CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND OF JACKSON COUNTY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.
Virtual

Board Members Present:
Amy Harris (Chair)
Brian Kaberline (Vice-Chair)
Judy Morgan (Secretary)
Monica Meeks (Treasurer)
Dan Nelson
Jessica Ramirez
Oneta Templeton

Board Members Absent:
Ralph Teran

Guest Affiliations:
Jim Giles, University Health
Louisa Spangler, Hope House
Brent Wilson, CBIZ
Kurt Breke, CBIZ
Brooke Taylor, CBIZ

Staff Present:
Rob Whitten (CEO)
Russell Anderson
Kia Cannon
Melody Elston
Carolyn Knapp
Jane Mosley
Celeste Ortiz

Jovanna Rohs
Moji Shogbamimu
Laurie Simpkins

I. Call to Order **Amy Harris, Chair**

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

II. Board Member Roll Call/Guest Introductions **Amy Harris, Chair**

Roll call was taken and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes/Agenda **Amy Harris, Chair**

A. Director Harris called for a motion to approve or make comments regarding changes to the April 16, 2026, board meeting minutes circulated in the board packet. There were no changes forthcoming.

A motion was made to approve April 16, 2026, board meeting minutes.

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

A motion was made to approve April 16, 2026, closed session minutes.

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

B. Director Harris asked for any changes to the proposed agenda, with no changes suggested.

IV. Investing in Children **Amy Harris, Chair**

A. 2025 Audit Presentation/Acceptance CBIZ Team

Representatives from CBIZ presented the results of the 2025 independent financial audit and issued an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, indicating the financial statements fairly present the Children's Services Funds financial position in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Auditors reported no findings of fraud, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or compliance concerns and noted no disagreements with management during the audit. CBIZ also provided recommendations related to cybersecurity, investment interest calculation reviews, and segregation of duties.

A motion was made to accept the 2025 independent financial audit completed by CBIZ.

First: Dir. Kaberline	**Second: Dir. Morgan**	**Motion: Approved**
Aye: 7	**Nay**	

B. Financial Update Moji Shogbamimu, Chief Financial Officer

A review of the financials circulated in the board packet was completed with the following highlights from May 2026. YTD revenue is at 44.1% of budget and program support is tracking at about 26.3% of budget. The fund reported strong liquidity with $26.1 million in assets, including $22.5 million in investments. Staff noted that a $2.5 million investment was allowed to mature to maintain adequate cash flow for partner reimbursements and that additional sales tax revenue expected later in the year will improve the current net asset position.

2026 YTD Financials (as of 5.31.26)

Revenue	YTD
Tax Revenue	$14,580,700
Investments	$ 124,159
Total Revenue	**$ 14,704,859**

Expenses	YTD
Program Support	$11,716,998
Operating & Overhead	$1,088,757
Total Expenses	**$12,805,755**

C. CSF Funding — Jovanna Rohs, Chief Program Officer

a. Core Funding: Calendar Year Update

Dr. Rohs provided an update on the Calendar Year Core Funding process, reporting a record 112 letters of intent requesting approximately $65.9 million in funding, compared to the $40 million tentatively allotted. Following staff review, 96 projects including 15 new applicants were invited to advance to the full application stage. Invitations to apply will be issued by early July, with applications due July 24, followed by partner conversations and funding recommendations to the External Affairs Committee in early Fall.

b. Capacity through Technology Update — Rob Whitten, CEO

Mr. Whitten provided an update on the Technology Funding initiative, reporting that 74 of 82 applications were approved, totaling approximately $2.2 million in awards. The remaining funds from the $3 million allocation were reallocated to support additional Capacity Building awards approved by the Board earlier in the year.

V. Strengthening Partners

A. Supervision Pilot Update — Jovanna Rohs, Chief Program Officer

Dr. Rohs announced the launch of the Clinical Supervision Pilot, a workforce initiative designed to support provisionally licensed mental health professionals in obtaining full licensure by offsetting the cost of clinical supervision. The pilot will include up to 27 supervisor-supervisee pairs from 18 partner organizations. Dr. Rohs noted the pilot is intended to strengthen the behavioral health workforce and inform a potential long-term supervision support model within Core Funding. Support for this project had been previously approved by the board.

B. Funders Collaborative: Shared Training Hub Project — Rob Whitten, CEO

Mr. Whitten presented the proposed Funders Collaborative Shared Training Hub, a regional workforce initiative designed to strengthen the behavioral health workforce by serving as a centralized resource for training, credentialing, and professional development. The hub would catalog existing training opportunities, identify gaps, and coordinate shared training opportunities to reduce duplication and improve access for partner organizations. The Board discussed project sustainability, performance benchmarks, and the importance of annual evaluation, emphasizing that continued funding would be contingent upon measurable outcomes.

A motion was made to approve a contract of up to $75,000 annually for up to 4 years to support the Shared Training Hub Project contingent upon ongoing collaboration with other funding partners and demonstrated project success.

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

VI. Honoring Community

A. Community Impact Report 2025 — Rob Whitten, Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Whitten announced the release of the 2025 Impact Report, which is now available on the CSF website and highlights the organization's investments and community impact over the past year. The report noted that CSF invested $32.8 million in partner organizations, supporting services for more than 77,000 children and youth, and highlighted key accomplishments.

B. Center for Effective Philanthropy Survey Update — Jane Mosley, Director of Impact

The Board received an update on the 2025 Partner Survey, which is currently in progress. Staff reported a 45% response rate to date, noting the survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Results are expected to be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

C. CSF Communications — Jane Mosley & Rob Whitten

Staff provided an update on the communications and narrative strategy work, including the transition of communications efforts from Fervor's retainer support to more of an internal approach. Staff shared that recent newsletters and social media content have been developed in-house, with a renewed focus on streamlined, relevant communications aligned with CSF's messaging priorities. The team is also reviewing website content and structure to improve accessibility, remove duplicative information, and ensure alignment with the Fund's narrative anchor and mission. The Board discussed the updated messaging framework and its alignment with CSF's role, mission, and funding priorities.

D. Commnity Engagement — Rob Whitten, Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Whitten provided an update on CSF's community engagement efforts, highlighting sponsorship of the Skin-Deep project focused on addressing racial disproportionality in the foster care system and its recent wrap-up convening. Staff also shared CSF's continued support as keynote sponsor of the Mental Health KC Conference, which brought together more than 1,000 attendees.

VII. Optimize Organization — Rob Whitten, Chief Executive Officer

A. Organizational Updates

a. CSF Policy Agenda Areas/Missouri Legislative Update

Mr. Whitten provided an update on the state's fiscal outlook and potential implications of Amendment 5, including concerns regarding future state budget reductions and impacts on programs serving children and families. He also provided an update on ongoing advocacy efforts, noting CSF's organizational opposition to the amendment due to concerns regarding its potential impact on public resources and children's services. Director Meeks asked for clarification regarding Board approval of CSF's position, and staff clarified that the issue had been discussed previously with the Board and that no concerns or objections were raised regarding moving forward with the organizational stance.

b. Other Updates
Mr. Whitten recognized team members' participation in the GEO conference in Boston and acknowledged staff anniversaries with CSF.

VIII. Old/New Business — Amy Harris, Chair

Director Meeks requested that presentation slides be shared following the meeting, and staff confirmed they would be provided.

IX. Director and Public Comments — Amy Harris, Chair

None noted.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kia Cannon

Judy Morgan

Judy Morgan, Secretary

Next Meeting: August 20, 2026, at 3:00p.m. CST – CSF Community Room