

Lafayette County
Children's Services Fund

Board of Directors

Commissioner
Gil Rector
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Notes of Special Meeting with School District Representatives
August 1, 2006, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Board of
Directors

D.J. Davis began the meeting by stating the purpose was to learn what mental health needs were present among the youth in the schools.

D. J. Davis
President
Odessa

The communities represented were:

1. Lexington, Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Roush
2. Alma, Counselor, Tina Burton
3. Higginsville, Superintendent, Don Quick

Terry
Thompson
Treasurer
Lexington

Guests present were:

1. Mel Fetter, Pathways and La. Co. Mental Health BOD
2. Gil Rector, Commissioner, Lafayette County

Fran Atkins
Secretary
Higginsville

BOD members present were:

1. D.J. Davis
2. Fran Atkins
3. Dorothy Dighton
4. Opal Johnson
5. Russell Kruse
6. Tammy Zumalt

Dorothy
Dighton
Waverly

Arron B.
Haynes
Higginsville

Concerns and Ideas submitted:

Lexington:

1. Need resource person available to teachers after a mental health inservice and as a consultant to teachers on a day-to-day basis.
2. Out-of-control kids.
3. Keeping kids engaged in school, need more personnel.
4. Children who are the adults at home can't let the teachers be in charge at school.

Opal Johnson
Mayview

Russell J.
Kruse
Concordia

Daljeet Singh
Higginsville

Alma:

1. Not enough personal to spend time with troubled kids.
2. Outside resource person for mental health.
3. How to help at-risk kids feel important at school.

Tammy
Zumalt
Waverly

Higginsville:

1. Need quality presentations on mental health to school staff as Professional Development, eg. ADHD From the Inside, which helped teachers realize the discrimination that occurs when someone of this minority group is called lazy, etc.
2. Cautioned LCCSF BOD to restrict schools from surplanting other funds already budgeted to use this fund.
3. Need Regular professional counseling on a regular basis in the school.

Concordia representatives were absent. Mel Fetter reported that Pathways had collaborated with Concordia schools in writing a grant for therapeutic services in the school. They had learned recently that their grant request was denied.

D.J. summarized the comments offered and thanked the school representatives for attending this meeting. These ideas will be considered at the next board of director meeting on August 22, 2006. D.J. closed the meeting.

F. Atkins

Respectfully Submitted,
Fran Atkins, Secretary

Attendance Record

P= Present

A= Absent

R= Resigned

Name	7-06	8-1-05	8-22-06										
Atkins	A	P											
Davis	P	P											
Dighton	P	P											
Haynes	P	A											
Johnson	P	P											
Kruse	A	P											
Singh	P	A											
Thompson	P	A											
Zumalt	P	P											

Name	7-05	8-05	9-05	10-05	11-05	12-06	1-06	2-06	3-7-06	3-28-06	5-06	6-06
Atkins	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Davis	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dighton	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Haynes			P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P
Johnson		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kruse				P	P	A	A	A	A	P	P	P
Singh	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	A	A	P	P
Thompson			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Tieman					R							
Zumalt								P	P	P	A	P