



CHILDREN'S
SERVICES
FUND
OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Present:

Brian Kaberline (Vice Chair)
Judy Morgan (Secretary)
Dan Nelson
Jessica Ramirez
Ralph Teran

Board Members Absent:

Amy Harris (Chair)
Monica Meeks (Treasurer)

Guest Affiliations:

Cheryl Costabile, KVC
Jim Giles, University Health
John Maloney, GAP

Staff Present:

Rob Whitten (CEO)
Kia Cannon
Shannon Dupree
Jane Mosley
Celeste Ortiz
Katherine Rivard
Jovanna Rohs
Moji Shogbamimu

Alicia Janssen, Mother's Refuge
Kelsi Green, Mother's Refuge

I. Call to Order **Brian Kaberline, Vice 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 **Brian Kaberline, Vice Chair**

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

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes **Brian Kaberline, Vice Chair**

- A. Director Kaberline called for a motion to approve or make comments regarding changes to the August 21, 2025, board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. There were no changes forthcoming.

A motion was made to approve August 21, 2025, board meeting minutes.

First: Dir. Morgan

Second: Dir. Nelson

Motion: Approved

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

B. Proposed Agenda

Brian Kaberline, Vice Chair

There were no comments regarding needed changes to the proposed agenda.

IV. Investing in Children

Brian Kaberline, Vice Chair

A. Financial Update- Moji Shogbamimu, Chief Financial Officer

1. A review of the financials circulated in the board packet was completed with the following highlights from September 2025:

2025 YTD Financials (as of 09.30.25)

Revenue	YTD
Tax Revenue	\$25,638,641
Investments	\$644,385
Total Revenue	\$26,303,385

Expenses	YTD
Program Support	\$20,419,627
Operating & Overhead	\$1,980,447
Total Expenses	\$22,400,074

2025 YTD Financial Position (as of 9.30.2025)

Expenses	YTD
Assets	\$29,043,065
Obligations	\$22,533,250
Total Net Assets	\$6, 509,815

Total YTD tax revenue as of the end of Q3 was \$25.6 million, representing 77.6% of the approved budget. Investment income has doubled compared to prior projections, driven largely by market rebound and stable portfolio returns. Both program support and operating & overhead are under budget. CSF is projected to end the fiscal year with a surplus.

2. A review of the 2026 draft budget was presented to the board.

Revenue	2026 Proposed
Sales Tax Investment	\$33,500,000
Transfer from Reserve	\$14,088,378

Expenses	2026 Proposed
Program Support/Expenses	\$46,874,877
Admin Expenses	\$713,501

B. CSF Funding- Jovanna Rohs, Chief Program Officer

1. Capacity Building Funding Slate

Dr. Rohs presented the Capacity Building award recommendations (attached). Of forty-four submissions totaling \$2.67 million, staff recommended full or partial funding of 29 projects totaling \$1.67 million over two years, including four new partners.

A motion was made to approve the Capacity Building Slate for \$1,238,178 for 2026 and \$432,571 for 2027.

First: Dir. Morgan

Second: Dir. Ramirez

Motion: Approved

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

2. Core Funding Academic Year LOI - Update
Dr. Rohs updated the board on the LOI process, which will open November 3, 2025. Full submissions of supporting documents will be due January 23, 2026. The LOI process has been streamlined with a continued focus on alignment with CSF's service areas. Dr. Rohs also noted emerging technology funding needs identified through capacity-building requests and site visits for future discussion.
3. Core Funding Calendar Year 2026- Grandview Assistance Program
Dr. Rohs reported that the Grandview Assistance Program submitted its second-year plan, following a first year of Core Funding focused on engaging both parents and high school students. As such, staff recommend second year funding.

A motion was made to approve the 2026 Calendar Year award to Grandview Assistance Program in the amount of \$82,082.

First: Dir. Morgan Second: Dir. Nelson Motion: Approved
Aye: 5 Nay: 0

4. Behavioral Funders Collaborative: Share Training Initiative
Dr. Rohs and Mr. Whitten provided an update on the Behavioral Funders Collaborative, which is jointly exploring a shared training hub for behavioral health workforce development. The hub aims to streamline training, reduce duplication, and expand workforce capacity across organizations.

A motion was made to approve a CSF contribution to the Behavioral Funders Collaborative on behalf of CSF of up to \$75,000 for 2026.

First: Dir. Morgan Second: Dir. Nelson Motion: Approved
Aye: 5 Nay: 0

5. Partner Update: Green Works
Dr. Rohs shared that Green Works, a long-time CSF partner, will wind down operations at the end of 2026 due to leadership transition and challenges recovering from COVID. While they will not access CSF funding, some of their programming may be transitioned to other organizations.

V. Strengthening Partners

Jovanna Rohs, CPO

A. CSF Convenings Follow-Up

1. Revised Service Areas Descriptors & Definitions
Dr. Rohs reported that CSF convened partners to review and refine the 10 service areas. Participants provided feedback on current service descriptions, which led to updated titles and clearer language, including "Counseling and Assessment," "Family Support Interventions," and "Supports for Teen Parents" as revised categories. The changes aim to better reflect the focus of services, clarify what is included, and emphasize intentional support for both children and families.
2. Clinical Supervision Pilot
Dr. Rohs discussed convenings focused on expanding the behavioral health workforce through a Clinical Supervision Fellowship. The convenings addressed strategies to increase fully licensed clinicians and supervisors, explore funding

for supervision time, and create a cohort-based fellowship model. A proposal incorporating partner feedback is expected in February, with a potential launch in July 2026.

B. Fall Site Visits

Dr. Rohs reported that the program team has begun site visits with partners to gather feedback on program operations, barriers, and funding challenges amid shifting federal and state landscapes. The visits also focus on understanding how partners engage youth with lived experience to guide services. A summary of findings from these visits is expected in the coming months.

VI. Honoring Community

Rob Whitten, CEO

- A. Center for Effective Philanthropy Survey - Jane Mosley, Director of Impact**
Dr. Mosley presented a proposal for CSF to engage the Center for Effective Philanthropy in 2026 to conduct a partner survey. The survey would provide anonymous, objective feedback from CSF partners on how the organization lives its values, as compared to peer funders. The survey will also identify areas for improvement.

A motion was made to fund the engagement with the Center for Effective Philanthropy for a survey at a cost not to exceed \$32,000 for 2026.

**First: Dir. Morgan
Aye: 5**

**Second: Dir. Nelson
Nay: 0**

Motion: Approved

VII. Optimize Organization

Rob Whitten, CEO

A. Organizational Updates

1. CSF Bylaws Revision

Mr. Whitten shared that a red-lined version of the revised bylaws, along with a summary of changes, was distributed to board members for review. Internal Affairs has reviewed the revisions, and board approval will be requested at the next meeting following the required 10-day notice.

2. New Accounting Software: NetSuite

Mr. Whitten reported that after an RFP process, CSF selected NetSuite from Oracle as the fund's new accounting software, at an annual subscription cost of just under \$24,000 for a three-year engagement. The software will be implemented in January 2026 to support increased fiscal management needs, with a \$5,000 one-time integration fee from Fluxx.

3. CSF Event- State Representatives for Jackson County

CSF plans to host an event in early December for Jackson County state representatives and senators to introduce the organization, share key findings from the Children's Services Assessment, and highlight policy priorities affecting children.

4. Nominating Update

CSF is working to fill two board vacancies in Districts 2 and 4. The District 4 candidate is still under consideration following a previous appointment disapproval.

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5. 2026 Board Schedule

The board will hold a working session on January 29, 2026, with the February meeting moved to the fourth Thursday due to a scheduling conflict. Regular board meetings are scheduled for April 16th and June 18th, with committee meetings scheduled as needed.

VIII. Old/New Business

Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair

The board discussed approval of minutes from the previous closed session, with agreement to address them at the next closed session in November to align with upcoming evaluations.

IX. Director and Guest Comments

Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion on the timing of county payments to CSF, followed by thanks to board members and staff for their efforts.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Kia Cannon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Morgan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Judy Morgan, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025, at 3:00p.m. CST – CSF Community Room

Approved Capacity Building Slate

Organization Name	Project Title	Yr 1	Yr 2
Art as Mentorship	Empowering Our Youth	\$50,000.00	N/A
ArtsTech	Voices Rising Capacity	\$40,000.00	N/A
Calvary Community Outreach Network	Building Capacity for Community Interventions	\$32,750.00	\$20,200.00
Camp Encourage	Strategic Planning & Succession Planning	\$8,450.00	\$4,250.00
Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph	Business Intelligence Dashboard	\$99,696.00	\$99,696.00
Center for Conflict Resolution	Technology and Systems Improvements	\$82,000.00	\$0.00
Child Protection Center, Inc.	2026 Increasing Competencies for Child Advocacy Professionals	\$48,120.00	N/A
Citizens of the World-Kansas City	Equipping Educators Restorative Community	\$69,380.00	N/A
Community Capital Fund	Children's Leadership Training Institute	\$18,000.00	\$25,000.00
Community Services League	Mental Health Training and Certifications	\$21,900.00	N/A

Frontier Schools	Frontier Schools: Supporting Student Mental Health	\$50,000.00	\$38,000.00
Gilda's Club Kansas City	Strengthening Gilda's Club KC's Capacity Through Strategic Communications	\$48,750.00	N/A
Great Jobs KC, Inc	Building Staff Capacity to Strengthen Equity and Student Well-Being	\$26,000.00	N/A
Greater K.C. LINC, Inc	LINC Caring Communities Evaluation	\$61,273.00	N/A
Hope House, Inc.	Hope House's Professional Development Program	\$27,750.00	N/A
HorsePower Experiential Learning Program	Expanding H.E.L.P. HorsePower Experiential Learning Program	\$38,400.00	\$38,400.00
Kansas City Autism Training Center, Inc.	Building Organizational Capacity in Community Outreach	\$92,577.00	N/A
Lead to Read KC	Embedding SEL into Strategy and Impact	\$40,000.00	N/A
Lee's Summit CARES	Prevention Through Possibilities	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Marian Hope	Marian Hope Trauma Smart Training	\$79,000.00	\$46,000.00

Metropolitan Organization Countering Sexual Assault	Technical and Strategic Capacity	\$3,343.00	\$50,000.00
Mother's Refuge	Cultural Responsiveness, Leadership, and Organizational Sustainability	\$37,744.00	\$48,705.00
Northeast Community Center	NECC/HPKC Brand Identity	\$51,500.00	\$0.00
Pro Deo Youth Center	Amplify Acute Prevention Services for Underserved Teens	\$14,633.00	N/A
Saint Luke's Hospital dba Crittenton Children's Center	Trauma Smart: Prioritizing Quality Assurance	\$29,200.00	N/A
Serve the World Charities, Inc.	CRM and Story Telling	\$12,212.00	N/A
Sherwood Center for the Exceptional Child	Pathways to Independence	\$65,000.00	\$55,000.00
The Children's Place, Inc.	A Place to Grow: Diversifying Funding	\$80,500.00	N/A
Transformation Visitation Home	Supervised Parent-Child Bonding and Parenting Skills and Education Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00