

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Commissoners:

**Gil Rector
Harold Hoeflander
Tracy Dyer**

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Directors:**

**Arron B. Haynes
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**Daljeet Singh
Higginsville**

**Fran Atkins
Higginsville**

**Jill Sutherland
Higginsville**

**Jackie Roberts,
Children's Service
Coordinator**

Minutes: Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Chairman Arron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Mary Borgman, Arron Haynes, Tammy Zumalt, Opal Johnson, Fran Atkins, Jill Sutherland, Amy Gorton, Amanda Fisher, Holly Wilmes, Sandra Fairbanks, Ann Gosnell, and Jackie Roberts. Absent: Russell Kruse, Terry Thompson, Daljeet Singh, and Gil Rector.

Public Comments: None

Mission Statement: read by Tammy Zumalt

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Jill Sutherland made the motion and Fran Atkins seconded. Motion carried.

Presentations: Ann Gosnell made House of Hope's Final Report for 2015. Project SAFE (Safe, Access, Friendly, Exchange) provided 1,107 hours of service to 65 children and 38 parents residing in Lafayette County. There was also 24 hours of service to one child and two visiting parents during monitored exchanges. Following her final report, Ann Gosnell made a presentation on her request for funding for the 2016 year. She is requesting \$22,408.37 to assist in staffing the Project SAFE. This is an increase in funding for more hours and pay per hour. Questions and concerns by the board members discussed conflicts in the application with request date/amount, other sources of funding, and administrative expenses.

Easter Seals Midwest made a presentation to begin a 3-5 year program that anticipated 20 families participating at a cost of \$62,722.93. This program would be housed at HCC to promote and enhance the effectiveness of their outcomes. Concerns and questions by the board members included the duplication of services (Parents as Teachers, PAT) already funded by the school districts by law, some of the evaluation outcomes were toward the mothers and not the children, children have to have current immunizations to attend school, and administrative and transportation expenses on budget.

Opal Johnson motioned to table discussion on the fund proposals until the next meeting. Jill Sutherland seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Terry Thompson reported our total assets are \$552,949.68 on February 1st. After our funds payable and expenses are deducted, the fund balance available is \$299,370.59. We are up \$13,440.59 this year based on our conservative 3 year Tax Reserve. Our sales tax revenue for January was up from the last four years. Fran Atkins motioned to table the treasurer's report and Opal Johnson seconded until the next meeting due to Terry's absence. Motion carried. The following bills were presented to be paid: Brighter Futures' bill for January was \$12,255 House of Hope's final payment of \$5,729.15, CASA's monthly payment of \$7,833.33, and HCC's reimbursement for Jackie's salary and benefits, \$2,991.82. Jackie's bill consisted of: phone,

\$50. Jill Sutherland motioned to pay the bills presented and Fran Atkins seconded. Tammy Zumalt amended motion to exclude the payment of CASA as we do not have the final report, yet. Motion passed.

Children's Mental Health Coordinator Report: Jackie will be looking into concerns and questions of the funding proposals made this evening. She also reviewed the Theory of Change on February 6, 2016. As a board, we are working on long and short term goals, constructing new RFP process, and evaluation tools. Jackie will be meeting with Gwen Martin on February 17th. At this time, we are planning on the next meeting about Theory to Change to be on March 5, 2016. Jackie posts the public notices on these meetings as well. Gary Worth was able to connect our old domain of LCCSF website to the new one. Jackie is pursuing if we owe the previous website contractor any money for the domain fee from previous years.

Old Business: Jackie noted that we needed to work on the grief counseling guidelines funding. We need to consider what constituents grief. She also reported that we need to hold executive meeting to discuss children's mental health coordinator expense reimbursements.

New Business: The board discussed looking for a new meeting location to allow for better board communication. Aaron Haynes suggested considering adding new committees to the board like AdHoc for emergency issues and Finance committee for when Terry Thompson is gone so the treasurer's report can be accepted on meeting night. Aaron also questioned whether the insurance policy we have paid for accidents that board members were in on the way to or from the meeting. Members believed that Terry had mentioned that several years ago, but needed to check with him on this.

Fran Atkins motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Jill Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: March 10th at 7 PM at Lafayette Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Secretary

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

Thursday, April 14th
Thursday, May 12th
Thursday, June 9th
July – No meeting
Monday, August 8th
Monday, September 12th
Monday, October 10th
Monday, November 14th
Monday, December 12th