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

 **Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Rev. James Hunn, at 8:30 AM. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Nichole Brown, Jenny Clark, Terry Dunn, Christy Whitsell, and Paige Sanders. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 38 other members present. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

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

 A)Boyle is now a UNITE County: Carl Varney, Operation UNITE, shared the good news that Boyle County joins 5 other new counties in being included in Operation UNITE, which has served counties in Congressman Carl Rogers’ district since 2003. He gave a brief history of UNITE, including founding the first Prescription and Illicit Drug Summit, which has continued to grow. Funding to support Boyle County begins July 1, 2025. Services which UNITE can provide include youth prevention/education services, recovery housing vouchers, and treatment vouchers. UNITE is currently in 58 Kentucky schools, and provide such events as teaching “Too Good for Drugs” and the “Truth about Vaping”. They facilitate alternative activities for kids which are drug-free, such as “Hooked on Fishing”. UNITE will be hosting an informational luncheon at Boyle County Extension on April 8, at noon. Amanda Burdine will be the Coalition Coordinator for Boyle. Frankie Jo Henry will be our county contact. He reminded all of key Kentucky phone #s: KY Substance Abuse Help Line – 1-833-8KY-HELP. Drug Tipline: 1-866-424-4382. Carl’s email address is: cvarney@operationunite.org.

B)Kentucky Career Center Incentives for Employers: Alisha Gooch and Shaylee Reed shared information on Career Center benefits available to Fair Chance/Second Chance employers, and to clients with substance use disorders looking for employment. Benefits to employers when they and the employee meet requirements include an option that the Career Center can pay for up to 440 hours of wages. Alisha announced 228 new jobs coming to Mercer County. Shaylee works with young adult workers, ages 18 to 24, and can meet a variety of work-related needs, such as work boots, through their program.

**Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2025, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by Terry Dunn, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2025, Special Called Board Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting. Motion carried. It was noted that an updated Strategic Plan for 2025 – 2027 was approved by the Board in this meeting, and that the plan was emailed to all members prior to today’s meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins reported that there was no Treasurer’s Report, due to no bank statement having been received.

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

A)Narcan Direct - $5940 for 180 Narcan kits (Harm Reduction budget)

B)Danville Schools - $200 for Project Graduation (Annual budget)

C)Danville Christian Academy - $150 for Prevention materials/programs (Annual budget)

D)Boyle County Schools - $200 for Project Graduation (Annual budget)

E)Recovery Life Centers - $800 for Recovery housing for 4 males (Donated funds)

F)Ky Nonprofit Network - $107 for annual dues (Annual budget)

G)Kathy Miles - $400 for January Coordination (Annual budget)

H)Melton’s Deli - $280 for QPR suicide prevention training (Harm Reduction budget)

I)Recovery Life Center - $50 honorarium for training space (Harm Reduction budget)

J)Train KY - $140 for Initial Peer Support training for Boyle Co. female (Harm Reduction budget)

K)Shepherds House - $150 for Recovery housing for 1 male (Donated funds)

L)Centro Latino - $400 for MH/SUD/Health Resource Fair (Annual budget)

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

 \*BALANCE on Donated Funds for treatment, travel, recovery housing, & other purposes as approved: $80.82.Kathy Miles noted the low balance on donated funds, and the increasing number of requests for assistance with recovery housing.

**Program Updates:**

* Due to the anticipated length of the meeting, very brief program updates were given during introductions.
* EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn shared that January was rather slow, but that February has been very busy, with both mental health and substance use cases, including overdoses.
* EMS Crisis Response Team grant update: Mark Smith reported that they still have an opening for a 2nd shift social worker.
* Law Enforcement Updates: No reports from Danville Police or Boyle County Sheriffs.
* Drug Court Update: Denise Gates reported 33 current active cases, and 6 ready to enter.

**Old Business:**

 - Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: What Are We Missing? Ongoing Discussion. Harm Reduction staff noted that Nitazene is beginning to be seen more and more across the country, and is being found locally. Nitazene test strips are now available through the Harm Reduction program. Education should be done re: Nitazene. 20 Nalox boxes are being sent to be placed in Boyle County. Location recommendations can be sent to Harm Reduction staff. Narcan is available today for those who need it.

 - Homeless Coalition Update: Amy Anness, Olivia Cantrell, Brice Gibson, Torie Poland. January local K-Count resulted in 31 counted. Usage continues of shower and laundry services, one night stays in Super 8, and clothing and food distribution. Progress is being made toward 501©3 status.

 - Arts Commission Prevention Play Update was shared by Mimi Becker. This year’s prevention play, “The Piano Paradox”, has been presented to Danville Schools, and Burgin Schools, and due to weather, times have been rescheduled for Boyle Co. Schools presentations and the general community. Boyle County Schools will see the play next week. She also announced a fundraiser organized by the Arts Commission to benefit local charities this week.

 - Report on QPR Suicide Prevention training at Recovery Life Center office, on 2-14 by Alonda Adewale & Kathy Miles. Training was focused for Peer Supports, with others attending, with 19 registered, and 14 actually attended. Kathy reported that funds are still available in Harm Reduction grant for Peer Support initial training & continuing education trainings.

 -Update on Planning & Zoning issues related to Recovery Housing: Blake Hobson reported that his Stepping Stones Recovery House has had their appeal to the Board of Adjustments, and due to regulations, must move to another site. He and Kathy Miles asked that anyone interested in serving on a committee to address recovery housing and our local P & Z regulations should contact one of them. Any new recovery housing programs should carefully consult regulations before locating.

 - SB 82 re: Recovery Housing: Kathy Miles urged members interested in recovery housing to look at this bill in Frankfort.

 - Update on the Boyle County Public Library Story Center by Kathy Miles: Times for later this Spring, and procedure will be set with the Story Center staff, to begin a project for ASAP members and others to share their particular stories related to the Opioid Crisis in Boyle County. Focus will be on what we’ve learned from our work on the opioid crisis that will be helpful to others.

 **-Opioid Abatement Funding Program Update** **by Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles:**  Harm Reduction staff member has been hired and is working in a very busy program. Memorandum of Agreement with Detention Center and their Medical Provider has been approved by Boyle ASAP Board and has gone to Fiscal Court. MOUD Services should begin in the Detention Center on 3/1/25. Contract for ASAP Coordinator Opioid-related duties has been approved by the ASAP board, and the revised general ASAP Coordinator contract has also been approved by the ASAP Board. Meetings have begun by Coordinator re: planning Resilient Kids workshops for kids whose parents are in treatment for OUD, or in recovery from OUD. Motion was made by Terry Dunn, seconded by Paige Sanders to approve the Opioid Abatement Funding Program Update. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

 -Kathy Miles encouraged all members to monitor federal legislation re: Medicaid/Medicare funding in the federal budget deliberations. She will be contacting some members for information re: Medicaid statistics and how cuts might affect us locally.

 -BCTC Allied Health Day: March 14, 9 to 1. For more info, contact ty.howard@kctcs.edu.

 -Newvista is hosting a ribbon cutting and Open House at their new building at 3998 S. Danville Bypass, on March 26, from 11:30 to 2. RSVP at communications@newvista.org.

 -Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles announced that the 2025-26 Harm Reduction grant has been submitted to Kentucky ASAP.

 -Kentucky Retail Survey of Nicotine and THC Project MInigrant opportunity is now open: Up to $2,000 to conduct area retail scans. Due: May 12. Contact: tara.rueckert@ky.gov.

 -Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families Minigrants for promoting positive fatherhood engagement are now open. Grants of up to $10,000 are available. Go to: [www.ccffky.org](http://www.ccffky.org).

 -Spring Regional Job Fair: March 27, 10 to 2, The Showroom. Harold Nally reported around 50 employers and other resources are registered for the regional fair. All are encouraged to distribute flyers and help publicize.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

 **-**Parents of Addicted Loved Ones meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6 PM, 975 Hustonville Road, Ste 1

 -PFLAG Support group meets on the 4th Thursday at 6, at Centre College.

 -Continuing education Alcohol & Drug Counselors: Geoff Wilson, Lexington. Several

workshops in March. Contact: geoffwilson914@gmail.com.

 -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.

 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathy L. Miles,

 **\*Next Meeting: 8:30 AM, March 28, Boyle County Health Department**