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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc, was held on Friday, July 28, 2023, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James Hunn. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Paige Lutz, John Caywood, and Jenny Clark. A quorum of the Board was present. In addition, there were 34 other members and guests in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

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

A)”Icelandic Community Model of Prevention – What Franklin County is Doing”: A presentation was made by Charles Kendell, Coordinator, Franklin Co. ASAP. His contact email is [franklincountyasap@gmail.com](mailto:franklincountyasap@gmail.com). Franklin County ASAP is focusing heavily on an evidence-based prevention model developed in Iceland, first developed by Harvey Milkman, and characterized by much community involvement, local data collection, increasing protective factors against substance use and mental health problems, and helping students say “yes” to positive activities and interests, rather than just saying “no” to drugs. They use local and “fresh” data on their own youth, sharing it with parents, and developing protective programs as a result of analyzing that data. There is a strong emphasis on arts programs for youth. They have significant funding from a private foundation, as well as ASAP funding. Besides Charles, contact: Elle Travis, of Yesarts at [elle@yesarts.org](mailto:elle@yesarts.org), in Frankfort. Boyle ASAP members were most appreciative of the scope of the prevention work being done in Frankfort, and thanked Charles for coming to Danville to share Franklin County’s story.

**Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2023, Meeting:** The minutes of the June 23, 2023, Monthly and 2022-2023 Annual meeting were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Paige Lutz, to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Approval of July 28 2023, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the July 28, 2023, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a Beginning Balance on May 19, 2023, of $30,913.28, and an Ending Balance on June 16, 2023, of $30,272.77. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Paige Lutz, 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. Southeast Com. And Technical Coll.: $175 for Peer Support training (Harm Reduction Grant)
2. New Vista Training: $600 for 2 Peer Support Trainings (Harm Reduction Grant)
3. Blake Hobson Tumbleweed Account: $200 for S.Living for Boyle Co. male (out of donated funds)
4. Kathy Miles: $400 for June Coordination (Annual Budget)
5. Stepping Stones Recovery (formerly Tumbleweed): $200 for S.Living for Boyle Co. male (out of donated funds)
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Motion was made by Paige Lutz, seconded by John Caywood to approve all Requests for Payment. Motion carried.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$1548.71.

**Program Updates:**

Due to the length of the discussion around homelessness, agency program updates normally shared were not given.

EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn reported on his continuing follow-up visits after EMS calls have been made. 34 calls were given follow up. There were 3 suicide deaths in Boyle County in June, and a total of 21 mental health-related cases. There were 8 overdose cases, with 1 death. Common substances continue to be: heroin, fentanyl, and meth. Next month, he will share the 22 - 23 fiscal year statistics.

**Old Business:**

- Homelessness Update: Gary Chidester, representing Hope Network, shared updated information about housing challenges in Boyle County, and homelessness. He stated that average rent in Danville is currently $800. He stressed the need for a homeless shelter, and that the city of Danville is still considering buildings where a shelter could be operated by Families Forward, the 501©3 organization created by the Housing Authority. He helped do fundraising presentations in some churches with Gwen Campbell of the Housing Authority, who has now left that position. The Executive Director of Housing Authority, Tim Kitts, has also left for another position. Community concerns about whether shelter plans are going forward, and conflicting info being shared in the community were discussed at length. Members agreed that persons with substance use and/or mental health disorders cannot move forward in recovery and optimal functioning as long as they do not have stable housing. Kathy Miles clarified that although ASAP has bee very much involved in working toward solutions related to homelessness and removing housing barriers, homelessness is not a primary focus of Boyle ASAP’s responsibilities, and that operating a shelter is not within the scope of work of ASAP. It was decided to schedule a meeting for Friday, August 4, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, with Housing Authority/Families Forward representatives present, to further clarify future planning for a shelter and other related services for the homeless.

- Prevention Play planning for next year: No report

-Free Narcan with training: Notify Amy Anness. Schools/agencies with soon to be expiring Narcan, contact Amy or Brent.

-Opioid Settlement Funds: No report

**New Business:**

-Overdose Awareness Event: August 31, 5:30 to 7:30, at Boyle Co. Extension. Update was given by Hannah Marquez and Olivia Cantrell. Resource tables are welcome to set up. Program is being finalized, and a flyer will be sent when complete.

-A Regional Job Fair, with Boyle County DBCDC Workforce Development Committee and the Chamber of Commerce as primary sponsors will be held on Sept. 28, 10 to 2, at The Showroom, Danville: Harold Nally. To register as an employer, email Harold, at [harold@developdanville.com](mailto:harold@developdanville.com).

-Medicaid has been mailing letters to recipients re: providing updated info or being cut off from Medicaid. Please urge your clients to respond to the letters, in order to keep their Medicaid coverage.

-Back to School Block Party: July 29, 12 to 9, at Millennium Park. Resource tables are invited to set up. ASAP will have a table from 12 to 4, including Narcan and testing by Amy Anness.

-Update on local Fair Chance Employment Conference planning was postponed until the August ASAP meeting.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-Revive, Nicholasville, has increased residential beds from 27 to 35.

-“Kids are Worth It” Conference: Sept. 11, 12, at the Galt House, Louisville. To register: https://pcaky.org/kidsareworthit/

-Deaf Sober Gatherings by zoom (ASL only): Every Monday, 6:30 to 7:30 EST. ID81574961747. PW: Sober. For more info, contact: [rondeafcpss@gmail.com](mailto:rondeafcpss@gmail.com).

-Medicaid has approved payment for dentures for Medicaid clients, and provider staff members should share this with appropriate clients.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: August 25, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**