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

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, August 23, 2024, 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, Christy Whitsell, Mary Huston, Terry Dunn, Paige Sanders, and Jenny Clark. A quorum of the Board was present. In addition, there were 23 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed and introductions made.

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

1. Dr. April Young, University of Kentucky Healing Communities Study, presented the final summary results of the Healing Communities Research Grant. The overall goal of the study, which was conducted in 4 states, including Kentucky, was to reduce overdose deaths by 40% in the counties included in the study. Boyle County was a Wave 1 county. Intervening variables which occurred at the time of the grant were the COVID epidemic, and the influx of Fentanyl to the drug supply throughout the country. Throughout the 4 states included, overdose deaths reduced 9 to 15%. Boyle County’s results included: 4,437 units of naloxone were distributed, 63,000 people viewed the educational billboards, many old medications were destroyed, SMART meetings were added in the county, and # of people receiving MOUD in the county increased. A major takeaway of the study: handing out naloxone does work. Full info on the report can be obtained by emailing Dr. Young at [april.young@uky.edu](mailto:april.young@uky.edu). Dr. Young was thanked for her collaborative and compassionate work with Boyle County ASAP during the study.

**Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2024, Monthly Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles, Secretary. Motion was made by Paige Sanders, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the July 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of August 23, 2024, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the August 23, 2024 Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on June 18, 2024, of $20,502.43, and an ending balance on July 19, 2024, of $18,881.74. Motion was made by Christy Whitsell, seconded by Paige Sanders, 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. Kathy Miles - $400 for July Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Stepping Stones Recovery - $400, for 2 Sober Living payments (out of donated funds)

Motion was made by Christy Whitsell, 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: $924.81

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: Chad Holderman jail # today is 167.

-Shepherds House: Brice Gibson announced that SH now has availability of showers and laundry facility for those who are experiencing homelessness. Vouchers for those services can be obtained at Health Department Harm Reduction Program and the Amen Corner. United Way is helping with this initiative. Showers are available Monday through Friday, 12 to 3, and laundry services 12 to 1:30.

-New Vista Prevention: Kinsey Swafford reported new prevention materials are now available. More info will be included in the Prevention newsletter.

-Harm Reduction/Syringe Exchange Program: Amy Anness and Olivia Cantrell reported that 102 people were seen in Syringe Exchange in July. Usage is increasing, and there have been several referrals to other programs. Thanks to the assistance of Misty Rice, a training was presented to the Ephraim McDowell Wound Care staff in Harrodsburg in August.

-Ephraim McDowell Health: Misty Rice announced a Glow Party Sensory Friendly Halloween event coming up on October 13, 3 to 5, at Boyle County Extension. Contact her to set up a resource table.

-ARC: Nathan LaShelle reported there are opening at Crown Recovery, Springfield.

-BGCAP: Julia Turpin reminded everyone that open enrollment is beginning Sept. 3, and goes through 1-15. [www.kynect.ky.gov](http://www.kynect.ky.gov).

-Revive: Mason Kannapel introduced Adrian Richardson, new Director of Recovery Life Centers, 130 S. 3rd St.,Danville. Phone # is 859-279-2113.

-All Together Recovery: Brandi Baxter updated that the treatment program is hoping to open in Danville in early November. Tours are available by contacting them first.

-EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn gave a report on July contacts. They included responding to 30 individuals, 51 home visits, 8 cases of SUD, 2 o.d.s but no o.d. deaths, 4 narcans given out. They saw emergencies related to THC, gummies.

-EMS Crisis Response Team grant update: Mike Rogers and Mark Smith reported that they saw 22 mental health cases, 1 suicide fatality, multiple suicidal ideation cases, and suicide attempts. They made several referrals for medical care and mental health services, and medication problems. The full Crisis Response Team is ready to go operational very soon.

-Law Enforcement Updates: Danville Police Chief Tony Gray announced the Danville Police Department Citizens’ Police Academy coming up Sept. 17 – Oct. 22. Contact Assistant Chief Glenn Doan at [gdoan@danvilleky.gov](mailto:gdoan@danvilleky.gov), for more info and to register. He reported that their dispatch load has increased considerably, and reminded that 2 dispatchers work simultaneously per shift and handle a lot of cases. June was a very busy month; July has been slightly less busy. No report from Boyle County Sheriff Dept.

**Old Business:**

-Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: What Are We Missing? Ongoing Discussion today included getting Fentanyl test strips out to more people, giving narcan to sports concession stands and to all school bus drivers.Narcan is available today for members to take.

-Homelessness Task Force Update: Jenny Clark gave a brief update on the Task Force, which now includes a small elected subgroup who are forming a board to evaluate funding applications for services for folks who are homeless, and to work toward increased services and funding for those services. The board will serve under the fiscal agent auspices of Heart of Kentucky United Way.

-Regional Job Fair: Kathy Miles reported in the absence of Harold Nalley. The next semiannual job fair is scheduled for Sept. 26, 10 to 2, at The Showroom. To register as an employer with open positions, email [harold@developdanville.com](mailto:harold@developdanville.com) quickly, as only a few slots are still available. The fair promises to be large, and the long employer list includes Fair Chance employers.

-Opioid Abatement funding: Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles gave an update. Plans are moving forward to define the new Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program position supported by the funding, and to meet with jail staff and medical providers re: MOUD, to be paid by the funding. The ASAP Coordinator position will be further defined, in conjunction with the current position and its ASAP funding. Kathy Miles asked that those interested in working on the youth programs for kids whose parents have OUD, “Resilient Kids”, to please contact her. Planning will start in October.

**New Business:**

-Approval of 2023 – 2024 Boyle ASAP Community Impact Annual Report, which was emailed to board and members. Kathy Miles explained that the report briefly summarizes ASAP’s work for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the report. Motion carried.

-Annual First Responders Thank You Lunch: Kathy Miles announced that the date has been set for November 21, 11 to 1. Some funding may still be needed to support approximately 250 lunches. Volunteer deliverers will also be needed.

-Expungement Clinic & Annual International Overdose Awareness Event update was given by Brandi Baxter. The event is scheduled for August 29, at the Boyle County Extension Office, 4 to 8 PM, with free dinner.

-Suicide Prevention Training (SAVE) for Veterans: Kathy Miles updated that the free training will be held on Sept. 18, at the Danville Armory, Stanford Road. Training will be led by Morgan Grillet, LCSW, and will be from 10:30 to 11:30, with free lunch afterward provided by Heart of Kentucky United Way. To register: email [kathy.miles@centre.edu](mailto:kathy.miles@centre.edu). Certificates of Attendance will be available – a great training for Peer Support Specialists.

-Centre College Research Methods in Sociology Class has made a request to possibly collaborate with ASAP re: a community research project. No topic has yet been set. Kathy Miles thanked those who submitted possible research topics.

- Two Collaborative Grant Opportunities with Norton Center for the Arts were shared by Kathy Miles. If received by the Norton Center, both of these grants would provide financial support for adults currently in SUD treatment programs, or recently in those programs, to attend Norton Center events, and workshop with national artists, to enhance their recovery journeys.

- Kathy Miles would like volunteers willing to be speakers who will tell their vaping and quitting vaping stories.

-Latest Kentucky Domestic Violence Data Report published in June: Kentucky remains in highest states for domestic violence. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233 or text START to 88788

-Addiction Professionals Day: Sept. 20. Let’s lift up and thank everyone doing this work.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-Ridge Behavioral Health Winter Conference with Ashley Judd: Dec. 9

-October 27: Danville Gay Pride Celebration. For more info, contact:

-Ky Fatherhood Summit: Oct. 14-16, Campbell House, Lexington. Registration opens Aug.

-Addiction Recovery Care Reach for Recovery Conference: Aug. 28, Embassy Suites, Lex.

-Free Breakfast & Coffee for Area Veterans: 4th Monday of each month, 10 AM, at Veterans

Park, Stanford. Sponsored by Lincoln Co. Veterans Suicide Prevention Coalition.

-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/)

-Excellent resource re: SUD Stigma and language:

<https://www.recoveryanswers.org/addiction-ary/>

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: 8:30 AM, September 27, at Boyle County Health Department**