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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: January 26, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Rev. James Hunn, Chairperson. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Hilary Blevins, John Caywood, and Jenny Clark. 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:**

1. Cliffview Recovery Center: Eliza Piomelli [Eliza.Piomelli@mtcomp.org](mailto:Eliza.Piomelli@mtcomp.org).

Eliza shared information about the program at Cliffview, operated by Mountain Comprehensive Care. Cliffview is located just over the county line in Garrard County. It is a 120 day program, with 53 beds for men. They have an IOP, and TRP, MOUD, dual DX services, and current open beds. They have applied to be DOC approved. Transportation is available to the program.

B) Discussion was continued from the December meeting re: KIDS COUNT 2023 ([www.kya.org](http://www.kya.org)) data: One concern for Boyle County – 16.5% of mothers reported smoking during pregnancy – was noted as relevant to the work of ASAP. Kentucky also was recently rated very poorly nationally regarding tobacco use and related health conditions. All treatment programs were urged to incorporate information about the risks of smoking while pregnant into their programs. Brent Blevins noted that a new “Freedom from Smoking” class will soon begin at the Health Department. More info to treatment programs will be emailed later.

**Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of January 26, 2024 Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the January 26, 2024, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on November 17, 2023, of $31.738.75, and an ending balance on December 19, 2023, of $24,869.87. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Hilary Blevins, 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. Kerbaugh, Rodes, & Butler for Annual Financial Review: $1100.00 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. TunnelVision Design for Annual Website Service: $1350 + $250 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
3. Kathy Miles for November Coordination: $400 (Budgeted Annual Budget)
4. Shepherds House for 2 S.Living payments: $600 (out of donated funds)
5. Wayspring Stepping Stones for 3 S.Living payments: $300 (out of donated funds)
6. Kathy Miles for December Coordination: $400 (Budgeted Annual Budget)

Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Jenny Clark, 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: Chad Holderman reported census today as 168.

-Shepherds House: Becky; West reported no program changes at this time.

-New Vista: Lori Croley updated that the Schwartz Center Treatment Program in Lexington has now completed renovations. Danville New Vista is providing MOUD and primary care now.

-New Vista Ky Moms Matter: Arianne Peters updated members on the services their program provides to pregnant and new mothers.

-BGCAP: Julie Turpin updated that Community Action continues to provide utility assistance, and assistance includes propane and wood for wood stoves.

-Syringe Exchange Program: Hilary Blevins gave program #s for July to December, 2023: 485 participants, 27 outreach events, 89 HIV tests, 1035 health education encounters, 495 units of Narcan given. She also reported on the homelessness grant being administered by the Health Department through the Syringe Exchange Program: 83 have received 2-night hotel vouchers at Super 8. She thanked Super 8 for their cooperation with this program. 100 backpacks have been distributed. 10 were placed in residential programs or sober living.

-EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn, EMS social worker, shared the following 2023 EMS data just received: 357 clients, 712 home visits, 179 substance use disorder cases, 24 overdose deaths, 178 mental health cases, 10 suicide deaths – 8 of them were by firearms.

-Quick Response Team grant announcement: Mike Rogers, director of EMS, announced that Boyle County has received the grant previously mentioned in ASAP meetings, of $850,000 to develop and operate a Quick Response Team, to respond to mental health and substance use emergency calls. He reported that 50% of emergency calls throughout the state are mental health/substance use related calls. First meeting of the planning team will be Feb. 1, at 2 PM, at Extension Office.

-Law Enforcement Updates: Danville Police Chief, Tony Gray updated that homelessness continues to consume a lot of police department time. The # of calls involving 2 or 3 or more persons continues to increase. Overdose deaths have decreased since a major indictment of one person trafficking in Fentanyl, and a second has now been indicted. Police Department is 4 officers short; Dispatch is fully staffed.

Boyle County Sheriff: No report.

**Old Business:**

- Homelessness Update: Jenny Clark reported that the first meeting of the Homelessness Task Force was held on January 25, with excellent attendance. Magistrate Steve Sleeper is coordinating the group. Multiple causes of homelessness were identified, and the group began listing possible solutions. Some increase in serving food to the homeless has been occurring, and more groups are needed to do this. Next meeting is Feb. 6, 5:30, at Boyle County Extension Office

- Opioid Abatement Funding Application ideas should come to Brent or Kathy by 1/29/24. They will then begin completing the application to submit before current application cycle ends March 31.

-Prevention Play Update: Mimi Becker, Arts Commission, reported that the Danville Schools will be hosting the prevention play o February 21, for middle school students. Boyle County Schools have not yet approved for the play to be presented to their students.

**New Business:**

-CDC Overdose Data for 2022 was shared with attendees: Ky was 5th in U.S.; 82.7% of deaths involved at least 1 opioid; 58.5% involved at least 1 stimulant; Most common stimulant was Meth; Most common opioid was illegally made Fentanyl; Largest age group of both males & females – ages 35 – 44; Bystander was present for 51/4% of o.d.deaths. KIPRC Kentucky data re: employment groups and overdose deaths was also shared: this data shows that construction and utilities emloyees have highest rates.

-Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths Continuing Discussion re: what we can do better do prevent o.d. deaths. Members identified the following strategies: get Narcan to employers in the high risk employment groups, get Narcan to local restaurants, lets look deeper at the 2023 deaths in our next meeting, and look for trends indicating new actions. Note: the jail is offering Narcan to all who leave.

- Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles reminded all that funds are now available via our KY ASAP Harm Reduction grant carryover funds, for Peer Support initial training cost & Peer Support continuing ed cost. Contact Kathy Miles for info.

-Kathy Miles reminded all that Boyle ASAP is required to send 2024-2025 Budget request by mid February to Kentucky ASAP. Please get requests to Kathy Miles quickly when you receive the application form by email.

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

-All were reminded that Boyle County 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)

-Terry Dunn, Mike Rogers, and Kathy Miles will be presenting at Kentucky County Judge Executives Conference, Lexington, on Jan. 31, on our experience with being a Recovery Ready Community.

-Grant opportunity from Ky Corrections Commission for agencies who work with adult felony offenders. Grant is open until 2/28/24. Call Abigail Adams at 859-967-3231.

-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/).

**Other Business and Announcements:**

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

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

-“Darkness to Light” Child Abuse Prevention Virtual training: Feb. 21, 5 to 7 PM by zoom, $25. Contact [jesse.miller@intrust-healthcare.com](mailto:jesse.miller@intrust-healthcare.com).

-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).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: February 23, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**