

LAFAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES: Monday July 17th, 2017 at Lafayette County Health Department, Lower Level, Lexington, MO.

Commissioners:

Craig Williams
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Tracy Dyer

Board of Directors:

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Aaron Dye
Lexington

Chip Langman
Lexington

Coordinator:
Tiffany Dehn

Opal Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The following board members were present for tonight's meeting: Opal Johnson, Tammy Zumalt, Mary Borgman, Aaron Dye, Terry Thompson, Tahnami Gittinger, and Chip Langman.

Guests: Aaron Knipmeyer, Janine Hron (Crittenton), Alissa Karnes and Lucas Taylor (Pathways), and Toniann Richard

Coordinator- Tiffany Dehn

Commissioner liaison- Craig Williams

Approval of Agenda: Tammy moved to approve the agenda as it is written, Terry seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Funding Requests: Representatives from Crittenton Children's Center and Pathways/Compass Health were present to discuss and answer questions of their agency's proposals in response to the targeted rfp for school based services. Janine Hron, Crittenton CEO, began by presenting their proposal. Crittenton plans to implement strategies, training, services and education for the school systems and children within the county. Their ultimate goal is to strengthen Lafayette County systems already in place, teach new strategies and ultimately decrease the number of individuals who require mental health services. Janine shared about other counties and the positive impact seen. Their goal is to come in, teach and guide new strategies, and leave once the goals are met. They do not propose to be in the county forever. LCCSF board members had the opportunity to ask questions and Janine was given the opportunity to address the questions.

Alissa Karnes and Lucas Taylor, Pathways/Compass Health representatives, shared what Pathways proposes to do with additional funding for school based services. Currently 2 FTE are providing services within 4 of the county school districts. With funding from LCCSF, an ADG through the HCF, a re-allocation of funding and other funding leveraging, Pathways can increase the number of students receiving services in all school districts. They anticipate more than 3,000 units of service to be provided. Pathways will provide an additional 2 FTE therapists which will allow each school 3-4 days access to therapy services out of the week. In addition to school based therapists, they will use their CSTAR program/funding for individuals needing services for substance abuse treatment in the school setting. LCCSF board members had the opportunity to ask questions to Pathways/Compass Health representatives and response was given.

Opportunity was provided to Aaron Knipmeyer to ask questions or address concerns, on behalf of the school districts, to the agencies proposing services for funding. Aaron shared that he had received the Letters of Intent and that after each presentation he had no remaining questions.

Opportunity was given to Toniann Richard (HCC) to address her thoughts of the proposals and the efforts of the board for funding school based services. She shared that through the LiveWell clinics psychiatry services to children were growing. HCC would be willing to collaborate with whatever agency steps in to provide services, even to the point of reserving appointment dates/times with the Psychiatrists.

Terry moved to approve the Pathways/Compass Health funding request for the full amount of \$100,000 through the 2017-2018 FY ending June 30th 2018, with the stipulation of clear collaboration between the school districts, Pathways/Compass Health, and the LCCSF Coordinator. Tammy seconded with an amendment to Terry's motion to include that the approval should identify the funding from the previous amount awarded (in January's proposal/contract) be re-allocated to the purpose of school based mental health services. Discussion took place and the re-allocation of funding will be identified in the new contract. Vote was taken with 6 in favor and 1 opposed. Opal, Aaron, Mary and Tahnamy were in favor of funding. Chip was opposed. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: The LCCSF Coordinator presented to the board a document prepared by Aaron Knipmeyer showing the cost of transitioning students as well as a draft letter addressing the awarding of funds for this purpose. Discussion took place. The Coordinator shared that LCCSF and the Brighter Futures program was no longer under contract so the awarding of funds would need to be done in a different manner. Terry commented to the board that the Brighter Futures program came in at the end of their contract under budget. Terry moved to approve the funding of \$6,450 for the purpose of transitioning students that were receiving services through the Brighter Futures program. Chip made an amendment to Terry's motion and requested that a report be provided at the end of services that detail how the funds were used. Aaron seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business: The LCCSF BOD discussed meeting on alternative days. The board agreed that the third Wednesday of each month was a possible alternative to meeting on the second Monday of each month. Tammy moved to reschedule next month's board meeting to Wednesday August 16th at 7 pm. Aaron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. The board will revisit this agenda item next month and decide if all board meetings should take place the third Wednesday of each month.

Public Comments: Janine Hron thanked the board for the opportunity to come and present Crittentons proposal.

Adjourn: Tahnamy moved to adjourn the meeting, Tammy seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Dehn
Coordinator

Reviewed by,
Tammy Zumalt
Secretary

Mark your calendar for the upcoming LCCSB meetings:

Reminder:

Wednesday August 16, 2017