

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

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Minutes: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Board Member, Terry Thompson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Terry Thompson, Gil Rector, Russell Kruse, Mary Borgman, Daljeet Singh, Aaron Haynes, Tammy Zumalt, Sherri Chandra and Laretta Wilsie (Brighter Futures), Pam Johnson (Lafayette Regional), and Malinda Lowery, Theresa Presley, Dawn Scarborough, Alissa Karnes, and Mel Fetter (Pathways) and Toniann Richard (Live Well Clinic). Absent: Jill Sutherland, Opal Johnson, and John Billings. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Daljeet Singh made the motion to accept the minutes and Russell Kruse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A written Treasurer's report was presented by Terry Thompson. **As of August 29, 2014, assets total \$575,741.01.** One payment is left to CASA which leaves a fund available balance of \$537,074.01. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's by Daljeet Singh and seconded by Tammy Zumalt. Motion carries.

Old Business:

Brighter Futures proposal for \$141,175 was up for discussion. Daljeet Singh motioned to approve their proposal and seconded by Aaron Haynes. Motion carries.

Terry passed out information and example of a conflict of interest statement. As he presented last month, the auditor suggested that we do this annually. We are to review the information provided and be prepared to complete a conflict of interest statement to become effective in January 2015.

New Business:

Proposal:

Sherri Chandra from Brighter Futures presented an addendum to their proposal for the school year 2014-2015. Brighter Futures did not receive funding from the Health Care Foundation. They are requesting an additional \$45,241 to cover the following the salary of the Prevention Coordinator; the following contracted services: Love and Logic, Healthy Relationships Program plus training, Family Counseling with Student, Parenting Fair and Teacher Education. Each of these programs is described in detail in their addendum proposal. This would bring their total grant request to \$185,956 for the upcoming school year. The addendum portion is to be reviewed and voted on at the November meeting.

Russell Kruse met with Superintendents or Counselors at most of our schools involved in the Brighter Futures Program. They discussed services at each school and how to pool resources with other schools for cost effectiveness. Kruse reported the following two concerns: the need of a psychologist or psychiatrist in county and transportation to services being a drawback for children in our county. A lengthy discussion was held on making sure that all grant recipients are cooperating together and getting the most value of the dollars they are provided. The board would like to see more coordination of services from the Health Care Coalition, Pathways, Brighter Futures, Schools, and Lafayette County Children's Services Board. Pathways and Live Well Clinic discussed the importance of telemedicine to get services for children. Services are available; people just need to have an understanding of telemedicine and how useful it is. Toniann Richard will be getting in contact with the school districts to coordinate a date in which Health Care Coalition, Pathways, Brighter Futures, and LCCS Board can meet to have a coordination of benefits meeting.

Pathways made a report of last year's grant. The partnership with Santa Fe and Concordia school districts and House of Hope exceeded the \$98,000. During the first start-up year of the integrated services at the Waverly clinic and Pathways, they provided 354 visits by their LCSW and 71 visits by their psychiatrist. A new proposal was made for \$123,230. The increase is due to the psychiatry services that have increased at their Waverly and Concordia sites. Another reason is the proposal to implement a new program, TxtAboutIt services, that would be provided in Lafayette County. Most youth prefer to use texting as their primary source of communication. Users of this service would be able to text trusted adults about bullying, violence, stress, grief, suicide, self-esteem, anxiety, depression, abuse, etc. This would be done anonymously with a qualified mental health professional. They would be able to set the demographics to know the age and county that the participants are from. Information about this program can be found at www.TxtAboutIt.com.

With the absence of Opal Johnson and John Billings the next meeting date will be determined and sent out later. However, it will be in November. Next month, CASA, House of Hope, Pathways, and Brighter Futures will be on the agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Thompson and seconded by Tammy Zumalt with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting: November 2014

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, filling in for
John Billings, Secretary