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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2022**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at the Boyle County Extension Office, 99 Corporate Drive, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM, by Christy Whitsell, Chairperson. Board members present: Christy Whitsell, James Hunn, Brent Blevins, John Caywood, Kevin Caudill, Jenny Clark, Paige Lutz, Mary Huston, and Hilary Blevins. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 23 members in attendance. All present were welcomed and introduced. Boyle County Extension was thanked for the meeting room space.

**Trends, Updates, & New Program Info:**

Kathy Miles shared the following updated data relevant to the work of ASAP members, in program planning, and grant writing:

A)KIPRC Annual Report on Fatalities now available: [www.kiprc.uky.edu/programs/overdose-data-action/county-profiles](http://www.kiprc.uky.edu/programs/overdose-data-action/county-profiles). 2021 through 1st quarter 2022: Highest months of KY O.D. deaths: April, Sept. O.D. deaths by gender: 69% Male, 32% Female. Age group w/ highest # of deaths: 35 – 44.

B) 2022 KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK now available: [www.kyyouth.org](http://www.kyyouth.org). Ky – 37th in the country in overall child well being. 1st time in Data Book History kids & teens ages 1-19 leading cause of death: firearms. \*Boyle Co. Kids Count Stats: see handout

C) “Alcohol in America” stats from Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation: Alcohol kills 88,000 people per yr. in U.S. 4th leading cause of preventable deaths. 4 million alcohol related ER visits per year.

D) From Kentucky Health News: In 2020, Ky had 3,680 combined deaths from alcohol, drugs, suicide: 738 from alcohol, 2,187 from drugs, 801 from suicide.

**Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2022, Monthly Meeting:** Minutes of the July 22 meeting were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by James Hunn, seconded by Brent Blevins, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Approval of August 26, 2022, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the August 26, 2022, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on June 17, 2022, of $ 28,992.68, and an ending balance on July 19, 2022, of $19,371.36. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by by Kevin Caudill, to accept 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. Kathy Miles: $400 July Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Boyle County Schools: $1000 (B Well Initiative Minigrant)
3. Blake Hobson/Tumbleweed Account: $600 Sober Living for 3 Boyle Co. males
4. Danville Independent Schools: $1000 (Anti-Vaping Minigrant)

Motion was made by James Hunn, seconded by John Caywood, to approve all requests for payment.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, & Undesignated): - $ 2448.37

**Healing Communities Study Report:**  Amy Longwill, Boyle Co. Coordinator, was not present. But, Terry Dunn, EMS Community Outreach Coordinator, whose position was created as a result of the Healing Communities Study work, shared info on his followup visits to overdoses in Boyle County. In July, he made 22 followup visits. In general, families have been receptive to the visits and information given to them. He reported 1 death in May, and 1 death in July. EMS is seeing Heroin, Meth, and Fentanyl.

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: Brian Wofford and Chad Holderman updated that today’s occupancy is 181. They have seen an uptick inmates who report that they have used Fentanyl before coming to jail.

-Isaiah House: Ashley Lopez and Hilary Blevins reported that new program for women in Harrodsburg is opening. The Women’s Center in Lincoln County is staying full. Plans are moving forward for opening a treatment program in Louisville.

-New Vista: Lori Croley reported that primary care at the Danville clinic office is serving clients. Individual psychotherapy appointments are available, SUD IOP has openings, and parenting classes continue to be offered.

-Syringe Exchange: Amy Anness reported a continuing increase in use of services. Free Narcan is available. Free HIV, Hep C testing, is available. Fentanyl use is being reported by many. Zylozane, a CNS depressant usage is now being reported locally. It is used to sedate large animals, very deadly to humans, and is not an opioid, so does not respond to Narcan.

-Spero Health: Tonya Haines reminded everyone of the Self Care Fair, planned for Sept. 30, 11 to 2. Agencies are encouraged to table. A flyer will be sent to ASAP members.

-Hope Network/Circle of Hope: James Hunn announced a kick-off Faith Leaders Lunch and Learn on Sept. 27, 11:30 to 1, at The Showroom. The Circle of Hope jobs program currently has 10 clients – 5 referred to Vocational Rehab. The next Night of Hope is being planned for October.

-EMRMC: Connie Edwards reported that an Intake Coordinator for Behavioral Medicine Unit has been hired, and they are hopeful that the hiring of a psychiatrist is very close.

-Recovery Roadhouse: Hilary Blevins thanked ASAP for the budget allocation for Roadhouse expenses. She reported that $1200 was raised in the recent fundraiser.

-Centro Latino: Their afterschool program has begun.

-Revive Ministries: Mason Kannapel reported they are developing a new house for sober living in Nicholasville. He also reminded everyone that Celebrate Recovery at Indian Hills continues to meet actively on Monday nights, and offers a meal, as well as child care for attendees.

-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones: Kathy Miles reported for Denise Babcock that they continue meeting on Monday evenings at First Christian, and will be tabling at the Lincoln County Overdose Awareness event.

**Old Business:**

- Update on Back To School July 30 event was given by Kathy Miles. 75 2-dose Narcans were handed out. Community response was excellent.

- Kathy Miles gave a planning update on Overdose Awareness Day, scheduled for August 31, 7 PM, at Vision Church of Holiness, 704 Holiday Drive. Event will include: speakers, free Narcan from U.K. HCS, Food, and resource tables. Volunteers are needed.

-Emergency Transitional Housing Update: no report.

- Prevention “Resilience” video: Mimi Becker, Arts Commission, reported that the video has been accessed by several people. Feedback from those using it will be appreciated. Constitution Square Festival is scheduled for Sept. 17. She is hoping to have free Narcan by HCS.

-Opioid Settlement Funds: Kathy Miles reported no new specific info on local receipt of funds. She shared a resource site by the Nat. Assoc. of Counties for how to spend opioid settlement funds: <https://www.naco.org/resources/opiod-solutions-center>. She announced that the Ky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission will be hosting listening tours Sept. 19 – Nov. 28 re: how to distribute funds. Nearest meeting to Danville will be Lexington. Date & Site to be announced.

**New Business:**

-Topics for Centre College Research Methods in Fall term Sociology Class: Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles asked for topics which might be researched by the class this year. Suggestions included: educating people of different kinds of backgrounds, stigma around SUD in local government, and differences in generational usage patterns.

-First Responders Thank You Lunch: It is time to set the date for this year’s Thank You Lunch. Possible dates are November 10 and 17. No preference by members was noted.

-Sue Andres presented a new local program possibility, “Safe Families”, which would be connected to a national organization. This would enable members of faith-based communities to serve as short-term alternative caregivers for struggling families. Contact her if interested in the start-up, which will include fundraising and community education about the opportunity.

- Kathy Miles asked if there may be an interest in local organizations coming together for a Trauma-Informed Care training in the next few months. She will explore further.

-Pastors Lunch and Learn, sponsored by Hope Network & Boyle ASAP: Sept. 27, 11:30 to 1. Topic: Post-Covid Mental Health & Substance Use Resources.

- Kathy Miles announced a committee will soon be formed to plan a local Expungement Clinic.

-QPR Suicide Prevention training now more readily available due to United Way Suicide Prevention Initiative, locally due to more trainers being trained. Contact Kathy Miles for a training for your workplace, church, other group.

- Staci Holderman stated that Boyle County Schools have identified a need for an adolescent community SUD therapy group. No one present reported currently serving that need.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-3rd Annual Ky Assoc.of Addiction Professionals Conference: Sept. 22,23. Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Lexington. For more info, email: [geoffwilson914@gmail.com](mailto:geoffwilson914@gmail.com).

-Kentucky Prevention Network Annual Conference: Sept. 20 – 21: Crowne Plaza, Louisville. To register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ppYaZH8FY0\_ngGZwDDBy-6UiB-grHzyQd0W0ISu4qKY/edit.

**-** Local NAMI is reorganizing and looking for members. For more info, contact Susan Rogers at 859-608-1728.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\* Next Meeting: September 23, 2022, 8:30 AM, site to be announced**