CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
CSF Community Room
2345 Grand Blvd, 14th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64108

Board Members Present:
Amy Harris (Chair)
Brian Kaberline (Vice- Chair)
Judy Morgan (Secretary)
Monica Meeks (Treasurer)
Dan Nelson
Jessica Ramírez
Ralph Teran

Guest Affiliations:
Cheryl Costabile, KVC

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

I. Call to Order — Amy Harris, Chair

The Children's Services Fund of Jackson County (CSF) meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. CSF Board Members Roll Call/Guest Introductions — Amy Harris, Chair

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

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes — Amy Harris, Chair

A. Dir. Harris called for a motion to approve or make comments regarding changes to the June 26, 2025, board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. There were no changes forthcoming.

A motion was made to approve June 26, 2025, board meeting minutes.
First: Dir. Morgan Second: Dir. Nelson Motion: Approved
Aye: 6 Nay: 0
*Dir. Ramirez was not present for this vote.

B. Proposed Agenda — Amy Harris Chair

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

IV. Investing in Children — Amy Harris, Chair

A. Partner Spotlight: KVC Niles — Cheryl Costabile, LPC, Sr. Dir of Clinical Services

Cheryl Costabile from KVC Niles shared program updates, noting the Strong and Connected Family Program's 79–82% completion rate and Niles Academy's upcoming move to the Summit campus by January. She highlighted participant academic gains and described additional capacity-building initiatives, including brain mapping and a 19-week program on problematic sexual behavior.

B. 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 July 2025:

2025 YTD Financials (as of 07.31.25)

Revenue	YTD
Tax Revenue	$20,000168
Investments	$298,352
Total Revenue	$20,298,520

Expenses	YTD
Program Support	$15,634,927
Operating & Overhead	$1,602,395
Total Expenses	$17,237,322

2025 YTD Financial Position (as of 7.31.2025)

Expenses	YTD
Assets	$30,007,000
Obligations (2025 Contracts)	$27,317,949
Total Net Assets	$2,689,050

2. Ms. Shogbamimu referenced the IRS Form 990 that had been included in the board packet and shared a couple of additional revisions to the form. With no outstanding issues noted by the board, the 990 will be submitted to the IRS as required.

C. CSF Funding

1. Updates- Jovanna Rohs, CPO

Dr. Rohs provided an update on the current Capacity Building funding applications that are due September 5, as well as a plan for an additional Capacity Building application cycle in 2026. Mr. Whitten reminded the board that Capacity Building was originally structured as a three-year initiative that ran through 2025. He asked for board consensus in continuing to fund in this category moving forward, to which the board had no concerns. The board will be asked to approve a slate of Capacity Building awards in the October meeting.

Dr. Rohs also provided an update on upcoming Core Funding opportunities, including information on the two tracks utilized: the Academic Year cycle (July 1-June 30) and the Calendar Year cycle (January 1-December 31). Core Funding will be for two-year contracts. The Academic Year cycle will open on November 3, 2025, and the Calendar Year cycle will open on May 4, 2026. There will be information sessions for Core funding in October.

V. Strengthening Partners — Jovanna Rohs, CPO

A. CSF Convenings

1. CSA Follow Up- Jane Mosley, Director of Impact
The team has reviewed feedback from several recent convenings focused on clinical supervision, workforce development, shared training opportunities, and a dual-generation approach to family interventions. There has been strong partner participation and an added bonus of extensive networking between partners.
2. Health Equity- Russell Anderson, Director of Health Equity
Mr. Anderson discussed the Fund's plan to host two additional convenings on mental health equity topics this fall.

VI. Honoring Community — **Rob Whitten, CEO**

A. Community Impact Report 2024 — Rob Whitten, CEO

Mr. Whitten provided a copy of 2024 Impact Report to the board and shared highlights, with one key highlight being that 69,433 children received CSF-funded services in 2024. Mr. Whitten also discussed a plan to strengthen storytelling in the 2025 report.

B. Community Engagement — Rob Whitten, CEO

The CSF team recently volunteered at The Children's Place. Mr. Whitten discussed ongoing efforts to strengthen community relationships and policy engagement, noting potential legislative challenges in the coming year. The Fund also had a table at the KC Chamber of Commerce Diversity celebration.

VII. Optimize Organization — **Rob Whitten, CEO**

A. Organizational Updates

1. CSF Strategic Agenda Refresh/Review
The Board reviewed updates to the Strategic Agenda, originally developed in 2020. Leadership recommended minor revisions to the "Honor Community" and "Optimize Organization" imperatives to better reflect the organization's maturity and current priorities. Discussion emphasized clarifying language, measuring impact, and considering funders' roles in addressing systemic barriers, including potential nonprofit partnerships or mergers to reduce overhead.
2. CSF Finance Policy & Procedure Approval
The Internal Affairs Committee presented updated and expanded Finance Policies/Procedures, including strengthened internal controls and revised financial authority levels. Discussion focused on clarifying responsibilities of the CEO and ensuring proper board oversight.

A motion was made to approve the Finance Policies/Procedures as presented, with the amendment to strike Section C under the Financial Authority/Account Policy.

First: Dir. Morgan	Second: Dir. Harris	Motion: Approved
Aye: 7	Nay: 0	

3. Other CSF Updates

CSF leadership engaged in a two-day retreat focused on strategic agenda work and team health, using Patrick Lencioni's framework. The accounting software RFQ is underway, with 3 vendors under review for compatibility with Fluxx. Performance management tool testing is ongoing, with plans to complete formal reviews using the new tool by 2025 year-end. The website refresh has been completed, with updates available at JacksonCountyKids.org.

VIII. Old/New Business — Amy Harris, Chair

None noted.

IX. Director and Guest Comments — Amy Harris, Chair

None noted.

X. Closed Session

The following motion was made:

"I move that this meeting be closed, and all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under RSMO Section 610.021, subsection 13, for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter."

First: Dir. Harris	Second: Dir. Ramirez	Motion: Approved
Aye: 7	Nay: 0	

The meeting was closed at 4:29pm on August 21, 2025.

A motion was made to come back into open session.

First: Dir. Kaberline	Second: Dir. Meeks	Motion: Approved
Aye: 7	Nay: 0	

The meeting came out of closed session at 4:40PM on August 21, 2025.

XI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:42PM.

Respectfully submitted: Kia Cannon

Judy Morgan

Judy Morgan, Secretary

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025, at 3:00p.m. CST – CSF Community Room