



CHILDREN'S
SERVICES
FUND
OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Penntower

3100 Broadway, Suite 130, Kansas City, MO 64111

Thursday, April 20, 2023 - 2:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Ann Mesle (Chair)
Brian Kaberline (Secretary)
Judy Morgan
Ajia Morris

Guests, Affiliations

Nancy Atwater, Preferred Family Health
Cheryl Costabile, KVC Missouri
Amy Couture, Rose Brooks
Jim Giles, University Health
Justin Horton, Cornerstones of Care
Louisa Spangler, Hope House

Board Members Absent:

Jessica Ramirez (Vice-Chair)
Amy Harris (Treasurer)

Staff Present:

Rob Whitten (Executive Director)
Seth Baker
Sue Richter
Katherine Rivard

- I. Call to Order Ann Mesle

Prior to the call to order Mr. Whitten shared an informational update regarding the five sessions recently hosted by CSF. He indicated that there were 190 attendees, including 42 organizations not currently funded by the CSF. He shared that calendar year core funding, capacity building, and collaboration opportunities are now open for receipt of a letter of intent, application, or meeting request, accordingly.

The Children's Services Fund of Jackson County (CSF) meeting was then called to order at 2:37 p.m.

- II. Roll Call and Guest Introductions Ann Mesle

Roll call of board members was taken. Guests were invited to introduce themselves.

- III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes Ann Mesle

Dir. Mesle called for a motion or changes to the board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. Upon hearing no comments, the following motion was made:

A motion was made to approve the February 16, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

First: Brian Kaberline
Aye: 4

Second: Judy Morgan
Opposition: 0

Motion: Approved

- IV. Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda Ann Mesle
No changes were requested to the agenda circulated prior to the meeting.

- V. Investing in Children Rob Whitten
Financial Report -February 2023/March 2023

A review of the financials circulated in the board packet was completed with the following highlights:

Revenue

Category	March 2023 (YTD)	Budget
Tax Revenue	\$3.975M	\$25M
Investment Income	\$19k	\$300k
Interest Income (From State of MO)	\$16	
Total Revenue	\$3.995M	\$25.3M

Program Support

Core Funding	\$1.771M	\$16.4M
Capacity Building		\$3M
Collaboration		\$3M
Total Program Support	\$1.771M	\$22.4M

Operating and Overhead

Category	March 2023 (YTD)	Budget
Personnel	\$167k	\$1.8M
Professional Contracts	\$63k	\$301k
Administration	\$13k	\$94k
Occupancy	\$16k	\$218k
Professional Insurance	\$13k	\$49k
Technology	\$882	\$39k
Transportation	\$6	\$5k
Depreciation	\$3k	\$29k
Operating & Overhead (Total)	\$274k	\$2.5M
Total Expense	\$2M	\$24.9M

There were no atypical expenses reported for this period.

2023 Financial Position		
Assets		\$17.2M
-Cash	\$ 4.7M	
-Investments	\$12.5M	
Contracts (2023)	\$ 12M	
Contracts (2024)	\$ 2.8M	
Net Assets		\$2.4M

VI. Strengthening Partners

Spring Site Visits

Katherine Rivard

Ms. Rivard stated that Program Officers are wrapping up spring site visits and shared the following highlights:

- Agencies are reporting more operational stability, compared to three years ago with the pivot to hybrid and virtual delivery.
- Many agencies continue to struggle with staffing shortages. It was reported that creative strategies are being utilized to retain staff.
- Partners are experiencing a higher demand for services, particularly with the younger kids.
- It was reported that there seems to be less stigma associated with mental health post-pandemic. Families and kids are speaking about it more freely and seeking services.
- Agencies seem extremely excited about new CSF funding opportunities.

Dir. Morgan asked if there were any overarching reasons cited regarding staffing shortages. Ms. Rivard indicated that staffing has always been difficult but stated that this seems due to secondary burnout of staff following the pandemic. Additionally, agencies are competing for therapists who can now deliver services remotely in a for-profit setting which offers them the possibility of part-time work, at a higher rate and with patients who might be at a lower acuity level.

VII. Honoring Community

Rob Whitten

Mr. Whitten indicated that the CSF Impact Report is under development and was delayed by the work required for the Information Session brochures.

VIII. Optimizing Organization

A. Organization Updates

1. Chief Program Officer Announcement

Mr. Whitten shared that Dr. Jovanna Rohs will be joining the CSF as the Chief Program Officer for the organization. She will be fully on-board on June 19, 2023.

2. Status of CSF Relocation

Mr. Whitten thanked Judy Morgan, Amy Harris, and Ajia Morris for their willingness to participate as a committee regarding CSF relocation efforts. The committee had met and discussions regarding space, locations, and

contracts are underway. Mr. Whitten stated that to keep any contract implications confidential, further discussion would be shared during the closed session. Members were reminded that no action or approval would take place during closed session.

B. Election of Board Officers

Rob Whitten

The following slate of board officers was presented:

Jessica Ramirez, Chair
Amy Harris, Vice Chair
Ajia Morris, Treasurer
Judy Morgan, Secretary

A motion was made to approve the slate as presented.

First: Brian Kaberline Second: Ajia Morris Motion: Approved
Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

C. Board and Staff Appreciation

Mr. Whitten presented Dir. Mesle with a plaque in appreciation of her past two years of service as Board Chair.

Seth Baker, Katherine Rivard, and Moji Shogbamimu were recognized for four years of service.

IX. Board Chair Comments

Ann Mesle

Dir. Mesle shared her appreciation to partners and staff for the work they do with children in the community. She expressed her belief in the difficulty and importance of the work required to make a difference.

X. Director and Guest Comments

Dir. Kaberline expressed his thanks to Dir. Mesle, recognizing the difficulty required for starting up an organization and keeping it going at the same time. He expressed his appreciation for her flexibility in doing both.

XI. Closed Session

The following motion was made:

“I move that this meeting be closed, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsection 13 RSMO, for the purpose of discussing lease contract negotiation, communication with attorney, and the CEO performance evaluation. “

First: Judy Morgan Second: Brian Kaberline Motion: Approved
Aye: Judy Morgan
 Brian Kaberline
 Ann Mesle
 Ajia Morris

The meeting was closed at 3:03 p.m. on April 20, 2023
(Note: Dir. Harris arrived at the meeting prior to the closed session but had stepped out for a call during this motion/vote).

A motion was made to come back into open session.

First: Judy Morgan Second: Brian Kaberline Motion: Approved

Aye: Ajia Morris
 Brian Kaberline
 Judy Morgan
 Anne Mesle

Note: Dir. Harris was taking a phone call outside the room during this motion/vote.)

The meeting came out of closed session at 3:50 p.m. on April 20, 2023

Dir. Morgan asked that the minutes reflect: "Since the relocation was notice in open session, upon further consideration in closed session, the Board determined that it was appropriate to reconvene and have that discussion in open session."

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Richter



Brian Kaberline, Secretary

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 - 2:30 p.m.