

Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
Penntower Office Center
3100 Broadway Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri

Board Members Present:

Jovanna Rohs (Chair)
Ann Mesle (Vice Chair)
Rachelle Styles-Phone (Treasurer)
Brian Kaberline (Secretary)
Robert Bartman, Ed.D
Rhonda Holman
Anthony Mondaine
Marietta Parker

Staff Present:

Rob Whitten (Executive Director)
Sue Richter, Recording
Seth Baker
Katherine Rivard
Moji Shogbamimu

Guests, Affiliations:

Nancy Atwater, PFH
Ashley Burke, Jackson County Executive's Office
Amy Couture, Rose Brooks
Erin Eaton, The Children's Shelter
Sarah Forgey, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Susan Paine, Saint Luke's Crittenton
Barb Friedman, Community Volunteer
Claire Terrebone, Jackson County CASA

- I. **Call to Order** **Jovanna Rohs**
The Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund (JCCCSF) meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m.

- II. **Roll Call and Guest Introductions** **Sue Richter**
Roll call of the Board Members was taken, and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

- III. **Review and Approval of March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes** **Action Required**
Board Members were asked for any corrections or amendments to the minutes that had been circulated in the Board packet prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were noted.

A motion to approve the minutes as circulated was made.

First: Rhonda Holman

Second: Ann Mesle

Motion: Approved

IV. Review/Approval of Proposed Agenda

Jovanna Rohs

A review of the proposed agenda resulted in one change. Due to a scheduling conflict the guest speaker was unable to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled for a later date.

V. Old Business

A. Financial Report

Rachelle Styles/Rob Whitten

1. April Financials

April tax revenue report was not available in time for the Board meeting. March tax receipts were reported at approximately \$1M. Interest income booked in April from the maturation of a \$2M certificate of deposit (CD) totaled \$27k.

The Board was reminded that an additional \$5M CD will mature in July, with anticipated interest at \$96k. There will be another \$5M CD maturing in December, with interest estimated at \$112k. It was reported that the Executive Director and Finance Officer will be doing some cash graphing on the resulting \$10M to determine what portion should be placed in another CD.

With the addition of new staff, increases were noted in both the salary line and benefits. It was noted that the office supply line, although underbudgeted, will overall not create any issues.

2. 2018 Audit Update

The field work has been completed. Following JCCCSF Audit Committee review, it is anticipated that the audit will be presented for acceptance by the Board during the June meeting. The extension for the 990 is in the process of being filed.

B. Children’s Services Contracting

Jovanna Rohs/Rob Whitten

1. School-Based Services Contracting

Work with the JCCCSF attorney has been completed resulting in additional language inserted into two sections of the contract regarding religious organizations or agendas as follows:

- **Section 1 – Funding Policies**

The section clarifies that funds are to be used to support public benefit services and referenced limitations as outlined in Section 14.

- **Section 14 – Use of funds**

This section states that no portion of funds may be used in support of religious worship or instruction, or in the construction of any facility to be used for religious worship or instruction. Additionally, it is stated that funds may only be used for secular, public benefit programs and that State law prohibits the use of public funds in support of religious worship or instruction.

Contracts are being finalized this week and will be distributed next week.

2. Q1 2019 Reporting

Core funding invoices totaled \$1.3M or 20% of allocation of funding. This compares to first quarter last year of only \$400k, or 6.95%.

Program officers are reviewing impact and outcomes. As a result, it was reported that most partners with low utilization had forecasted this in their timelines. Items of

note included that winter weather was a barrier for partners in providing services, particularly those programs that were delivering services in-home and/or in schools. Workforce was another common issue with not enough licensed clinicians to fill open positions.

Other specific observations of note included:

- Jewish Vocational Services –There has been a significant increase in requests for services from asylum seekers, but that population is reticent to share where they live due to fear of the current immigration climate
- ReDiscover Zero Suicide – This program has leveraged JCCCSF dollars to draw down state and federal dollars (through SAMHSA) in order to serve an additional 40% more clients.
- ReStart Street Outreach – There are now three case managers (one each at ReStart, Drumm and Synergy) meeting bimonthly to strategize around service delivery and have been successful in moving homeless youth into transitional living.
- Operation Breakthrough –Program modifications have now been made that allow services to be delivered in-class versus pull-out services. This has been much more effective for clients.

Extension invoices are also being processed and totaled \$462k or about 51% of allocated funds.

3. Requested Budget Revision

A budget revision of greater than ten percent was presented by an organization receiving funding through the school-based extension. Due to the resignation of a staff person and the end of the school year, they are requesting that the original salary for one FTE be split between two part-time contractors and part of the salary of one full-time employee to provide these services. This would save them approximately \$8k from their salary line item, which they would like to repurpose for other direct expenses included in the original fall of 2017 application. They are also requesting a shift of \$3200 to the indirect category but did not request any indirect expense in their original application.

Following discussion, the Board directed that the personnel and supply line revisions be granted with the indirect revisions being disallowed.

C. Executive Director's Report

Rob Whitten

1. Presentation to Jackson County Legislature

A presentation was made to the Jackson County Legislature on April 23, 2019 by the JCCCSF Board Chair and Executive Director. A brief history summarizing funding was completed for the benefit of new legislators. It was also shared that through March 2019 the collected tax revenue totaled \$25M. JCCCSF has committed \$25.1M in awards against a total application request of \$41M. JCCCSF is currently able to fund only two out of every three requests received on average. This demonstrates the need for eventual full funding at what the statute would allow.

Exploration continues with the Jackson County Executive's office regarding when a reauthorization initiative should be placed on the ballot by the Legislature.

2. **Benefits Update**

Health, vision and dental benefits became effective May 1, 2019. Also, in place are short-term, long-term and group life insurance. The Finance Officer is currently working on the paperwork for the Health Saving Accounts. A retirement vehicle is still being explored.

3. **Branding Update**

The mid-point check-in with Fervor Marketing was completed April 18. Fervor requested input from us on language samples in the following areas:

- Core Purpose – This is the fundamental reason JCCCSF exists.
- Brand Promise – Demonstrates the outcomes, and how we feel
- Core Principles/Core Values

A final brand assessment presentation will occur on May 8, 2019. If agreed Fervor will begin to develop JCCCSF brand identity and logo.

4. **Other Updates**

On-boarding was completed for new staff in April. Each new team member has also taken a project to work on as follows:

- Seth Baker – Reviewing Memos of Understanding (MOUs)
- Katherine Rivard – Reviewing outcomes
- Moji Shogbamimu – Reviewing all financials

Two site visits were conducted as a team to begin strategizing around that process. The Center School District and the Child Abuse Prevention Association were thanked for hosting these site visits.

Mental Health funders reconvened in mid-April. REACH has been working on a project around networks and assessing network strength. Their theme was "Better Networks and Better Access will Reduce Barriers to Service". REACH plans to move this project forward and is open to working with partners. Next steps include REACH sharing a list of the organizations that have been engaged in this project, and further discussion when this group reconvenes at the next meeting in May. A response to the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) has been completed outlining the areas JCCCSF can and cannot fund per State statute. DSS is seeking a federal match leveraging Children Services dollars. Two areas of need that have been identified were traditional counseling services and in-home services, both of which JCCCSF provides. Concerns were shared regarding the flow of funds both locally, from the state and at the federal level and a need for a structured plan around monitoring that would allow consistency with current JCCCSF practices.

VI. Other Items

Jovanna Rohs, All

A. Appointment of Audit Committee

The Chair appointed Brian Kaberline, Robert Bartman and Rachelle Styles to the Audit Committee. It was stated that Jovanna Rohs, in her capacity as Board Chair, serves as an ex-officio member of all committees of the fund.

B. Approval of Revisions to By-Laws

Marietta Parker

Following a review and discussion of the draft circulated prior to the meeting, it was agreed that additional language should be included under Section: Certificate, Item: 2, with the language to read as follows: "The foregoing **amended and fully restated** Bylaws...."

A motion was made to approve the Amended By-Laws as shown in the draft with the additional language as discussed included.

First: Rhonda Holman Second: Brian Kaberline Motion: Approved

C. Future Board Meeting Dates

To provide more timely financials, it was agreed that starting in July the Board would move their meetings to the third Thursday of the month.

D. Board Vacancy

With the addition of Anthony Mondaine JCCCSF now has at least one member from each District. There remains one open position to be filled. All Members were asked to continue to assist in identifying a candidate and forward any information to the Board Chair.

E. Board Education: Guest Speakers, Research, Consultation, etc.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Theresa Byrd (Family Court), was unavailable. She will be scheduled for another meeting. Also pending are Margo Quiriconi (CMH). Other suggestions were an Effectiveness Study of the Fund and resulting outcomes/impacts, with guiding input through education with education on the dashboard utilized in Boone County.

F. Director and Guest Comments

Rhonda Holman, Board Member

Director Holman requested clarification regarding the plans, if any, for an upcoming funding round in 2020. It was determined that this remains an open question and is dependent on current cash commitment and availability of funds due to the two-year funding rounds recently awarded. A report on current cash commitments will be placed on the agenda for June. A determination could then be made regarding the offering of an Innovations funding round in August.

Barb Friedman, Community Member

Ms. Friedman voiced her concern for the pending re-authorization of JCCCSF. She asked what is being done to bring this to the attention of legislators, neighborhoods and the communities. In response it was shared that a presentation had recently been made to the Chief-of-Staff for the County regarding the County Executive's thoughts around timing and other issues that would be in play. There is speculation that the Legislature would be agreeable to placing it on the ballot. Work is currently underway regarding legal questions around this issue. It has been determined that JCCCSF cannot drive this issue. While JCCCSF can educate and partner with the legislators for placement, it is not allowed to advocate. Advocation will require a community effort.

Claire Terrebone, Jackson County CASA

Requested clarification regarding what questions were coming from the Legislators? A response stated that they seemed very interested in the following:

- Location of services being offered in the County,
- Overall approach of JCCCSF
- Where partnering was taking place
- What was the approach of partnerships
- Determination regarding who gets funding
- Several in-detail questions regarding specific programs

Ms. Terrebone offered that there was an expectation of taxpayers that “money should be coming out the door on a regular basis”.

Ms. Terrebone also offered to provide further explanation on Title IV E Funding, if there was interest.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Richter



Brian Kaberline, Secretary

Next Meeting: June 6, 2019, JCCCS, Penntower, Room 132, 2:30 p.m.