CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 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)
Dan Nelson
Ralph Teran

Board Members Absent:
Monica Meeks (Treasurer)
Jessica Ramírez
Oneta Templeton

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

Guest Affiliations:
Pamela Behle, Safe Babies
Ps. Jane Burns, Justice & Dignity Center
Bp. Tony Caldwell, Justice & Dignity Center
Carlos Corredor, Jackson County CASA
Jim Giles, University Health
Justin Horton, Cornerstones of Care
Rick Morris, Justice & Dignity Center
Mark Pringle, Justice & Dignity Center
Jerry Rose, Justice & Dignity Center
Tiffany Staley, Synergy
Michele Utt, Safe Babies

I. Call to Order — Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair

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

II. Board Member Roll Call/Guest Introductions — Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair

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

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda — Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair

A. Director Kaberline called for a motion to approve or make comments regarding changes to the November 20, 2025, board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. There were no changes forthcoming.

A motion was made to approve November 20, 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 changes needed to the proposed agenda.

IV. Investing in Children **Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair**

A. Partner Spotlight: Safe Babies Court **Pamela Behle & Michele Utt**

Ms. Utt and Ms. Behle provided a detailed presentation on the Safe Babies Court initiative, which supports infants and toddlers involved in the child welfare system by creating a more coordinated, trauma-responsive approach to their care. The presenters outlined how the model brings together Family Court, Children's Division, service providers, and caregivers to ensure quicker access to services, more frequent and meaningful family time, and earlier permanency decisions. They highlighted successful outcomes such as stronger family engagement, reduced time to reunification, and improved communication among agencies.

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 December 2025.

2025 YTD Financials

Revenue	YTD
Tax Revenue	$33,948,913
Investments/Interest	$ 1,274,484
Total Revenue	**$ 35,223,397**

Expenses	YTD
Program Support	$32,768,679
Operating & Overhead	$2,562,454
Total Expenses	**$ 35,331,133**

2025 YTD Financial Position

Expenses	YTD
Assets	$27,927,578
Obligations (2025 Contracts)	$ 10,184,199
Total Net Assets	**$17,743,379**

2. A review of the financials circulated in the board packet was completed with the following highlights from January 2026 reflecting the typical early-year slowdown in reimbursement activity as partners transition into the new contract cycle. Staff highlighted that no concerns were identified at this stage and that spending patterns are expected to normalize as the year progresses. At the time of the Board meeting, January 2026 program support expenses had not yet been calculated.

January 2026 Financials

Revenue	YTD
Tax Revenue	$3,015,337
Investments	$ 4,871
Total Revenue	**$ 3,020,208**

Expenses	YTD
Program Support	TBD
Operating & Overhead	$172,396
Total Expenses	**TBD**

3. The board reviewed a proposed revision to the 2026 budget to account for organizational growth identified after the original budget was approved in November 2025. The revised budget includes adding a second Program Officer position and a new Accountant position, increasing personnel costs by approximately $259,000. To support these additions, the updated budget reflects a slightly higher draw from reserves, with an estimated increase of $260,000, while core revenue projections remain largely unchanged. Program support also remains consistent with the previously approved budget. The board had discussion, including questions about anticipated increases in health insurance costs.

Category	2026 Budget	Revised
Tax Revenue Received	$33,000,000	$33,000,000
Investment Income	$500,000	$300,000
Transfer from Reserve	$14,088,378	$14,348,052
Total Revenue	**$47,588,378**	**$47,848,052**

Expenses	2026 Proposed
Program Expenses	$44,534,671
Personnel	$2,469,125
Operating (Total)*	$3,053,707

*Operating Total includes Personnel Expenses

A motion was made to approve the revised 2026 budget with the changes in personnel cost and potential draw from reserve.
First: Dir. Nelson **Second: Dir. Harris** **Motion: Approved**
Aye: 5 **Nay: 0**

C. CSF Funding- Jovanna Rohs, Chief Program Officer
1. Core Funding Update
Dr. Rohs shared that core funding partner conversations are halfway complete, with 27 finished and 22 remaining. This year's smaller meeting format, with only 3 CSF staff present, has been well-received and feels more equitable for partners. Seven partners were exempt from these conversations due to requests being consistent with current awards. Once conversations wrap on March 11, staff will prepare recommendations for External Affairs, with final approval scheduled for the full board in April. Initial requests totaled about $45 million, with only $25 million tentatively allocated, creating a significant gap.

2. Capacity Building Update
Dr. Rohs reported on status of capacity-building applications, which remain open. Technology applications are at 55 (46 draft, 9 submitted), the highest response yet, while traditional capacity-building has 31 (25 draft, 6 submitted). Both categories are expected to be oversubscribed. Mr. Whitten noted that federal and Missouri budget cuts are intensifying competition for funding.
3. Potential CSF Funding: World Cup Trafficking Response
The board discussed potential increases in child sex trafficking during the World Cup in Kansas City. The Justice and Dignity Center noted the need for increased youth protection and staffing, with estimated costs of $250,000 for six months. No coordinated response or dedicated funding currently exists, and any board action would likely support existing youth-serving partner organizations, with safety near event sites emphasized.

V. Strengthening Partners **Jovanna Rohs, CPO**

A. Clinical Supervision Pilot
The board reviewed the proposed Clinical Supervision Pilot, designed to address the shortage of licensed clinicians in Jackson County. The pilot will subsidize supervision costs for clinicians seeking full licensure, covering both supervisors and supervisees, and will include a small administrative stipend for participating agencies. The initiative aims to strengthen the workforce pipeline, improve clinical quality, and support diverse clinicians, while allowing supervision hours to count toward state licensure without financial barriers.

A motion was made to approve launching the Clinical Supervision Pilot with up to $500,000 from the Community budget line.

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

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

This portion of the agenda was postponed for future discussion due to time constraints, as the items were informational and not time sensitive.

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

A. Organizational Updates
1. NetSuite Accounting Software Update
The board was informed of ongoing challenges with NetSuite, including transferring data from QuickBooks and completing bank reconciliations. Staff reported a meeting scheduled with NetSuite to address these issues, with the goal of generating January financial statements by the end of the month.
2. CSF Policy Agenda Areas
The board reviewed current policy and legislative issues relevant to Jackson County. Key items include Missouri's proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate or restrict state income and revenue growth, ongoing property tax relief legislation, bills impacting minors' wages, Medicaid work requirements, and nutrition services in healthcare. Mr. Whitten noted concerns about potential budget shortfalls, revenue

constraints, and the need to monitor legislation affecting funding streams for local programs, while emphasizing ongoing attention to bills targeting DEI, gender transition, and other recurring topics.

3. Nominating Update
   The board was informed of two recent appointments by the Interim County Executive: Oneta Templeton for District 4, who was unable to attend today's meeting, and a District 2 appointee who declined her appointment due to a statutory conflict. This leaves one District 2 vacancy, with a potential candidate under consideration.
4. Other Updates
   Several staff were recognized for reaching anniversaries with the organization.

VIII. Old/New Business **Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair**

IX. Director and Guest Comments **Brian Kaberline, Vice-Chair**

During guest comments, Bishop Tony Caldwell from the Justice and Dignity Center highlighted the urgent risk of youth human trafficking in specific Jackson County zip codes, noting that current shelter capacity is full and that the upcoming World Cup could bring hundreds of additional at-risk youth to the area. He emphasized the need for immediate action and requested funding to support emergency response efforts. Additionally, Tiffany from Synergy expressed support for the pilot clinical supervision program, noting it addresses a critical gap in supervision for school-based therapists.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.

Respectfully submitted: Kia Cannon

Judy Morgan

Judy Morgan, Secretary

Next Meeting: April 16, 2026, at 3:00p.m. CST – CSF Community Room