**STRATEGIC PLAN: February, 2021 – JANUARY, 2023**

**BOYLE COUNTY AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY, INC.**

**Background Information:** In developing this strategic plan, the Boyle County ASAP Board of Directors reviewed and considered all of the following:

1. Previous Boyle ASAP Planning Surveys (Most recent: 2018)
2. The 2020-21 Boyle ASAP approved budget, and the 2020-21 Harm Reduction Opiate Grant already received.
3. Emerging local, state, and national trends - particularly high risk trends, including recent CDC alert re: drug overdoses in Kentucky, and data from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy
4. Data collected and reported by the University of Kentucky Healing Communities Study
5. Continuing program information re: observed trends in the Boyle County Syringe Exchange Program.
6. Research data from Centre College Research Methods in Sociology Class Fall, 2020 (and prior year class findings) re: local barriers to treatment and recovery and the effects of COVID
7. 2018 KIP Data (due to COVID – the most recent available), and Partnership for Drug Free Kids info
8. Information regularly reported by area providers in monthly ASAP meetings
9. Data on local need for emergency shelter and transitional housing, as compiled by the Emergency Shelter Committee

\*Note: Some of the following goals can be more clearly measured than others, but it was the opinion of the board members that all of these goals are important, and should be included.

\*\*Note: This plan is intended to be a flexible guiding document for program development and funding decisions; but is always open to change, as community needs change. The current opiate crisis has taught us how quickly new substances and their accompanying problems can demand a change in community responses. The COVID-10 pandemic has led to challenges which have hampered the achievement of some goals in the most recent plan, and has contributed to focusing again strongly on harm reduction and meeting basic needs, such as housing, for area residents in active addiction and recovery. Nevertheless, the board maintains a strong commitment to long-term prevention.

**GOALS:**

1. **Administrative/Operations**

**Goal #1:**  Improve internal and external organizational communication and dissemination of community resource information.

Tasks: Improve and do timely updates on website and social media

Regularly update local City and County government officials on the work of ASAP

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Provide information to ASAP members between monthly meetings

Continue regular local newspaper articles

**Goal #2:** Improve financial monitoring and long-term financial sustainability.

Tasks: Establish new Finance Committee and hold at least annual meetings of Finance Committee

Work with local governments and/or other organizations to secure grants to address ASAP goals

Increase intentional private fundraising for treatment, travel, and sober living

**Goal #3:**  Improve organizational commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and to decreasing health disparities in local communities of color.

Tasks: Establish a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee focused on keeping the organization true to the Boyle ASAP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

1. **Harm Reduction**

**Goal #1:** Eliminate all drug overdose deaths and drug overdoses in Boyle County.

Tasks: Provide Overdose Response trainings and distribute Naloxone as allowed by annual budget and designated Harm Reduction Opiate grant budget

Support and publicize all overdose prevention efforts, including Naloxone distribution and trainings, as hosted by U.K. Healing Communities Study

Purchase Naloxone for area citizens and organizations, to the extent allowed by budget

**Goal #2**: Decrease spread of Hepatitis C, HIV, and related health and safety problems due to

IV drug use.

Tasks: Provide financial support to the Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program at Boyle County Health Department.

Continue to educate community re: need for Syringe Exchange Program and assist in promoting its positive outcomes

Continue to educate community re: prevention of Hepatitis C and HIV, and available testing

**Goal #3:** Prevent the misuse of medications in Boyle County homes by children and adults.

Tasks: Provide financial support to Police and Sheriff’s Department Drug Drop Boxes

Promote the use of all Drug Drop Boxes located in the community

As per indicators in 2018 KIP data and national data, educate community adults re: the dangers of unused and unsecured medications in homes

1. **Prevention and Education**

**Goal #1:** Every kindergarten through post-secondary student in Boyle County shall have age appropriate alcohol, drug, and tobacco/nicotine education each academic year.

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Tasks: Partner with school systems to provide funding, information, and resource people as per their identified needs and requests, and with evidence-based strategies a priority when possible

Partner with school systems, churches, and other groups, to develop youth coalitions who can assist with educating other youth re: substance use and related mental health issues

**Goal #2:** Every educator in the public and private school systems of Boyle County shall have annual continuing education in substance use and related mental health issues.

Task: Partner with school administrators to provide face-to-face, print, or web-based training in relevant substance abuse issues.

**Goal #3:** Every parent/guardian of children and youth in kindergarten through high school in all local school systems shall receive annual education on substance use and parenting.

Tasks: Partner with schools and provide regular educational programs to the general parenting public.

Improve website links to direct people to substance use parenting information.

**Goal #4:** Support and collaborate with existing community programs which lower risk factors for the development of substance use disorders, increase protective factors, and correct myths about substance use disorders

Tasks: Provide financial support to area high school Project Graduations

Provide financial support to Truth and Consequences program

Provide financial support, program collaboration, and planning to Arts Commission for primary prevention plays/videos

Collaborate with Hope Network for the mentoring programs for at-risk youth

Collaborate with other community organizations such as Hope Network, CJCC, DCBS, and treatment programs, to develop and maintain capacity-building community programs which address primary and secondary prevention of substance use disorders, decrease stigma and teach research-driven facts.

**Goal #5:** Educate local employers on substance use disorders and hiring people in recovery

Tasks: Partner with other organizations to provide workshops on Substance and Workplace Issues.

Regularly share updated information on local prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources with local employers

1. **Treatment and Recovery**

**Goal #1:** Continue to improve treatment access for Boyle Countians in need of treatment for substance use disorders.

Tasks: Continue to accept donations from individuals and organizations for treatment and travel to treatment for individuals with no other payor source for treatment, and process requests for use of those funds

Provide support and advocacy for the use of Casey’s Law to families of those with untreated substance use disorders

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**Goal #2:** Assist in improving public transportation and child care for Boyle Countians to

attend treatment, recovery groups, and employment.

Task: Advocate for, and work with, community decision makers to plan and implement

Improved accessibility to transportation.

**Goal #3:**  Develop accessible and affordable detoxification treatment located in Boyle

County.

Task: Continue to evaluate, and advocate for Boyle County detoxification services for a variety of substances.

**Goal #4:**  Improve current programs and support emerging initiatives which assist families struggling with the stressors of active and recovering addiction in their family members.

Tasks: Partner with Hope Network to provide information and support to families through Celebrate Recovery meetings and informational events.

Partner with Hope Network and individual churches to provide substance use disorder information and support to community pastors and faith leaders

Provide print materials for families in community locations and web-based materials for family support.

Partner with Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) to publicize their group meetings, and cosponsor informational programs.

**Goal #5:** Increase number of people who stop smoking and other tobacco/nicotine use in

Boyle County.

Tasks: Assist in providing financial support to the Boyle County Health Department Smoking Cessation program and publicize it through ASAP meetings and member contact list.

Provide educational information to schools for distribution to students and families re: smoking and other tobacco/nicotine use.

**Goal #6:** Increase community awareness of, and contribute to, the quality of area treatment and recovery programs.

Tasks: Provide funding as requested by programs, and as available, to support quality, researched program materials and continuing education for staff.

Assist area programs in recruitment of new treatment and prevention staff.

Publicize to the community updated treatment and recovery program information

**Goal #7:** Increase the number of emergency shelter, transitional sober living, and reentry living opportunities in Boyle County.

Tasks: Work with potential providers of transitional living to secure funding and support

Referrals to the programs

Continue to plan and advocate for a small short-term crisis/assessment/case management facility in Boyle County

Continue to utilize donated funds, as available, for transitional sober living assistance

1. **Enforcement**

**Goal #1:** Contribute to the passage of a county-wide smoke-free ordinance which includes

e-cigs/vaping.

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Task: When indicated by supporting public officials, provide information, advocacy,

and/or testimony for a Boyle County Smoke-Free Ordinance.

**Goal #2:** Assist all parents of teens in knowing and understanding the existing Social Host Ordinance for Boyle County

Task: Provide information through various public/social media re: the stipulations and penalties associated with the Social Host Ordinance, and issues around underage drinking.

**Goal #3:**  Improve training and support of members of local law enforcement re: substance abuse, mental health, and related issues.

Tasks: Work with law enforcement to provide support and relevant training as identified by and requested by law enforcement leaders

Continue to support and thank law enforcement and other first responders by

collaborating with Hope Network and others to provide the annual First Responders “Thank

You Lunch”

**Goal #4:** Advocate for, and support, substance use and mental health disorder treatment

programs be included in jail and prison incarceration, and diversion programs be available.

Tasks: Support and provide funds when available for treatment materials in the Boyle

County Detention Center and Northpoint Training Center.

Provide education to area elected decision makers re: the value of treatment over

Incarceration only.