

LAFAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES: Wednesday October 17th, 2018 Lafayette County Health Department, 7 – 8:30 pm

Commissioners:

Craig Williams
Harold Hoeflander
Tracy Dyer

Board of Directors:

Board Chair
Tahnami Gittinger
Odessa

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Chip Langman
Lexington

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Brian Alexander
Higginsville

Denette Amor
Higginsville

Executive Director:
Tiffany Harbour

Call to Order: Tahnami called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Board members in attendance – Tahnami, Mary, Aaron, Chip, Amanda, Brian, Mark, and Laura.

Absent – Denetta

Executive Director – Tiffany Harbour

Commissioner Liaison - Craig Williams

Guests in attendance – Andrew Beckfield (Lexington PD – DARE), Mike and Debra Robinson (Starfish), Casey Melancon (ESMW), Aaron Knipmeyer (LCC1), Lori Drenon (Odessa R-7), Ann Gosnell (House of Hope), Bill Molini (Lexington Tax)

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Mark moved to approve the agenda, Mary seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Minutes: Chip moved to approve the minutes from the September 19th board meeting, with revisions to be made, Brian seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Reports:

Treasurers Report – Bill Molini presented the financial report to the board. Total program expenses are \$315,850.26 as of September 30th, 2018. Last year program expenses were \$155,685.43 at the same point in time. This is a difference of \$160,164.83. DOR income from sales tax was \$23,532.75 for the month of September. MDOR reports that the fund has received \$252,398.41 so far this year. Current assets are \$601,533.56.

Bills to be paid – nine (9) checks were written and presented to the board for payment. Wellington-Napoleon \$2,273.52 & \$3,99.10, Foster Adopt Connect \$5,152.94, ESMW \$1,048.85, Compass Health \$344.57, Bank Midwest \$970.14, Lafayette County (TIF) \$4,403.40 & \$250, Lexington Tax \$343.75

Chip moved to accept the Treasurers report and pay the bills, Laura seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

School District Reports- Aaron Knipmeyer shared that services were continuing for the districts with Compass Health. There are no issues to report.

Funded Agency Reports- Ann reports that she is present to share about the contract renewal.

Commissioners Report- Nothing to report this month

Directors Report – Tiffany shared her report with the board. The emphasis at this evenings meeting was the Pay for Success Model. A video of this project was shared with the board. The goal of pay for success is to improve specific outcomes. Once those outcomes are achieved, the Federal Government reimburses the money for the program

interventions. With support of the board the Executive Director will make the next steps to initiate this process for Lafayette County.

- Funding Cycle 1 full RFP's are due November 2nd at 5 pm. Letters of intent were received by: CASA, Great Circle & HCC. Laura moved to invite these agencies to submit a full RFP and submit it to the Executive Director, Chip seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
- Special meeting of the board- The board decided to meet at 6 pm on December 19th to discuss the RFP's that are to be submitted on November 2nd.
- Board Self-Assessment & Employee Performance Review – Tahnamy distributed homework packets to the board to have completed by November 14th. The board will bring these items to the next meeting to discuss in closed session.

Unfinished Business:

LCCSF Attorney – Engagement letters from Lauber Law and Harris Law were given to the board to review. After some discussion Laura moved to hire Harris Law at the hourly rate of \$125. Chip seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Purchase of Services Contract – Chip moved to table this agenda item until the next month to allow for the newly hired attorney to review and provide feedback on. Mark seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

House of Hope contract renewal/extension – Ann presented the 6-month contract budget to the board. This was done due to a recommendation by the Executive Director at the site visit that occurred last month. The budget identified a dollar increase for Sherry (Program Director). Sherry recently became certified as a drug test administer and has been advancing the program in many areas. Chip questioned funding sources and asked about the program being funded through other sources in addition to the CSF. Chips concern was that many agencies depend on yearly funding contracts through LCCSF and are not competitively looking for funding in other places. After further discussion Laura moved that the board approve the contract extension with the increase of pay to Sherry, Brian seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Monthly Funding Requests –

- Defined to Be Different/Jess Angelique Assemblies – Greg Voygt was present to share about the assemblies his daughter performs at. The mission of the program is to show kids they are a M.V.P. (Matter Value Purpose) After some discussion the board talked about approving the release of funds once dates have been scheduled. Chip moved to approve funding for \$6,000, Aaron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
- Lafayette County C-1 School District – This request came to the board for the purpose of supplementing the services that are provided in the school district already. They have a waiting list and anticipate that 10 children will need services. Aaron moved to approve the funding request for \$15,000, Mark seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
- Odessa School District – Lori shared with the board that the students who have been receiving services will not longer have funding available to pay for services after December. In addition to the students being served there are needs for 8 more students to receive therapy services. Laura moved to approve funding the request for \$14,630, Mark seconded, Tahnamy abstained. All others were in favor, motion passed.
- Lexington School District – This request came to the board for the purpose of supplementing the services that are provided in the school district already. They anticipate that an additional 15 students will need services. Laura moved to approve the funding request for \$11,850, Aaron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
- Lexington Police Dept (DARE program) – Officer Beckfield presented his funding request to the board and shared about the value of the D.A.R.E. program. Discussion among the board took place. Laura moved to approve funding for \$3,307.96, less travel expenses, Mark seconded. All

were in favor, motion passed. The Executive Director will send a letter to the school district and city to request they pay for travel to the D.A.R.E conference training. Mark shared with the board he had concern about the amount of money being requested when the board is deficit spending. He shared that over \$300 thousand dollars are being requested and it is important to think about depleting the fund at such a fast rate.

Ruby Payne's Workshop – Bridges out of Poverty – the Executive Director shared information with the board about the opportunity to bring a training/workshop to our county. This workshop discusses the impact poverty has on it as a whole. We have the possibilities to grant write and partner with county agencies to help share in the \$4,000 cost. The Executive Director did ask the school representatives if they had received this training before and if they would like to participate in this opportunity. All of the representatives were supportive and interested in participation. The board gave support to begin planning for this event in early October 2019.

Transfer of funds: Chip moved to transfer \$75,000 from the Equity Bank savings account to the checking, Brian seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Adjourn: Chip moved to adjourn the meeting, Brian seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Harbour
Executive Director

Reviewed by,
Laura Scott
Secretary

Mark your calendar for the upcoming LCCS meetings:

Reminder: _____

Wednesday November 14, 2018

Wednesday December 19, 2018

Wednesday January 16, 2019

Wednesday February 20, 2019

Wednesday March 20, 2019

Wednesday April 17, 2019

Wednesday May 15, 2019

Wednesday June 19, 2019