

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

Commissisoners:

**Gil Rector
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Tracy Dyer**

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**Daljeet Singh
Higginsville**

**Fran Atkins
Higginsville**

**Jill Sutherland
Higginsville**

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

Minutes: Monday, September 14th, 2015 at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Chairman Arron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Mary Borgman, Terry Thompson, Fran Atkins, Arron Haynes, Jill Sutherland, Tammy Zumalt, Alissa Karnes, Nancy Peters, Lori Drenon, Opal Johnson, Toniann Richard, and Jackie Roberts. Absent: Russell Kruse and Daljeet Singh

Public Comments: Nancy Peters expressed her gratitude for the financial support of Brighter Futures. She explained having all schools in Lafayette County being involved helps our transient students within the county without a lapse in services. Nancy also represented the Santa Fe School District and again thanked the board for supporting the BIST program. Terry Thompson pointed out that this grant is extremely effective by providing services for all students and staff at a minimal expense creating a low cost per pupil/staff ratio. Toniann Richard shared that the HCC/Live Well Community Health Center was hosting a 5K run & 1 mile walk on September 19th with the proceeds going to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. She reminded us that HCC and Fahrmeier's U Pick and Produce Market had partnered to promote using fresh produce with their SNAP/EBT by matching up to \$10.00. Toniann also provided copies of the economic impact of Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri to the board. Fran Atkins provided brochures to those interested about her reopening her practice in Higginsville two days a week.

Mission Statement: read by Tammy Zumalt

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

Children's Mental Health Coordinator Report: Jackie Roberts attended the September Executive Board Meeting of Brighter Futures and observed how they planned for the year. She attended the Children's Services Fund Executive Directors' Meeting and provided their agenda. A quarterly report was made to the County Commissioners. A preview of the website was provided to the public at the meeting. HCC provided in kind services of photos for the website. The site includes children's art work. Everyone was impressed with the accessibility, ease, information provided, and cheerful look provided by the website. Jackie is working on finding promotional items to purchase to make citizens aware about LCCSF at educational booths. A motion by Fran Atkins was made to accept Jackie's report and seconded by Mary Borgman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reported our total assets are \$501,658.73 on September 1st. After our grants payable and expenses are deducted, the fund balance available is \$323,071.02. We are up \$37,141.02 this year based on our conservative 3 year Tax Reserve. Currently our sales tax revenue continues to be up from last year. A \$50 allocation for Jackie's cell phone was discussed as this is cheaper than putting in a land line in her office. Jill Sutherland motioned to accept the treasurer's report and the proposal to allocate \$50 a month for cellular phone service to Jackie Roberts. Fran Atkins seconded.

Motion approved. Terry discussed that in the future the board may need to obtain a debit or credit card for the website domain. This is the only form of payment they accept. Jackie had to pay for the domain first, and we reimbursed her for the domain cost. No action needed at this time. Brighter Futures bill was presented for August of

\$3,097. Tammy Zumalt motioned to pay the bill and Opal seconded. Motion was approved. There was some discussion about Brighter Futures services and would they be able to stay within their budget this year. Jackie reported that they have set aside \$126,756 for therapy and crisis treatments which serves about 100 children.

Grant Reports: CASA provided a request to increase additional funding to cover the increase of their salaries (from \$42,000 to \$64,824). This is a salary increase of 90% of the \$25,360. This grant is under consideration for a vote at next board meeting.

Alissa Karnes presented a grant requesting \$5,000 to supplement the grant provided by HCF that had been reduced. This grant provides a FTE in the Concordia and Santa Fe School Districts for therapy. Nancy Peters indicated that she did not need a full two days in her building, but would check with the high school. Alissa said that those hours could possibly be used at another Lafayette County School as there is a waiting list. Terry Thompson motioned that we approve the \$5,000 to cover the loss from the HCF grant and Opal Johnson seconded. The vote was approved with Tammy Zumalt abstaining from the vote.

Old Business: Jackie let the board know that she was not selected for the Healthy Communities and Leadership Academy. The vision statement from last month, (*A community where all children of 19 years of age or less and their families of Lafayette County can reach their full potential in a supportive and nurturing environment*), was discussed. Terry Thompson motioned to accept the new vision statement and Fran Atkins seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Jackie presented an updated Request for Funding Proposals (RFP). A checklist, agency profile, and a point system for the proposal were included. There was discussion if applicants could complete and save the form to send to Jackie who would forward to the board members for review. Then we could rate the proposal prior to the meeting. Jackie will be checking into this. Board members are to look over the RFP information for further discussion next month. Jackie provided a County Comparison of the Children's Service Funds in the state. This may be added to the website as well for community awareness. Jackie made a request for individual photos of the board members for the web site. Jackie had provided us with a letter of support for HCC to continue to receive funding. Terry motioned to approve the letter and Jill seconded. Motion passed.

Kristin Ellis has agreed to provide her opinion and legal guidance if needed.

Gil Rector asked the board to review the articles about Stepping Up which would help provide and divert mental health services to those who normally are found in prisons to treatment services instead of being confined due to a mental illness. At the next meeting, he would like to discuss rather we would support this up and coming program.

Terry introduced some signature initiatives about tobacco products that could find their way to the ballot: 1) a 50¢ tax per pack that would go to MO DoT, 2) a tax increase that would fund early childhood programs, and 3) a tax increase that would affect schools in some form. Jackson County is also working on an increase of the smoking age from 18 to 21.

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM was made by Tammy Zumalt and seconded by Opal Johnson with no objections.

Next Meeting: October 12th at 7 PM at Lafayette Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Secretary

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

November 9th
December 14th