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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the Boyle County U.K. Extension Office, 99 Corporate Drive, Danville, Ky. The meeting was called to order by Christy Whitsell, Chairperson, at 8:35 AM. Board members present: Christy Whitsell, James Hunn, Paige Lutz, Brent Blevins, Mary Huston, Hilary Blevins, John Caywood, and Jenny Clark. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present. In addition, there were 11 other member present. All were welcomed and introductions were made. The Boyle County Extension Office was thanked for today’s meeting room.

**Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2022, Monthly Meeting:** Minutes of the January 28, 2022, meeting were emailed by Kathy Miles, Secretary. Motion was made by James Hunn, seconded by John Caywood to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of February 25, 2022, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report, also emailed in advance. The report reflected a beginning balance on December 17, 2021, of $50,594.02, and an ending balance on January 19, 2022, of $46,262.26. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by James Hunn, to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

**Approval of Budgeted Requests for Payment and New Requests:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the following requests for payment:

1. Corey Hacker: Peer Support Initial Training - $150 (Harm Reduction Budget)
2. Olivia Eastham: Peer Support Initial Training - $150 (Harm Reduction Budget)
3. Jessica Elliott: Peer Support Initial Training - $150 (Harm Reduction Budget)
4. Tunnel Vision Design: Website services - $212.50 (Annual Budget)
5. Olivia Eastham: Peer Support Initial Training for SH resident - $150 (Harm Reduction Budget)
6. Kathy Miles: January Coordination - $400 (Annual Budget)
7. Boyle Co. Schools: Project Graduation - $200 (Annual Budget)
8. Danville Schools: Project Graduation - $200 (Annual Budget)
9. Boyle Co. Health Dept.: Smoking Cessation materials & annual Fiscal Agent Fee - $650 (Annual Budget)
10. Tunnel Vision Design: Website Development - $1522.50 (Annual Budget)
11. Bluegrass Media: newspaper ads - $322.50 (Harm Reduction Budget)

Motion was made by Paige Lutz, seconded by Brent Blevins, to approve all requests for payment. Motion carried.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, & Undesignated): - $ 2848.37

**Healing Communities Study Report:**  Amy Longwill, Boyle Co. Coordinator and Amy Anness, Boyle Co. Prevention Specialist, gave an update on communication campaigns regarding safe disposal. Watch for another billboard in Boyle County. Naloxone continues to be handed out. Send Amy Anness any group training opportunities for Naloxone. Sustainability of grant-funded services is an important issue at this time. A Transition Committee was identified in the January ASAP meeting as: Brian Wofford, Hilary Blevins, Roger Fox, Amy Anness, Amy Longwill, and Kathy Miles. Kathy will email a meeting time to members.

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: James Hunn reported that Blake Hobson, Shepherds House, will be meeting with clients at the jail for the Jail to Jobs program. They are finding housing to be an increasing challenge for people when they leave the jail.

-Hope Network: James Hunn reported that 1 Circle of Hope client has been in a job placement 90 days, and has now received the program financial reward. Hope Network met yesterday, and are working on changes needed in focus due to COVID.

-Shepherds House: Roger Fox updated that the Women’s Transitional Living Program is full, and that a van for that program is very much needed – either donated, or very cheap.

-Isaiah House/REAL HOPE: Hilary Blevins reported that usage of primary care services is increasing. Residential programs are going well, the new Women’s Program in Lincoln County is full, and a new 34 bed program will begin in Harrodsburg within the next 6 months.

-New Vista: Lori Croley updated that they will be expanding to include primary care in March in Danville. They have opening for the SUD IOP in Danville.

-New Vista Prevention: Kristen Truty updated that applications for what were previously called “YES grants”, and now called “Ky Youth Prevention Ambassadors for Community Engagement”, are open and due to the Regional Prevention Center by March 18.

-Syringe Exchange Program: Brent Blevins reported that Merl Baldwin is leaving the Syringe Exchange position for another position. At this point, Health Department staff are covering the program, which continues to be well utilized. The position has been reposted. Donations of socks, bottled water, and snack prepackaged foods are needed.

-Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center: Brittany Hager, new Case Manager for the ER, reported the ER is very busy. She has had results from Turnersville Christian Mission taking people who need emergency housing. Renee King is the director.

-Recovery Roadhouse: Hilary Blevins reported good attendance at Roadhouse meetings. There is an AA meeting every day at the Roadhouse, meetings almost every night.

-Bluegrass Community Action Partnership: Julia Mullins reported that she has placed another client in housing, and there is a new Boyle County Community Developer.

**Old Business:**

-Cosponsoring a Public Forum on Drug Courts with Justice Advocates Group Update:  
Kathy Miles reported that announcement is still to be made re: the hiring of a drug court Coordinator. After that person is hired and trained, and after a Circuit Judge is appointed, then a public forum will be planned.

-Peer Support Training: Update was given by Hilary Blevins, Ashley Lopez, and Kathy Miles. “Professional Boundaries” focused training for Peer Supports is scheduled for March 7, 5 to 7, at Shepherds House. Only a few slots are left. Preregistration required. Note: Funds still available for initial and continuing education for Peer Supports and must be spent by April 30.

- “Coping” video: Kathy Miles asked that anyone wishing to have a copy of the “trailer” video can email her or Mimi Becker to receive it.

- Boyle County Smoke Free Policy Planning: Brent Blevins and John Caywood gave an update. John stated that the timing is not good for an ordinance this year because of it being an election year for magistrates. He is hopeful that it can be passed in the future.

- Kathy Miles reminded members that ASAP has a little unspent funding in the Annual Budget Prevention/Education category.

- New Marijuana Rack Card has been printed and is available for pick up today

- Continued Focus on Health Disparities: Nationally, Black overdose deaths have been significantly rising. Communities are being urged to consider culturally appropriate and more creative ways to better reach out. Kathy Miles urged members to think of places where Naloxone training can be done, and to contact Amy Anness at Healing Communities.

**New Business:**

- Approval of 2022-23 Harm Reduction Budget - Brent Blevins reported that the Harm Reduction request has now been approved by Kentucky ASAP. The amounts requested are: $12,300 for Naloxone, $7,700 for Syringe Exchange Supplies = $20,000. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by John Caywood to approve the 2022-23 Harm Reduction budget as requested and approved by Kentucky ASAP. Motion carried.

- Kathy Miles and Brent Blevins reported that Boyle County Schools have requested $1000 for a Spring semester psychoeducational group (Prevention/Education) for H.S. students. The funds will be used for to contract with an outside professional to lead the group for as many students as are designated by staff and appropriate. This would involve moving $250 from Prevention & Education Truth and Consequences and $750 from Prevention & Education Undetermined in the Annual 21-22 Budget to cover this expense. Boyle County Schools have confirmed to ASAP that they are not hosting the Truth and Consequences event this year. Motion was made by James Hunn, seconded by Brent Blevins to approve this request, and ask Kentucky ASAP to approve this change in budget. Motion carried.

- Kathy Miles and Brent Blevins presented a request from Danville Schools for $1500 for restroom vaping detectors for 1 H.S. restroom, due to the extensive number of students who are vaping at school. Danville Schools Youth Service Center will match some of the amount requested from their budget to cover the cost of detectors for a restroom. Funding this request would involve moving $1500 from Prevention & Education Undetermined in the Annual 21-22 Budget to this Prevention and Education new line item. Both school systems’ staff reported an alarming increase in vaping in their schools, even to very young children. Motion was made by James Hunn, seconded by John Caywood, to approve this request and ask Kentucky ASAP to approve this change in budget. Motion carried.

- Kathy Miles announced that ASAP has been approved to receive $2500 again in 2022 from Presbyterian Church Deacons Aid funding, for treatment, sober living, and travel to treatment.

- Kathy Miles stated that ASAP will be sharing a table with Healing Communities Study staff for the Boyle County Earth Day celebration on April 23, 11 to 3. Volunteers are needed for 1 hour slots to sit at table. Contact Kathy if you can volunteer.

- Film Screening of “Coming Clean”, a documentary film by Roco Films is confirmed for 10 AM, March 25, Boyle Co. Extension Office immediately following next month’s ASAP meeting. The public is invited.

- Kathy Miles announced that United Way is looking for a few people who want to become trainers for the national best practice QPR Suicide Prevention program. Those trainers will be expected to then provide the training within their organizations, faith communities, or general public. Email Kathy Miles if interested.

- Kathy Miles announced that a local NAMI (Nat. Alliance for the Mentally Ill) chapter has begun meeting to reorganize. Next meeting: 6 PM, March 7. For more info, text Susan Rogers at: 859-608-1728.

**Announcements:**

**-** Next “Bridges out of Poverty” training: March 24, 8:30 to 12:30, sponsored by Heart of Kentucky United Way. To register, contact Stephanie Blevins at: [sblevins@hkuw.org](mailto:sblevins@hkuw.org).

- Salvation Army is beginning their “Pathway of Hope Program” to help families build on their strengths and lay a foundation of stability for generations to come. Call Salvation Army at 859-236-4473 for more info.

**-** Goodwill Industries Virtual Expungement Clinic: March 17, 10 to 11:30 AM. To register, go to: goodwillky.org/expungements. Attendance to be capped at 75.

**-** Free Fentanyl test strips individuals & orgs: Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition. https://nextdistro.org/kyfentstrips

**-** Dental Assistance for People in Recovery, go to: [www.gringrant.org](http://www.gringrant.org).

- New “Survivors of Suicide Support Group”: Begins March 3, 6 to 7 PM, Boyle County Public Library. For more info, contact Susan Rogers, 859-608-1728.

- Health & Human Services Grants Now open for Rural Communities Opioid Response Programs Due 4-19. Go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity>.

- Next Month’s ASAP meeting will include a focus on resources for Veterans.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\* Next Meeting: March 25, 2022, 8:30 AM, Boyle Co. Extension Office.**

**March 25, 10:00 AM: Film Preview: “Coming Clean” by Roco Films**