

Minutes
Clay County Children's Service Fund
Board Meeting
September 18, 2024

The Board of Directors of CCCSF met on September 18, 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; John McGovern, Secretary; Bruce Culley, Treasurer; Ed O'Herin; Deb Hermann; Rick Jones; Kelly Kobylski; and Nic Riesenber

Excused: Pastor Robert Franseen

Also Present were:

Kathy Seelbach – Executive Director, Clay County Children's Services Fund
Peggy Nichols – Executive Assistant, Clay County Children's Services Fund
Afton Baxter – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff
Jamie Musil – Greater Kansas City Community Foundation staff
Allison Hilton – Synergy Services
Cassidey Collins – Synergy Services
Dennis Meier – Synergy Services
Sara Brammer – Synergy Services
Elizabeth Stanford – Beacon Mental Health
Laura Bruce – Beacon Mental Health
Brittany Semsch – Beacon Mental Health
Clark Hanner – Marr & Co
Cathy Huddleston – Northland Therapeutic Riding Center
Amy Gorton – Easterseals
Victoria Campos – Easterseals
Barbara Patrick – Easterseals
Jocelyn Mourning – The Family Conservancy
Susan Bartlett – North Kansas City Public Schools
Sonya Swenson – Liberty Public Schools
Diana San Roman – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

John McGovern then called the roll. Pastor Rober Franseen was excused. All other members of the board were present.

Approve/Amend Agenda Items

The board reviewed the agenda for the September 18, 2024 meeting. Deb Hermann moved to approve the agenda. John McGovern seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 8-0.

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 August 21, 2024 meeting as well as the September 10, 2024 meeting. Deb Hermann seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 8-0.

Finance Report

Bruce Culley shared that the total fund balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$5,824,602.34 with \$10,126,175.77 in total grants committed. Revenue in June 2024 totaled \$1,133,996.32 and expenses totaled \$1,950,595.55 for a total net operating revenue (loss) in June 2024 of (816,599.23). Sales tax revenue in August 2024 totaled \$1,047,222.88, a 3.07% decrease compared to August 2023. With a motion by Ken Honeck and a second by Rick Jones, the board voted to approve the financial report as presented 8-0.

Executive Director's Report

First, Ms. Seelbach shared that Peggy Nichols has completed a manual for accounting policies and procedures.

Ms. Seelbach then shared that the Board had a special meeting on September 10, 2024, to discuss transitional grants for some agencies that did not receive funding for the 2024-25 grant period. Mattie Rhodes Center declined the extension due to not providing direct therapy services. She also shared that she is scheduling meetings with each of the transition grantees. Additionally, grant amendments and new financial tracking forms have been sent to all transition grantees.

Ms. Seelbach next shared that contract amendments for the School-Based Services grants have been sent, and meetings with each school district's grant staff are being scheduled. The following budget amendments have been approved:

- Excelsior Springs School District added \$82,000 to fund behavior intervention assessment, implementation, and support; play therapy; Character Strong curriculum; and Conscious Discipline.
- Kearney School District added \$102,000 to fund Summit Behavioral Services, Bulldog Respect Campaign, Character Education, Signs of Suicide Program, and professional development.
- North Kansas City School District added \$442,000 to fund recreation therapy, DEI and restorative practices, SEL resources and training, Character Strong curriculum, Conscious Discipline, positive behavior intervention and supports, and bilingual case management.
- Liberty School District added \$302,000 to fund their suicide prevention program (Hope Squad), Trauma Smart implementation, and Panorama.
- Smithville School District added \$72,000 to fund individual and group counseling and resiliency services, SEL curriculum, Panorama, positive behavior intervention support and behavior intervention support and training, and applied behavior analyst and implementor for behavior intervention plans.

Finally, Ms. Seelbach shared updates from other Missouri Children's Services Funds. The Children's Collaborative will help expand mental health services in Missouri schools for Medicaid-eligible students. Additionally, the Upstream Youth Mapping Collaborative will help map services in Clay County, with more details to come regarding timing. She also shared that other Missouri Children's Services Funds are evaluating whether the fee-for-service model is most effective for both large and small organizations.

Action Items

Ms. Seelbach presented the final draft of the Impact Framework. Ken Honeck moved to approve the Impact Framework as presented. John McGovern seconded the motion and the board voted in favor 8-0.

Discussion Items

Next, Ms. Seelbach shared that Peggy Nichols will be retiring. The board was in favor of hiring two additional staff members to support the Children's Services Fund's work.

Synergy Services Presentation

The board invited Cassidey Collins, Dennis Meier, Sara Brammer, and Allison Hilton from Synergy Services to present on the impact of services currently supported by the CSF. Highlights included that the Children's Advocacy Center has a disclosure rate of 85% for abuse and has been able to increase therapy services with an additional therapist on-site. Additionally, their Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home has served 44 youth and children in the past year, with 45 to 52% coming from Clay County. Following the presentation, Dennis Meier, Sara Brammer, and Allison Hilton answered questions from the members of the board.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is to be held on October 16, 2024.

Adjournment

With a motion from Ken Honeck and second from Nic Riesenberg, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Musil
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

Board approved October 16, 2024


Signature

John McGovern
Printed Name

Secretary
Title

10-16-2024
Date