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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, August 25, 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, Christy Whitsell, Kevin Caudill, Mary Huston, and Paige Lutz. A quorum of the Board was present. In addition, there were 24 other members and guests in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions and brief announcements made.

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

A)Be Smart Gun Safety Program: Margaret Gardiner, Boyle County Women’s Network, shared information on a local initiative affiliated with the national group, Moms Demand Action on Gun Safety, to promote safe storage of all firearms, and prevent deaths in our community. Margaret shared that in the U.S., 4.6 million kids live in homes with unsecured guns. The Be Smart program encourages securing all guns, modeling responsible behavior around guns, asking about the unsecured presence of guns in other homes, recognizing the role of guns in suicide, and telling your peers to be SMART as well. For more info, go to: [www.BeSMARTforKids.org](http://www.BeSMARTforKids.org), or contact Margaret at: [rm@gardinerfamily.net](mailto:rm@gardinerfamily.net).

B)Ethan Health Treatment Program, Richmond: Roger Fox, Social worker with Ethan Health shared info about the program, which contains 16 men’s residential beds, with 24-hour admissions. They are also working toward opening a 16-bed program in Beattyville. MOUD is available. For more info, contact: [roger.fox@ethanhealth.com](mailto:roger.fox@ethanhealth.com).

**Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Paige Lutz, to accept the July 28, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of August 25, 2023, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the August 25, 2023, Treasurer’s Report. Motion was made by Paige Lutz, seconded by Christy Whitsell, 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. Shepherds House Women’s Program: $300 for initial fee for Boyle Co. female (out of donated funds)
2. Kathy Miles: $400 for July Coordination ((Annual Budget)
3. Barbara Michael: $106.20 reimb. for transport. Lincoln Co. resident to treatment (out of donated funds)
4. Hannah Marquez: $147.34 reimb. for O.D. Awareness event supplies (Annual Budget)

Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Mary Huston, to accept all Requests for Payment. Motion carried.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$1142.51

**Program Updates:**

- Isaiah House/REAL HOPE: Trevor Short announced that Isaiah House is assisting in the O.D. Awareness event coming up in Mercer County on Aug. 29.

- New Vista Prevention: Kinsey Swafford shared that Yes Grant applications for youth prevention coalitions are open and due soone.

- Syringe Exchange Harm Reduction: Amy Anness announced the program is serving around 142 individuals each month, and that mobile outreach services are reaching new people. Narcan continues to be distributed.

-EMRMC: Connie Edwards reported that the 20 bed Behavioral Health unit at Ephraim McDowell is staying full. New clinical staff have been an excellent addition to the inpatient program.

-ARC: Alisha Gooch reported that ARC is opening a new Yellowbanks Women’s Center in Owensboro, and Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland, will be open in the fall.

-Revive: Mason Kannapel reported a 50% increase in residents compared to last August. They have 35 beds and targeted case management. A “Discover Revive” event will be held Tuesday night. Plans are to open a Resource Center for Family-Centered Care soon.

-Alteri: Hannah Marquez reported that MOUD is now available on Wednesdays, and that they are now accepting adolescents in outpatient SUD and MH services. Ph. #: 859-277-4992.

-EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn reported that 58 follow-up visits were made in July. There were 16 cases involving SUD, with 12 of those being overdoses, and 2 overdose deaths in July. Heroin and Fentanyl are being seen consistently. Narcan was distributed to 8. In July, there was 1 death by suicide. EMS is working on a grant to fund a Quick Response Team, and has asked for assistance from some ASAP members.

-Danville Police: Chief Tony Gray reported dealing with more overdoses recently. After a large arrest, #s of overdoses decreased temporarily, but have now gone back up. They are seeing more pills, more issues around homelessness, stealing weapons. Police are very concerned that local drug dealers are getting younger.

**Old Business:**

- Homelessness Update and Homelessness Resource List: Kathy Miles shared information from the recent August 4 community meeting, which occurred after our most recent ASAP meeting. The meeting was called to get clarification on whether Families Forward is moving forward on establishing a shelter for the homeless. Families Forward has now definitely shared that they do not have the capacity to operate a shelter in the foreseeable future, and will not be doing so. Their board will be determining what to do with the funds collected from community members toward a shelter. A brief resource list for housing and food for the homeless has been compiled, and will be continued to be updated by Kathy. Email her for a copy of that list.

Sue Andres, who could not be present today, has created a Facebook group for local people interested in addressing homelessness. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1454113155423219/>.

-Overdose Awareness Event: Updated was given by Hannah Marquez and Olivia Cantrell. Event is scheduled for Aug. 31, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at Boyle Co. Extension. 2 speakers are still needed.

-Opioid Settlement Funds: Brent Blevins shared that our ASAP should consider applying for state Opioid Settlement Funds, but will be checking first on the disposition of any county funds. Applications to the Kentucky Opioid Commission are currently on hold until later in the year.

-Centre College Research Methods in Sociology Class Update: Brent Blevins reported that a meeting has been held with Professor Wiles, re: a 6th year of collaboration between ASAP and Dr. Wiles’ Research Methods in Sociology Class. This year’s fall semester class research focus will be on local homelessness.

**New Business:**

-Regional Job Fair Update: Harold Nally, Boyle County Workforce Development Specialist, shared that a Regional Job Fair is planned for Sept. 28, 10 to 2, at The Showroom, Danville: To register as an employer, email Harold, at [harold@developdanville.com](mailto:harold@developdanville.com). Harold encourages members to share Job Fair info with their program clients, and share info on their Facebook pages.

-Approval of 2022-2023 Community Impact Annual Report: Kathy Miles had emailed the proposed 2022-2023 report. Motion was made by Paige Lutz, seconded by Brent Blevins, to approve the Annual Report. Motion carried.

-Update on local Fair Chance Employment Conference: Harold Nally and Kathy Miles shared that a date and site have been set for a local regional conference on fair chance employment: Nov. 3, at Boyle County Extension Office. More info to come in future meetings.

-Boyle ASAP has joined the Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky Network: Kathy Miles announced that we have joined, at no cost. Limited materials are available today. For digital downloads and to order materials, go to: <https://pcaky.org/information-data/online-store/>.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-PREA Training for all interested in volunteering at Jail and Northpoint: Sept. 14, 6 PM, at Danville Church of God, 516 S. 4th St.

-Young People in Recovery Run/Walk Oct. 7 at Millennium Park: Sponsorships are needed. Contact [Chelsea.craycraft@youngpeopleinrecovery.org](mailto:Chelsea.craycraft@youngpeopleinrecovery.org).

-6 Hour Suicide Assessment Training for Social workers, Counselors: Sept. 8, 9 to 3:30; and 3 Hour Treating First Responders Training for Social Workers, Counselors: Sept. 7, 5 to 8 PM. Contact Jessica Wigginton at [Wigginton@DanvilleCounselingKY.org](mailto:Wigginton@DanvilleCounselingKY.org) for more info.

-Boyle ASAP members are invited to the Ridge’s Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting with Governor Beshear at the new Women’s Sober Living House, 1739 Nicholasville Rd., Lexington, on Sept. 1, 4 PM. Rsvp to: Lucy Gentry at: [Lucy.Gentry@uhsinc.com](mailto:Lucy.Gentry@uhsinc.com).

-Mercer County Overdose Awareness Day: Aug. 29, 5 to 7, Old Town Park, Harrodsburg.

-VA Health Care Systems Lexington Open House & Overdose Awareness Day: Aug. 31, 10:30 to 1:30, Franklin Sousley Campus, 2250 Leestown Rd., Building 25, 1st Floor.

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

-World Suicide Prevention Day All Day Training on Sept. 8at EKU bled by David Jobes, creator of CAMS. Training is free, but registration is required at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/EKUPSY.

-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).

-Chloe’s Petals for Hope community event in Harrodsburg: Sept. 9, 11 to 2, at Anderson Dean Park. Contact Susan Rogers at [chloespetalsforhope@gmail.com](mailto:chloespetalsforhope@gmail.com) to set up a table.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: September 22, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**