



**CHILDREN'S
SERVICES
FUND**
OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

CSF Community Room
2345 Grand Blvd, 14th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64108

Board Members Present:
Jessica Ramirez (Chair)
Amy Harris (Vice- Chair/Treasurer)
Judy Morgan (Secretary)

Staff Present:
Rob Whitten (CEO)
Russell Anderson
Seth Baker
Kia Cannon
Shannon Dupree
Jane Mosley
Celeste Ortiz
Katherine Rivard
Jovanna Rohs
Moji Shogbamimu
Bernadette Spooner Thompson

Board Members Absent:
Brian Kaberline
Monica Meeks

Guest Affiliations:
Cheryl Constable, KVC
Jim Giles, University Health
Courtney Knipp, LCFS

- I. Call to Order Jessica Ramirez, Chair

The Children's Services Fund of Jackson County (CSF) meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

- II. CSF Board Members Roll Call/Guest Introductions Jessica Ramirez, Chair

Roll call was taken, and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

- III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes Jessica Ramirez, Chair

- A. Dir. Ramirez called for a motion to approve or make comments regarding changes to the November 21, 2024, board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. There were no changes forthcoming.

A motion was made to approve November 21, 2024, board meeting minutes.

First: Dir. Morgan Second: Dir. Harris Motion: Approved
Aye: 3 Nay: 0

- B. Proposed Agenda Jessica Ramirez, Chair
There were no comments regarding needed changes to the proposed agenda.

IV. Investing in Children

Jessica Ramirez, Chair

A. Financial Update- Amy Harris, Vice-Chair & Treasurer/Moji Shogbamimu, Chief Financial Officer

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

2024 YTD Financials (as of 12/31/2024)

Revenue	
Tax Revenue	\$33,565,974
Investments	\$777,683
Total Income	\$34,343,657

Expenses	
Program Support	\$27,331,776
Operating & Overhead	\$2,385,146
Total Expenses	\$29,716,923

Expenses 2024 YTD

2024 YTD Financial Position

Assets	\$29,120,356
Obligations	\$12,787,556
Total Net Assets	\$16,332,800

2025 YTD Financials (as of 1/31/2025)

Revenue	Actual
Tax Revenue	\$3,172,843
Investments	\$8,040
Total Income	\$3,180,883

Expense	Actual
Program Support	\$0*
Operating & Overhead	\$233,432
Total Expenses	\$233,432

*2025 Program Expenses incurred in January will appear on February financials.

2025 YTD Financial Position

Assets	\$30,368,338
Obligations	\$42,952,878
Total Net Assets	(\$12,584,540)

B. CSF Funding Opportunities
Judy Morgan, External Affairs Chair/Jovanna Rohs, CPO

1. Future Funding Discussion
a. Capacity Building

Since launching in August 2023, the Capacity Building initiative has funded 76 projects across seven cycles, investing over \$8 million to support staff training and organizational growth. Funding terms were reduced from three to two years for flexibility, with 12 projects now

completed, 27 ending in 2025, and others extending into 2027. Leadership proposes pausing the next funding round to assess impact and explore system-level needs (a centralized training hub, supervision support for therapists, and high-demand training opportunities for a more targeted approach), which was agreeable to the board.

b. Collaboration

Dr. Rohs discussed Collaboration funding, its impact and future direction. There are currently 3 funded projects with \$6.8 million committed through 2027. Leadership is proposing pausing new Collaboration funding to evaluate its effectiveness and potentially integrate it into the Community bucket for a more strategic approach. This was agreeable to the board.

V. Strengthening Partners Jessica Ramirez, Board Chair/Rob Whitten CEO

A. Policy and Advocacy Work

1. Legislative Updates

The board discussed the rapidly evolving legislative and policy landscape at national, state, and county levels. The board and staff discussed possible training to equip nonprofits with advocacy skills and the possibility of future use of reserves to support organizations impacted by federal funding freezes.

2. Child Advocacy Day- April 2, 2025

The board discussed Child Advocacy Day on April 2nd, where attendees will advocate for children's issues with legislators.

VII. Honoring Community Judy Morgan, External Affairs Chair/Rob Whitten, CEO

A. Children's Services Assessment Update- Jane Mosely, Dir. of Impact

The board discussed the Children Services assessment, emphasizing the need to align funding with community needs and understand policy impacts. A community meeting is planned for later this spring to share findings.

VIII. Optimize Organization- Rob Whitten, CEO.

A. Organizational Updates

a. Fluxx Software Updates- Celeste Ortiz, Contract Administrator

Our Partner Portal in Fluxx has been live since January 31st, with over 300 users added. The system has been well received, and the support team is managing a Fluxx support inbox daily.

b. CSF Performance Management- Rob Whitten, CEO

The board was updated on the performance management system, which is being tailored to the organization's needs and will be finalized soon via CBIZ.

c. CSF Board Nominating Update- Rob Whitten, CEO

The county legislature is holding appointments to county boards and commissions until the county budget is approved. This delaying the appointment of new CSF board members.

d. First Call Gratitude Breakfast

CSF board member Monica Meeks will receive a First Call Lifetime Award on March 27th, and the board is invited to this event.

- VI. Old/New Business Jessica Ramirez, Chair
Mr. Whitten committed to circulating the Fund's vision document to the board via email. He also provided an update on the work on policy and procedure, stating that the governance and finance policies are ready for review by the Internal Affairs Committee.
- VII. Director and Guest Comments Jessica Ramirez, Chair
No comments.
- VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kia Cannon



Judy Morgan, Secretary

Next Meeting: April 17, 2025, at 3:00p.m. CST – CSF Community Room