

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

MINUTES: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Lafayette County Health Department, Lexington

Call to Order: Tahnamy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
Introductions of all in attendance were made.

Board members in attendance: Tahnamy, Amanda, Laura, Denetta, Mark, Daryl, and Aaron. Not in attendance: Chip and Jamie

Executive Director – none
Commissioner Liaison - Craig Williams

Guests in attendance:
Bill Molini (Lexington Tax)
Hannah Spaar, Ruth Beamer
Colby Dowell
Ann Gosnell (House of Hope)
Lori Drenon (Odessa School District), Aaron Knipmeyer (Lafayette County C-1 School District), Brianne Bredehoeft (Concordia School District), April Williams and Nicky Bennett (Lexington School District)

Public Comments - none

Approval of Agenda: Daryl moved to approve the agenda with the additions of an insurance quote under consideration and the addition of a closed session under new business. Denetta seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mark moved to approve the minutes from the October 16 board meeting. Aaron seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bill Molini presented the financial reports to the board. Total program expenses for January through October 2019 were shown as \$309,574.64. Last year at the same point in time program expenses were \$374,150.45. Current assets are listed as \$454,962.48. Last year at the same point in time assets are shown to be \$558,174.03 for a difference of -\$73,211.55.

Bills to be paid- Nine checks were prepared for invoices received and were presented to the board for payment. Those checks were Lafayette County (\$250), Lexington Tax (\$302.50), Bank Midwest (\$799.80 for a new laptop), Easter Seals (\$805.24), Harris, Harris, & Sommer (\$87.50), Compass Health (\$23,089.44), Foster Adopt Connect (\$1,077.51), Omegaman at Concordia (\$745), Santa Fe for BIST (\$5,650). A check to Mike Keith insurance for \$1,951.00 was held for approval until a motion was made during new business.

Mark moved to accept the treasurer's report. Amanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Aaron moved to pay all the bills except Mike Keith Insurance. Denetta seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A new check will need to be issued to Concordia Schools in place of

Omegaman.

Commissioners:

Craig Williams
Harold Hoeflander
Tracy Dyer

**Board of
Directors:**

Board Chair
Tahnamy Gittinger
Odessa

Vice Chair
Chip Langman
Lexington

Treasurer
Aaron Dye
Lexington

Secretary
Laura Scott
Odessa

Mark Heins
Concordia

Jamie Wieligman
Wellington

Amanda
Christopherson
Waverly

Denetta Amor
Higginsville

Daryl Augustine
Higginsville

Executive Director:
Open

School District Reports:

Brianne Bredehoeft from Concordia reported on the success of the sensory room at Leslie Bell Elementary. She also reported on the success of the anti-bullying Omegaman assembly.

Aaron Knipmeyer from Lafayette County C-1 reported on the \$15,000 grant to supplement mental health services. More students were served at a decreased cost. Success stories were shared. Funding will be provided by a new source in the future.

Lori Drenon from Odessa reported that Odessa used \$8,130.70 of funds awarded and will be returning \$6,468.30. Mental health services were directly provided to 15 students. Funds were also used for the Signs of Suicide program. Success stories were shared.

Funded Agency Reports- Ann Gosnell (House of Hope) requested that the board consider reinstating \$4,049.21 cut from the original application for employee taxes. She suggested that it is part of the total employee package and is typically awarded by other grants as well as the LCCSF for many years. She also pointed out that this was not cut from other grants. She attempted finding other ways to make up this difference but was unable. Tahnam said she would research and report back next month.

Commissioner Report – None.

Unfinished Business:

Monthly applications – A Bylaw Committee was appointed by Tahnam after discussion at the Executive Committee meeting. Agreeing to serve were Denetta, Chip, and Aaron. Their first order of business will be to review and update monthly applications and the policy concerning these. Tahnam will resend policy and applications.

Ruby Payne Workshop – Tahnam will check with Chip to make sure all books have been returned.

Transfer of funds – Mark made a motion to transfer \$35,000 from Equity savings to Equity checking to cover expenses. Denetta seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2019 Budget – Mark made a motion to approve the budget to reflect expenditures. Aaron seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Clerical- Hours have not yet been turned in for the part-time clerical help. She has not been able to help as much as hoped for due to family issues. However, it was estimated that she has worked 20-39 hours.

Executive Director position- Mark reported for the search committee that there are four applicants. Interviews will be set in December.

New Business:

Insurance- The policy with Mike Keith insurance was reviewed. Aaron made a motion to accept the annual contract and to make payment. Mark seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Interviews- Dates for interviews were discussed. It was suggested that all board members attend on December 5 at 6 pm. The candidates will be contacted by Mark who will then confirm with board members.

December meeting- The December 18 board meeting will begin at six pm to review new yearly contracts.

Mark made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to RSMo610.021.3 to discuss details of employment. Mark seconded. Roll call voting was completed. All were in favor. Motion passed. Board members moved into closed session at 8:33.

Daryl made a motion to return to open session at 9:01. Amanda seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Adjourn: Denetta moved to adjourn the meeting; Daryl seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Scott
Board Secretary

Reviewed by,
Tahnami Gittinger
Board Chair

Upcoming LCCSF meetings:
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6