

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

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

Minutes: Monday, November 9th, 2015 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, Terry Thompson, Arron Haynes, Tammy Zumalt, Opal Johnson, Toniann Richard, Gil Rector, Russell Kruse, Daljeet Singh, Sherri Chandra, David Figg, and Jackie Roberts. Absent: Fran Atkins and Jill Sutherland.

Public Comments: Sherri Chandra reported on a molestation case in which the perpetrator was sentenced for 20 years. This victim was able to share her story through Brighter Future's services. Jackie Roberts reported on program opportunities that are available: Nov. 20th – Lafayette County Project Connect, November 11th – Mental Health Board Stepping Up Program, volunteer opportunities, and HCC programs.

Mission Statement: read by Tammy Zumalt

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

Funding Requests: CASA Robin reported on the percentage of children serviced in Lafayette and Saline Counties. She also provided the services that the volunteers provide for the benefit of the children. Terry Thompson motioned to amend CASA's original proposal and provide the additional funding of \$17,752.00 to their grant. Daljeet Singh seconded. Motion was approved.

Children's Mental Health Coordinator Report: Jackie Roberts shared the *Access Health Newspaper* and the HCC materials that LCCSF had an ad and article published. She will be attending the MO Arts Workshop with Arron on November 10th. During the Stepping Up program on November 11th, Kevin Bond of Pettis County would be providing input on their progress in this program. Dawn Morris from Pathways will be discussing Crisis Intervention Training. Jackie mentioned that SAMSA had a grant application that would benefit the Stepping Up program. She will be meeting with Boone County Executive Director on Friday, November 13th to discuss questions she has. She will also be looking at their Purchase of Service Module to make rates usual and customary. Tom Durkin, Public Education Director for the Attorney General, is available for a MO Sunshine Law Presentation. After discussion, the board would like to invite Mr. Durkin to make a presentation to us, other boards, and general public in January. Jackie will be taking a class next semester as a requirement to be a licensed social worker. It meets on Monday nights. Consequently, a motion by Opal Johnson requested that January through June meetings will be moved to the second Thursdays of the month. August through December will return to the second Monday of the month meetings. Terry Thompson seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reported our total assets are \$530,125.02 on October 1st. After our grants payable and expenses are deducted, the fund balance available is \$363,112.91. We are up \$77,182.91 this year based on our conservative 3 year Tax Reserve. Currently

our sales tax revenue continues to be up from last year. Brighter Futures' bill was presented for October, \$14,444. Daljeet Singh motioned to pay Brighter Futures bill and Opal seconded. Motion carried. Terry Thompson motioned to pay Jackie Robert's mileage and Daljeet Singh seconded. Motion passed.

Terry Thompson provided the RFP (request for proposal) that was originally written by the board and Dr. Gary Baker. It currently states ***that the professional or consultant hourly reimbursement for the provision of education or treatment is limited to the standard used by Medicaid.*** Affective for the next grant period, this should be followed unless the board decides to change the wording. This is why Jackie is looking into a usual and customary Purchase of Service Module with the insurance companies. Our goal is not to eliminate the specialists who are needed to work with some children, but to maximize the effectiveness of the funding provided.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sherri Chandra, on Brighter Futures behalf, made an inquiry into the \$10,000 set aside in 2014 for Grief Counseling. Is it still available, and what the guidelines for its use are? This fund is not currently in the 2015 budget. It was intended for larger scale grief counseling. Ex: When a teacher or student dies and grief counselors are brought in to help the children deal with the crisis. A motion was made by Daljeet Singh that a \$10,000 budget be established for crisis/grief counseling to the youth throughout Lafayette County after all avenues have been exhausted. Requests will be made to Jackie Roberts and cross referenced with Terry Thompson. Services will be directly billed to LCCSF. Motion was seconded by Terry Thompson. Motion approved. Jackie Roberts will be providing criteria and request protocol to the board for approval.

The Children’s Mental Health Taxing Boards are seeking proposals to gather data about children in the counties and looking for trends from base years to the present. The boards will split the cost of the research. Motion to participate and fund the research was made by Terry Thompson and seconded by Daljeet Singh. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting: December 14th at 7 PM at Lafayette Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Secretary

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

Thursday, January 14th
Thursday, February 11th
Thursday, March 10th
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