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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by James Hunn, Chairperson. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Hilary Blevins, Jenny Clark, Christy Whitsell, Mary Huston, and Paige Sanders. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 25 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed and introductions made.

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

A) Ephraim McDowell Health Community Needs Assessment: Dee Coffey & Monica Gilbert, Ephraim McDowell’s Community Service Department, presented a summary of community needs from this year’s needs assessment. The full results from the assessment are published on their website, at https://emhealth.org. Needs assessments are conducted every 3 years. They shared the methodology used to conduct the survey, and shared top 5 areas of opportunity to improve: Substance use, mental health, diabetes, tobacco use, and cancer. Significant food insecurity, people personally affected by substance use disorders, and excessive drinking were reflected in the survey results. Ephraim McDowell’s implementation plan to address SUDs is to sponsor substance use prevention/education programs in local schools, including Steered Straight. Their plan to address mental health issues is to increase mental health screenings, such as Depression Screening, in the area served by Ephraim McDowell health. Boyle ASAP members extended their willingness to assist with addressing the identified needs.

B) Ridge Behavioral Health Update on Services: Sarah Grob, shared a brief update on Ridge Behavioral Health’s current services, which include PHP, IOP, Men’s and Women’s transitional Sober Living in Lexington. They have increased their adolescent beds, and have hired an adolescent Peer Support Specialist. Their winter conference is scheduled for Jan. 18, with 3 keynote speakers, and 5 CEUs. A webinar on chronic illness is coming up. Call 1-800-753-4673 for adult or adolescent Intakes.

**Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles, Secretary. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Hilary Blevins to approve the September 22, 2023, Minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by Paige Sanders, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the October 27, 2023, Minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of October 27, 2023, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the October 27, 2023, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on August 18, 2023, of $17,174.33, and an ending balance on September 19, 2023, of $16,107.06. Motion was made by Hilary Blevins, seconded by Paige Sanders, to approve the October 27, 2023, Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

**Approval of December 1, 2023, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the December 1, 2023, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on September 19, 2023, of $16107.06, and an ending balance on November 17, 2023, of $31,738.75. Motion was made by Paige Sanders, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the December 1, 2023, Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

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

1. Ky Nonprofit Network annual membership: $95 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Young People in Recovery Run for Recovery Fundraiser: $100 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
3. Hope Network for Pastor’s Lunch and Learn: $350 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
4. Hope Network for Celebrate Recovery materials: $200 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
5. Recovery Roadhouse for program expenses: $100 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
6. Isaiah House for program materials: $800 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
7. Shepherds House for IOP materials: $800 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
8. Shepherds House for SAP program materials: $250 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
9. Shepherds House for Women’s Recovery program materials: $240 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
10. Danv.Christian Academy for prevent./education materials: $200 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
11. KSD for prevent./education materials: $200 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
12. Centro Latino for Health Fair: $300 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
13. Kathy Miles: $400 September Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)
14. Janet Overstreet reimb. for travel to treatment: $108 (out of donated funds)
15. Stepping Stones Recovery for Sober Living for 2 Boyle Co. males: $400 (out of donated funds)
16. Kathy Miles: $400 October Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)
17. Melton’s: $1194.00 First Responder Lunches ($800 Budgeted Annual Budget, $300 donation from Alteri Behavioral Health, $194 from private donations)
18. Arts Commission: $900 for Prevention Play (Budgeted Annual Budget)
19. Boyle Co. Schools: $1,000 for BCHS Psychoeducational Group (Budgeted Annual Budget)
20. Danville City Schools: $1,000 for In-school student counseling (Budgeted Annual Budget)

Motion was made by Hilary Blevins, seconded by Paige Sanders to approve all Requests for Payment. Motion carried.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$1384.51

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: Chad Holderman that the census is 177 today. The jail recently received a perfect score on its Reentry Services during the annual audit. James Hunn was thanked for his work.

-Shepherds House: Becky West reported that the IOP currently has 30 clients, and that the Women’s program is almost full.

-Isaiah House/REAL HOPE: Isaiah House CEO, Nick Wren, was welcomed.

-New Vista: Erika Burnside reported that IOP slots are available, and that MOUD services have begun at the Danville clinic.

-New Vista Prevention: Kinsey Swafford reported that the deadline for applying to be a Purple Star school is February 15. Our local schools are eligible to apply.

-Syringe Exchange and Homeless program at Health Department: Amy Anness reported that Syringe Exchange continues to serve more participants who are unhoused or unstably housed. Hilary Blevins continues to refer people who have no housing for 2-night stays at Super 8, under the Homelessness grant. This week alone, she has referred 12 people. United Way has given 50 packed backpacks for the program.

-Spero Health: David Belcher announced that they have just launched a virtual IOP.

-Hope Network & Circle of Hope: James Hunn reported that the Circle of Hope Jobs Program operated at Shepherds House has been suspended. Hope Network is still in the process of reevaluating their future plans.

-Addiction Recovery Care/Crown Recovery: Hunter Glasscock reported 555 clients currently at Crown Recovery in Springfield, but they still have openings. Brandon Wilson reported that Destiny Solutions, the workforce program of ARC, continues to train and place clients leaving their programs successfully in jobs.

-Revive: Mason Kannapel shared that they currently have 3 open beds at Revive.

-Goodwill: Mary Beth Bonta reported that they continue to be a Fair Chance/Second Chance Employer, and provide employment skills assistance. They will be sharing their 2024 Expungement Clinic calendar soon.

-Centre College: Ann Young reported that Centre is doing more health promotions programs, including issues around substance use and mental health.

-Danville Family Resource Center: Jenny Clark reported on the Cradle School, which serves children, ages 0 to 5.

-EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn, shared statistics for October: 54 home visits, 5 O.D. cases, 0 O.D. deaths. An increase in alcohol related emergencies was seen, and they also saw heroin and pill cases. They gave out 5 Narcan kits. There were 13 mental health cases.

-Law Enforcement Updates: No report from Boyle County Sheriff. Chief Tony Gray reported that the police continue to have many encounters with problems around homelessness. He encouraged all to attend the December 6, 4:30 PM, public meeting at City Hall on homelessness.

**Old Business:**

-Homelessness Updates: Magistrate Steve Sleeper announced a new Task Force on Homelessness for Boyle County is being formed, and will meet in early January. All were urged to attend the planned Community Forum announced by Tony Gray, to obtain community input: Dec. 6, 4:30 to 6:00 PM, at City Hall. SS. Peter and Paul has developed an assistance plan for homeless folks to get showers.

-Centre College Research Methods in Sociology class final report presentation was Nov. 30. Kathy Miles will send out the summary results to all members. She and Brent Blevins expressed thanks to all ASAP members who helped students with the research.

-1st Responders Thank You Lunch Final Report was given by Kathy Miles She thanked all volunteers, and cosponsors with ASAP – Hope Network, and Alteri Behavioral Health. Members are encouraged to think about sponsor donors for next year’s lunch, due to anticipated possible decreased funding.

- Fair Chance Employment Regional Conference Final Update: Kathy Miles reported that the November 3 Fair Chance Employment Conference had approximately 40 attendees. It was cosponsored by the Workforce Development Committee of the DBCDC, and the Chamber of Commerce. Further training will be planned as a result of this conference. She thanked all ASAP members who helped with the conference, including presenters.

-Prevention Play Update: Mimi Becker, Arts Commission, reported that this year’s prevention play, “the Convergence of Desire” has been cast. It will be presented February 19 through 21, to 6th through 8th graders. Schools will be encouraged to do programming around the play, and ASAP members may be asked to assist.

-Opioid Abatement funding requests planning: Kathy Miles asked that members send additional ideas for kids and families to include in the request by early January. Brent and Kathy will begin working on the application.

**New Business:**

-Approval of 2022-2023 Financial Review by Chad Robinson, CPA. Brent Blevins explained the Financial Review, which had been emailed to all board members. Motion was made by Hilary Blevins, seconded by Paige Sanders, to approve the Financial Review. Motion carried.

-Kathy Miles encourage all members to pick up Emergency # refrigerator magnets today – compliments of Boyle Co. Extension.

-Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing? The ongoing discussion and recommendations included the following from members: Emphasize never using alone, make people aware of injectable Naloxone, Stigma around SUDs continues to be a barrier to people seeking treatment, over the counter Naloxone is now available. Fentanyl test strips are available at the Health Department.

-Kathy Miles encouraged members to look at the latest Kids Count Boyle Co. 2023 data, at [www.kya.org](http://www.kya.org). Some Areas of ASAP concern for our county: % of mothers smoking during pregnancy, % of families with high rental cost burden, # of kids in foster care, % of kids kindergarten ready, Children in poverty. We will discuss in our next meeting.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

- Ridge Behavioral Health Winter Conference: January 18, Lexington

-Bluegrass Community Action will assist with heating bills beginning 11-8.

-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).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM, with best wishes to all for happy and safe holidays.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: January 26, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**