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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting weas called to order by Rev. James Hunn, Chairperson. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Mary Huston, Hilary Blevins, Christy Whitsell, John Caywood, Kevin Caudill, and Paige Sanders. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 36 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

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

## A) Sudeep Gadde, Centre College student, spoke about a Mental Health Fair he is organizing on April 13, 9 to 12, at Jennie Rogers, for Danville Schools students and their families. He is seeking groups to table with information, provider activities, and possibly make presentations. To participate, contact him at: [Sudeep.gadde@centre.edu](mailto:Sudeep.gadde@centre.edu).

B) Brandi Hon, Kentucky Chamber Workforce Recovery Foundation spoke about planning a Local “Fair Chance Academy” Training for area employers. Tentative date is set for May 8. Site not yet determined. It will first be advertised to Danville Boyle County Chamber of Commerce members, but may be extended beyond that list to not more than 30 registrations. ASAP members may be asked to assist in planning, or with the program on the day of the training. Brandi’s email is: bhon@kychamber.com.

**Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by John Caywood seconded by Hilary Blevins, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Approval of February 23, 2024, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on December 19, 2023, of $24,869.87, and an ending balance on January 19, 2024, of $23,669.97. Motion was made by Paige Sanders, seconded by John Caywood, 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. New Vista - $300 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Boyle Co. Schools Truth & Consequences - $250 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
3. Danville Schools Prevention - $250 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
4. Boyle County Schools Psychoeducational Group - $737.81 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
5. Boyle County Health Department Freedom from Smoking - $1000 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
6. Kathy Miles January Coordination - $400 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
7. New Vista Peer Support Training for 2 residents - $600 (Budgeted Harm Reduction)
8. Boyle County Health Department for Syringe Exchange Contract Labor - $1782 (Budgeted Harm Reduction)

Motion was made by John Caywood, 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: \_$1066.76

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: James Hunn reported that the census was 172 last week. He shared some inspiring success stories from those who have previously been in the jail.

-Shepherds House: Ashley Dowell reported that their program client #s are up, as the referrals from the court system have increased.

-Isaiah House: Ashley Hopper reported that they are hosting as large graduation of clients on March 9. They currently have a waiting list for women’s beds.

-New Vista: Lori Croley updated that their MOUD program in Danville, the Danville Primary Care Program, and the Schwart Center in Lexington are currently accepting referrals. Plans continue to move into a new building in the next few months on the 150 Bypass in Danville.

-New Vista Prevention: Kinsey Swafford reported that a Kentucky Moms Healthy Baby event is coming up at the Public Library.

-Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange: Hilary Blevins reported that current usage is down for Syringe Exchange, but requests for housing for homeless and other homelessness services are constant and very complicated. Grant funding for temporary housing at Super 8 is decreasing rapidly, and that domestic violence has been common. Amy Anness is doing more HIV testing outreach.

-Spero Health: Josh Marshall, regional staff, reported that the Danville office is the fastest growing.

-EMRMC: Connie Edwards announced the new Behavioral Medicine Unit Director as Alyssa Broadwater. Unit occupancy has continued to be at capacity of near in recent weeks.

-Recovery Roadhouse: Hilary Blevins reported members are going to a bingo hall.

-Revive: Mason Kannapel updated that Revive completed 451 clients intakes in 2023. They are adding a new sober living 12 bed program for men, with wraparound services.

-EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn reported providing followup to 36 cases in January, including 49 home visits, 8 overdoses, 1 overdose death. Heroin, Meth, Fentanyl, and Alcohol were most common. 16 mental health cases, and no suicide deaths. They believe there is a new batch of heroin in town.

-Quick Response Team grant update: Tim Bryant and Mike Rogers shared progress on implementing the grant. They have been interviewing for the social worker position, working on policies and procedures, and are planning the required trainings for the grant.

-Law Enforcement Updates: There were no updates from the Danville Police or Boyle County Sheriff’s Department.

**Old Business:**

- Homelessness Task Force Update: Steve Sleeper, Chairperson of the Task Force, and others involved in the Task Force shared updates. The Task Force meets next on Feb. 27, and is working to define its mission and reorganize its work slightly. HB 5 seems to be getting support from Kentucky’s cities, in spite of the Gethsemane Church has started giving 3 hotel vouchers per month. The K-count of local homeless went well in late January. Health Department Harm Reduction has been giving out backpacks with supplies. Because there has been hesitation voiced by some to go to Warming Centers at churches and the courthouse, all members are urged share the info that people are not being judged or arrested at Warming Centers

- Opioid Abatement Funding Application Update: Brent Blevins & Kathy Miles reported that the Opioid Abatement Funding Application is in process, and will be expected to be submitted well before the March 31 deadline for this cycle. ASAP is requesting funding for: a full-time Syringe Exchange staff person, a full-time ASAP Coordinator, Sublocade (MOUD) for jail inmates before they leave the jail, and programs for youth whose parents are in treatment at our adult treatment programs in the area.

-Prevention Play Update: Mimi Becker, Arts Commission, shared that the play, “The Convergence of Desire”, is scheduled for its public performance: Feb. 27, 7 PM, Gravely Hall, Danville H.S. It has been shown to the Danville Schools students, with an excellent response. On March 8, at 4:00 at the Norton Center, there will be a public discussion on the arts and people with disabilities.

-Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: What Are We Missing? Ongoing Discussion. Kathy Miles shared U.K. Healthcare February, 2024, handout, “Fentanyl: Facts vs. fiction”, which focuses on correcting myths which continue to spread about Fentanyl. Mike Rogers, EMS, confirmed that this is accurate information from U.K. which should be shared in the community. Attempts to get Narcan out to employers who may not know that free Narcan is available are being looked at. A newspaper article re: the facts about Fentanyl was recommended.

**New Business:**

-Regional Job Fair April 11, 10 to 2, The Showroom: Harold Nally, Danville Boyle Co. Development Corporation Workforce Development Specialist, urged any organizations interested in registering as employers, to register soon, and to share the fair info with agency clients. It is a regional fair, sponsored by organizations in Boyle and surrounding counties. He expects a large turnout. He brought posters for all to take.

-Kentucky Child Fatality Report: Kathy Miles encouraged members to look at the latest report at <https://justice.ky.gov> or find at [www.kya.org](http://www.kya.org), and discuss next meeting

-March 12: Truth and Consequences event for students at Boyle Co. Extension.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Sandra Clark at: <sandra.clark@boyle.kyschools.us>.

-Nurture Nest is sponsoring a mental health networking event on May 16, 11 to 1. Contact: Whitney Durham at: [whitney@nurturenest.com](mailto:whitney@nurturenest.com).

-ASAP has available funds via our KY ASAP Harm Reduction grant for Peer Support initial training cost & Peer Support continuing ed cost. Contact Kathy Miles

-Laura Kern, Lexington VA, is interested in leading a S.A.V.E. Veteran Suicide Prevention OneHour training in our area. Contact: [Laura.Kern@va.gov](mailto:Laura.Kern@va.gov).

-2024-25 Annual Budget has been submitted to Kentucky ASAP

-Boyle ASAP has again been awarded $2500 from The Presbyterian Church Local Mission funds for 2024, for treatment, travel to treatment, sober living, and other purposes as approved by the Board.

-DEA update: Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45. In 2023, DEA seized more Fentanyl than in any other year in history. DEA lab tests in 2023: 7 out of 10 Fentanyl pills tested contained a potentially deadly dose – 2 milligrams of Fentanyl or more.

-Community Resource Fair & Expungement Clinic at Common Ground Resource Center, 104 S. 2nd St., Nicholasville. March 12, 11 to 3.

-Expungement Clinic and Community Resource Fair at Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles. March 19. Contact: [emily@woodfordcountyinfo.com](mailto:emily@woodfordcountyinfo.com).

-Boyle is now in the Bluegrass Area Reentry Council group. To be included in monthly zoom meetings, contact Jeri Allison at: [jallison@foothillscap.org](mailto:jallison@foothillscap.org)

1. **Other Business and Announcements:**

-Excellent Resource for parents re: the conversation that must be had with their kids given the pervasiveness of Fentanyl: [www.songforcharlie.org/the-new-drug-talk/](http://www.songforcharlie.org/the-new-drug-talk/)

-UL Health/Peace Hospital Behavioral Health Summit: March 19, 8 to 4:30. Contact: [Lisa.Prewitt@UofLHealth.org](mailto:Lisa.Prewitt@UofLHealth.org).

-U.L. Peace Hospital “Gen Z & Mental Health”. March 19, 8 to 4:30. Contact Lisa Prewitt at [Lisa.Prewitt@UofLHealth.org](mailto:Lisa.Prewitt@UofLHealth.org).

- Healing Communities Study continuing ed programs are now available at: https://www.cecentral.com/kyopen.

-Housing Authority Resource Fair: June 7, 11 to 2. To reserve a space, contact Michelle Baker, at [mbaker@danvillehousing.org](mailto:mbaker@danvillehousing.org).

-Goodwill Expungement Clinics: several are coming up. Registration is required. Contact: [Miranda.Montgomery@GoodwillKY.org](mailto:Miranda.Montgomery@GoodwillKY.org).

-Eastern KY Recovery Conference: March 26, Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg.

-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).

Other Announcements?

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

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