

**COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2015**

The Columbia/Boone County Board of Health met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2015. The meeting was held at the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1005 W. Worley St. Public Health & Human Services Director, Stephanie Browning, and Assistant Director, Scott Clardy, represented the staff. Senior Administrative Support Assistant, Brittany Klusman, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	<u>MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED</u>
Dr. Michael Szewczyk	David Sohl	
Jean Sax	Harry Feirman	
Dr. Colin Malaker	Denise Stillson	
Dr. Beth Hussey		
Cynthia Boley		
Mahree Skala		
Lynelle Phillips		
Dr. Sally Beth Lyon		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Michael Szewczyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lyon wanted the February minutes corrected to remove the following statement, "She explained that this topic might be aligned with one of those priorities which would be something to look into." This statement was on page three of the second paragraph. Dr. Hussey made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, which Ms. Skala seconded. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Michelle Windmoeller – PedNet

Grindstone to Stephens Trail Link

Ms. Windmoeller is on the Board of Directors for the PedNet Coalition. She is presenting the Board with the four different options available to link the trail system from Grindstone to Stephens. They are asking for the Board's endorsement for Options 1 and 3. Ms. Windmoeller showed a map of the area and went over the four different options. She noted that the following City Commissions and Boards: Disabilities, Public Transit, Parks and Recreation, and Bicycle/Pedestrian have already endorsed Options 1 and 3. She explained how the bicycle master plan for Columbia resembles a wheel, with downtown being the central hub. This provides residents the opportunity to have a

relatively flat, smooth ride and still be able to connect to the different areas of Columbia. The Grindstone to Stephens Trail is a major connector that has not been created yet, which plays a very important role in Columbia's connectivity. A study was completed on all four trail options, which recommended Options 1 and 3 as the best route to make this trail connector. Ms. Windmoeller explained that Option 2 has a larger environmental impact, and Option 4 run along the road and not create a mode shift. She explained that the funds for this are coming from "Get About Columbia" and because of this, the money has to be used toward a mode shift. She clarified that mode shift is getting people out of their vehicles and walking or biking for their transportation. Ms. Windmoeller explained that the University of Missouri has already agreed to give easement for the connection to Rollins. Ms. Phillips, being a bike commuter and having lived close to Shepard Elementary, explained that the only way to get to campus from that area is by riding on to Broadway or Stadium. She explained that neither one of those routes are a good option for bicyclists. Ms. Phillips is in support of Options 1 and 3.

There was a discussion on how much environmental impact each option would have. Ms. Windmoeller explained that with Option 3 the land is already cleared because of sewer and gas lines. Therefore, when the bridge equipment is brought in there would not be a lot of damage. Additionally, the plant life in that area will be restored to having native plants. Option 2 would have the most environmental damage because of the amount of trees needing to be cleared. Ms. Windmoeller explained that Options 1 and 3 will clear out some trees, but the trail will also incorporate some. Option 4 would have the least environmental impact. Ms. Windmoeller explained that the bridges which would be brought in are pre-built and the trail would be ten feet wide and made of concrete. It was explained that concrete is less environmentally damaging than the gravel that was used on the Katy Trail.

Dr. Hussey made a motion to support options one and three. Ms. Phillips seconded and motion passed. Ms. Windmoeller explained that this will be presented to City Council Monday night. PedNet will add the Board of Health to their list of City Boards and Commissions which have endorsed Options 1 and 3.

Kelly Wallis – Director of Boone County Community Services

Children's Service Fund and Community Services Update

Ms. Wallis briefly touched on her background. She then explained that the Community Services Department was created by the Boone County Commission to oversee the Children's Services Fund as well as some other funds including Community Health, Social Services, and Domestic Violence. She briefly touched on each of these other funds. Turning to the Children Services Fund, Ms. Wallis explained that this was a voter initiated program. There was a petition to get this on the ballot by the "Putting Kids First" coalition, and in 2012 they were successful in securing funding through a ¼ cent county-wide sales tax. This tax generates approximately six and a half million dollars per year; these funds started accruing in April of 2013. Ms. Wallis explained that the Children's Services Board is the appropriating authority for the fund. She went into more details on who is on the Board and their experience. It was explained that how the fund can be used is regulated by statute 210.861, RSMo. Ms. Wallis went over the ways the fund can be invested.

In making decisions about what services to fund, the Department contracted with the Institute of Public Policy and Access from the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. They were able to produce a Community Input Report, which was the conglomeration of five community input sessions, key stakeholder interviews, synthesis of existing needs assessments, and then they summarized this information. They were able to identify these issues that needed to be addressed in Boone County: access, education, system/structures, and prevention. Ms. Wallis noted that the sessions explored

the barriers which prevent access for families/children from seeking the care they need. In the area of education, it was felt that various individuals could intervene early on in the child's life including, but not limited to, school personnel, early childhood providers, and parents. Regarding system/structures, parents need to be able to navigate the system as a whole and learn how to utilize the programs. Ms. Wallis explained that the Children Services Board added prevention efforts as one of its priority areas when making final decisions on what services to fund. Ms. Wallis handed out, "*Boone County Children's Services Proposals Summary Funded Fall 2014*", which had brief summaries of the programs and services that were funded in 2014. She went over a specific pilot program, "*Training and Case Management*", which was awarded to the University of Missouri on behalf of the Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition. She explained that this program will screen and assess every child in every Boone County school, kindergarten through twelfth grade for risk factors. Ms. Wallis explained that they will also offer wrap around services for individuals, classrooms, and school levels. This will be piloted this fall and will be an ongoing service.

Ms. Wallis noted that they had determined there was a missing link between families and programs. The missing link is putting all the pieces together, so that those in need can navigate to the right program. Realizing this, the Department has put out a targeted RFP (Request for Proposal) for an Access to Services Program. The proposals are due in May. Ms. Wallis explained that this program will help identify what the children and families' needs are, inform the family about what options they have, and make the appropriate referrals. She also explained that there will also be some type of case management to make sure the children and families are getting the services they need, follow ups with the families to make sure the programs are working, and following up with the providers. Basically, this program will be coming up with an action plan for a child and/or family. Additionally, there would be oversight by the stakeholders which would include: the juvenile office, law enforcement, and Children's Division. The stakeholders are basically all the people who encounter the children and families that are in crisis but don't know where to refer them too. Ms. Wallis went over the terms of participation and explained that this would be more of a family environment and completely voluntary.

Discussion

There was a discussion on the variations between the programs, the services being provided and the price differences. Ms. Wallis explained that the Boone County Children's Services Proposals Summary is a very high level summarized version of the proposals. The actual proposals are very detailed. She explained that all of the agencies had to tie their services to a publicly established rate, and the services may look similar on paper but when you delve deeper, there are a lot of differences within these programs. Ms. Wallis clarified that the purchase of service programs are billing the Community Services Department for services that were actually provided. However, the piloted programs got a portion of the amount awarded upon contract signing because these programs had initial start-up costs. These piloted programs will be required to account for these funds before receiving any additional funds in the future. Ms. Wallis explained that each agency has a way to evaluate each family's financial resources. There was a discussion regarding how a shortage of enough mental health and health care providers can be a bigger issue than finances. Ms. Wallis mentioned that hopefully, over time, Boone County will be an attractive place for professionals to stay. The discussion moved to how there is an overall lack of mental health providers. It was clarified that the programs will not take out-of-County residents, and that all school staff will be trained in mental health first aide. Ms. Wallis explained that this will take a while to trickle down to the entire personnel but it is a school wide effort. It was also clarified that every child in Boone County Schools will go through the check list. The question was asked if the Board of Health could do anything to help the Community Development Department. Ms. Wallis said it would help if they could get the word out about their programs, and that there is movement with the Children's Services Fund. She explained that there is no money budgeted for advertisement. Ms. Wallis went into some details about the contract term dates and why some were longer than others.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Ms. Browning has a recommendation for the next Board of Health meeting. She explained that in 2004, the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department adopted the current swimming pool code, which is now out of date. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Model Aquatic Health Code was recently updated and now the Environmental Health staff wants to update the Health Department's code. Environmental Health staff has already met with the Legal Department, plans to meet with the industry this month, and would like to come to the April Board of Health meeting with the proposed changes. Ms. Browning explained that the swimming pool design and construction process has evolved so much that it is time for the City's code to be updated.

To expedite the review, Dr. Szewczyk suggested that the current ordinance, the proposed ordinance, and a summary of the changes should be e-mailed to all the Board members for their review prior to the April meeting. Mr. Clardy will have it sent out in early April.

OLD BUSINESS

School Lunch Programs

Dr. Szewczyk and Ms. Skala completed the Board's letter of support, which will be sent to the superintendent of schools. Ms. Skala read the letter to the rest of the Board.

Tobacco²¹ and e-cigarettes

There was a quick discussion over the Institute of Medicine Report and the Webinar that was broadcasted earlier that day. It was noted that there is strong, scientific and growing support of increasing the age for purchase of tobacco to 21.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss. Dr. Szewczyk mentioned that the Genetically Modified Organism Committee is deciding on a date for their first meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m. It was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.