  
Board Meeting  
August 21, 2024**

The Board of Directors of CCCSF met on August 21, 2024 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: Ken Honeck, Chair; Pastor Robert Franseen, Vice Chair; John McGovern, Secretary; Bruce Culley, Treasurer; Ed O'Herin; Rick Jones; and Nic Riesenbergl

Excused: Deb Hermann and Kelly Kobylski

**Also Present were:**

Kathy Seelbach – Executive Director, Clay County Children's Services Fund

Afton Baxter – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff

Jamie Musil – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff

Elizabeth Stanford – Beacon Mental Health

Laura Bruce – Beacon Mental Health

Brittany Semsch – Beacon Mental Health

Talina Nelson – Beacon Mental Health

Shaney Othic – Northland Therapeutic Riding Center

Cathy Huddleston – Northland Therapeutic Riding Center

Cassidey Collins – Synergy Services

Amy Gorton – Easterseals

Victoria Campos – Easterseals

Jocelyn Mourning – The Family Conservancy

Sarah McMillian – Crittenton Children's Center

Susan Bartlett – North Kansas City Public Schools

Jessica Meisenheimer – Liberty Public Schools

Sonya Swenson – Liberty Public Schools

Denise Harwood – Smithville Public Schools

Diana San Roman – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City

Kristen DeHart – Excelsior Springs Hospital

Pearlena Campbell – Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Julie Youngers – Mattie Rhodes Center

Cyndy Lynn – Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care

Justina Cox – LevelUp Kids

Becky Poitras – Metro Lutheran Ministries

Natasha Lehman – Northland Early Education Center

Alisha O'Hara – Clay County Missouri Courts

Teri Hargrave – Clay County Missouri Courts

Gwen O'Brien – Feed Northland Kids

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

John McGovern then called the roll. Deb Hermann and Kelly Kobylski were excused. All other members of the board were present.

**Approve/Amend Agenda Items**

The board reviewed the agenda for the August 21, 2024 meeting. Pastor Robert Franseen moved to approve the agenda. Nic Riesenbergs 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**

Nic Riesenbergs made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting. Rick Jones seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0.

**Finance Report**

Bruce Culley shared that the total fund balance as of May 31, 2024 was \$6,641,201.57 with \$5,340,276.67 in total grants committed. Revenue in May 2024 totaled \$975,200.74 and expenses totaled \$1,504,041.65 for a total net operating revenue (loss) in May 2024 of (528,840.91). Sales tax revenue in July 2024 totaled \$1,068,333.62, a 4.68% increase compared to July 2023. With a motion by Ken Honeck and a second by Rick Jones, the board voted to approve the financial report as presented 7-0.

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Seelbach presented the following approved budget revisions:

- Smithville School District reallocated \$52,853.40 from their remaining balance to support Counseling and Therapy.
- Northland Therapeutic Riding Center reallocated \$1,411.20 from their PATH conference to support Barn Assistants.
- Ability KC reallocated \$37,072 from Assistance Technology to support Therapeutic Preschool & Outpatient Therapies.

Next, Ms. Seelbach shared that a draft of the 2024 audit will be available at the next board meeting, and auditors will be present to answer questions.

Ms. Seelbach also shared that she has had application review meetings with Beacon Mental Health, Excelsior Spring Hospital, and Synergy.

**Action Items**

Ken reviewed financial considerations for 2024-2025 Community-Based Grant Awards. Pastor Robert Franseen then presented the Programs Committee's recommendations for 2024-2025 Community-Based Services grants, and recommendations for additional funding for the 2024-2026 School-Based Services. John McGovern moved to approve the committee's recommendations listed below, and Nic Riesenbergs seconded the motion.

The board voted in favor 7-0 to award the following Community-Based Services and updated amounts for the School-Based Services:

Agency	Project Title	Award
Beacon Mental Health	School Based & Prevention Services	\$1,750,000
Excelsior Spring Hospital	Excelsior Springs Hospital's Psychiatric Services Supports Youth and Family Wellness	\$1,550,000
Synergy Services, Inc.	Safe and Resilient Children’s Program	\$1,000,000
The Family Conservancy	Childhood Mental Health	\$915,000
Beacon Mental Health	Youth Crisis	\$450,000
MOCSA	Sexual Violence Counseling for Children in Clay County	\$53,000
Cornerstones of Care	In-home mental health therapy services	\$85,000
Easterseals Midwest	Nurturing Parenting Home Visitation for Families and Children 3 to 19 Years Old	\$168,000
Northland Therapeutic Riding Center	Provide Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies to those with special needs	\$129,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,100,000.00</b>

District	2024-2025 Award	Additional Funding	2024-2025 Award	2025-2026 Award	Total Award
Excelsior Springs School District	\$552,000	\$82,000	\$634,000	\$552,000	\$1,186,000
Kearney School District	\$690,000	\$102,000	\$792,000	\$690,000	\$1,482,000
Liberty Public School District	\$2,070,000	\$302,000	\$2,372,000	\$2,070,000	\$4,442,000
Missouri City School District	\$60,900	-	\$60,900	\$60,900	\$121,800
North Kansas City Schools	\$3,036,000	\$442,000	\$3,478,000	\$3,036,000	\$6,514,000
Smithville School District	\$483,000	\$72,000	\$555,000	\$483,000	\$1,038,000
<b>Total Award</b>	<b>\$6,891,900</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,891,900</b>	<b>\$6,891,900</b>	<b>\$14,783,800</b>

**Discussion Items**

Ms. Seelbach shared that board members have received a new draft of the Impact Framework document. Changes include solidifying why the board operates and outlining specific outcomes with metrics for measuring those outcomes. All board members should be prepared to make a final vote at the next board meeting.

**Beacon Mental Health Presentation**

The board invited Elizabeth Stanford, Laura Bruce, and Brittany Semsch from Beacon Mental Health to present on the impact of services currently supported by the CSF. Highlights included their successful Breathe Easier campaign, which educated on the harms of vaping and was piloted with North Kansas City middle schools. With continued CSF funding, Beacon Mental Health hopes to spread the campaign to other school districts. Following the presentation, Elizabeth Stanford, Laura Bruce, and Brittany Semsch answered questions from the members of the board.

**Next Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is to be held on September 18, 2024.



**Adjournment**

Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(13), the board went into a closed session to discuss personnel issues. Ken Honeck made a motion to go into closed session. John McGovern seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0. Visitors were excused from the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Roll was called at 9:16 a.m. for the closed session. Present were Ken Honeck, Pastor Robert Franseen, John McGovern, Rick Jones, Nic Riesenber, Bruce Culley, and Ed O'Herin. At 9:25 a.m., John McGovern moved to return to open session. Pastor Robert Franseen seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 7-0.

In open session, Pastor Robert Franseen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John McGovern seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Musil  
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

Approved:   9-18-2024  
Signature Printed Name Date