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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc. was held on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Boyle county Health Department, 448 S. 3rd St., Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Rev. James Hunn, at 8:35 AM. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Terry Dunn, Jenny Clark, Paige Sanders, Christy Whitsell, Mary Huston, and Nichole Brown. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 33 other members present. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

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

1. Update on Ampersand: Anna Houston, shared information on the change in name of Ampersand, to the “Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass”, to more accurately reflect the mission and focused work of the organization. They work to empower survivors of sexual violence, and to provide education to prevent sexual violence. The Bluegrass area crisis line, which includes service to Boyle County, is available 24 hours per day, at 859-253-2511. The local Danville office #s are: 859-533-9755, and 859-533-8748.

**Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2024, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles, Secretary. Motion was made by Mary Huston, seconded by Paige Sanders, to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Approval of January 24, 2025 Treasurer’s Report for ASAP Annual Budget, and for Opioid Abatement Budget:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report for the Boyle ASAP Annual Budget funds, which a Beginning Balance of $23,217.89, on October 18, 2024, and an Ending Balance on January 17, 2025, of $10,723.56. Brent also presented the Treasurer’s Report for the Boyle ASAP Opioid Abatement Funds account, which reflected a Beginning Balance on November 29, 2024, of $142,305.29, and an Ending Balance on January 17, 2025, of $142,305.91. Motion was made by Mary Huston, seconded by Paige Sanders, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for both accounts. Motion carried.

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

A)Better Life Properties - $300 for Recovery housing for 2 males (Donated funds)

B)Recovery Life Centers - $300 for Recovery housing for 2 males (Donated funds)

C)Kathy Miles: $400 for Nov. Coordination (Annual budget)

D)Kerbaugh,Rodes, Butler: $1265 for Financial Review (Annual budget)

E)Better Life Properties - $300 for Recovery housing for 2 females (Donated Funds)

F)Stepping Stones - $825 Recovery housing for 3 males (Donated Funds)

G)Better Life Properties - $435 for Recovery housing for 2 males (Donated funds)

H)Recovery Life Centers - $400 for Recovery housing for 2 males (Donated funds)

I)Better Life Properties - $535 for Recovery housing for 1 male, l female (Donated funds)

J)SWI - $122.50 for drug drop box disposal (Annual budget)

K)Stepping Stones - $200 for Recovery housing for 1 male (Donated funds)

L)Better Living Properties - $200 for Recovery housing for 1 female (Donated funds)

M)Boyle Co. Schools - $250 for Truth & Consequences Program (Annual budget)

N)Stepping Stones - $200 for Recovery housing for 1 male (Donated Funds)

Motion was made by Terry Dunn, seconded by Christy Whitsell, to accept all requests for payment from the ASAP Annual budget account. Motion carried.

\*BALANCE on Donated Funds for treatment, travel, recovery housing, & other purposes as approved: $129.81.Kathy Miles noted the low balance on donated funds, and that requests for recovery housing funding assistance have recently been very high.

**Program Updates:**

* Ridge Behavioral Health – Sarah Grob reminded all of the upcoming 1 hour webinar by Dwight Bain, on suicide, sponsored by Ridge, on January 28, at 10 AM.
* Bluegrass Community Action Winter Assistance Program – Ashley Dowell shared that the LIHEAP Winter Assistance Program for utility assistance began on January 7. Call 859-236-2955, to apply, or scan the QR code on the informational flyer.
* Resurgence Counseling – Allison Newman updated that Resurgence accepts Medicaid, and is providing therapy by telehealth.
* Revive and Clear View Recovery – David Mason updated for both Revive and Clear View. Revive in Nicholasville has openings for their IOP, and they have transitional recovery housing. He also shared that Clear View Recovery is new in Nicholasville, and has 20 IOP slots.
* Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange – Amy Anness introduced Torie Poland as new full-time staff member. They report a large number of hotel vouchers given during the cold January weather.
* PFLAG – Christy Whitsell reported that the PFLAG support group meeting last Thursday of the month,at 6 PM, at Combs Warehouse, Centre’s Campus, is growing.
* Boyle County Detention Center – Chad Holderman reported that the current census is 140 to 145. They have been visited by a Centre College psychology class. The contract to provide MOUD in the jail will soon be approved.
* Newvista – Lori Croley announced that the opening of the new offices on the Bypass is slightly postponed. Now scheduled for early March. ASAP members will be invited to a grand opening.
* Isaiah House – Kara Ball introduced herself as a new VP at Isaiah House. She is interested in helping with community training events.
* EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn reported that final #s are not available, but it appears that O.D. deaths will be lower for Boyle County in 2024 than 2023. They made 33 case followups. There were more alcohol-related cases, with fentanyl, heroin, and meth seen often. There were no o.d. deaths in December. # of Mental health cases were higher than Substance Use related cases. Many of the Mental health cases were suicidal ideation.
* EMS Crisis Response Team grant update: Mark Smith reported that they still have an open position for a social worker to work on the team for the 3 to 11 shift.
* Law Enforcement Updates: There were no updates by Danville Police or Boyle County Sheriffs.

**Old Business:**

* Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: What Are We Missing? Ongoing Discussion. Discussion today focused on being consistent with the Kentucky Naloxone Saturation Plan. We need to continue to do a better job on the importance of bystanders in saving lives, and the “Never Use Alone” messaging. We continue to distribute a lot of naloxone – it is available today for any who need it.

* Homeless Coalition Update: Amy Anness updated that the coalition is moving forward with establishing a 501C3 under the auspices of Heart of Kentucky United Way, and is looking at some positive transitional housing possibilities. The annual local K Count of our unhoused population is scheduled for January 29, 7 PM, starting from the Health Department. Olivia Cantrell shared an update vouchers for Super 8 stays, and Brice Gibson updated on laundry, shower, clothing, and emergency food services increased usage at Shepherds House.
* Arts Commission Prevention Play: Mimi Becker updated that this year’s prevention play, “The Piano Paradox”, will be presented the week of Feb. 17 – 21, for students from both school systems. The evening public presentation has not been set, but will be announced to all ASAP members.

- Update on Hope and Health Hub at Vision Worship Center: Amy Anness reported that at the event, 6 narcan units were distributed, and that the community education and outreach was considered a success and will be repeated.

* Kentucky Youth Advocates Kids Count Data Book issues of concern for 2024 discussion was begun in our December meeting. Issues noted included food insecure kids, kindergartners not ready to learn, Low birth weight babies, increase in kids without health insurance. Kathy Miles noted that Jennie Rogers Early Childhood Program has openings for preschoolers, and they accept child care assistance. Boyle County Head start also has openings in their preschool program. Kathy also noted from Kentucky Youth Advocates data: 42 homicides & 31 suicides in Ky youth ages 1 to 19 were due to firearms – most commonly related to unsafely secured firearms. SUD programs are encouraged to build prevention of firearm deaths into programming for the adults, and to report how that is received in future ASAP meetings.
* Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) update: Katie Graham updated that PAL has resumed under the sponsorship of All Together Recovery, with meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, at 6 PM, at 975 Hustonville Road, Suite 1, Danville. All Together Recovery was thanked for sponsoring the meetings.
* **Opioid Abatement Funding Program Report**: Brent Blevins and Kathy Miles shared an update on the progress toward meeting the goals of our Opioid Abatement grant. Harm Reduction staff member has been hired and is working. The Memorandum of Agreement with the Detention Center and their Medical Provider is being written. The plan for the MOUD in the jail has required a change from Sublocade to other MOUD due to difficulties associated with Sublocade for the jail. The contract is being finalized for ASAP Coordinator Opioid-related duties and the general ASAP Coordinator contract is being revised. The Detention Center contracts and the 2 Coordinator contracts will be presented to the ASAP Board for approval at the February ASAP meeting or at a special called meeting. Resilient Kids Programs planning is occurring, and being researched by Kathy. Motion was made by Paige Sanders, seconded by Terry Dunn to accept the Opioid Abatement Funding Program Report. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Boyle County has been named a UNITE county. Boyle’s Coordinator: Frankie Jo Henry. Phone (606)330-1400. She will attend our Feb. ASAP meeting., and answer questions about the benefits of being a UNITE county, as well as procedures to access funding for treatment and recovery housing. Her email is: [fhenry@OperationUNITE.org](mailto:fhenry@OperationUNITE.org).

- QPR Suicide Prevention training focused training for focused for Peer Supports: Feb. 14, 11:30 to 1, at Recovery Life Center, 130 S. 3rd St., Danville. Free + Free Lunch. Training is being funded through our Harm Reduction grant. Register by emailing [kathy.miles@centre.edu](mailto:kathy.miles@centre.edu). Note: Funding is still available through our Harm Reduction grant for initial Peer Support Training, and continuing ed for Peer Supports. Contact Kathy.

- Spring Regional Job Fair: Harold Nally shared an update on the planning for the Spring Job Fair, scheduled for March 27, at The Showroom, 10 to 2: There will be over 40 employers present at the fair. Email Harold at [harold@developdanville.com](mailto:harold@developdanville.com), to set up as an employer seeking to hire employees, or for more general information.

- ASAP to table at Boyle Co. Public Library Valentine event on Feb. 11. If you have parenting materials, or kid-friendly give-aways, contact Kathy Miles to put them on our table.

- ASAP to present at Leadership Boyle on Feb. 4

- Updated Recovery Roadhouse Meetings Calendar: Amy Anness has updated the calendar. It has been emailed to members.

**Other Business and Announcements**

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

workshops in Feb. and March. Contact: [geoffwilson914@gmail.com](mailto:geoffwilson914@gmail.com).

* Ridge Behavioral Health Winter Conference with Ashley Judd Rescheduled for Feb. 7, at

Griffin Gate, Lexington.

- Hunger Free Kentucky day at the Legislature: Feb. 18 in Frankfort

- 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 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

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