

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

**MINUTES:** Wednesday, October 16th, 7:00 pm at the Lafayette County Health Department, Lexington

**Call to Order:** Chip, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Introductions of all in attendance were made.

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

Executive Director – none  
Commissioner Liaison - Craig Williams

Guests in attendance:  
Bill Molini (Lexington Tax)  
Hannah Spaar, Ruth Beamer  
Lucas Taylor and Alissa Karnes (Compass Health), Ann Gosnell and Troy Sims (House of Hope), Aaron Knipmeyer and Amanda Struchtemeyer (Lafayette County C-1 School District), Brianne Bredehoeft and Leslie Basye (Concordia School District)

**Public Comments** - none

**Approval of Agenda:** Aaron moved to approve the agenda; Jamie seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Aaron moved to approve the minutes from the September 18th board meeting. Amanda seconded. All but Mark, who abstained, were in favor. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Molini presented the financial reports to the board. Total program expenses for January through September 2019 were shown as \$258,533.69. Last year at the same point in time program expenses were \$250,359.24. Current assets are listed as \$497,530.93. Last year at the same point in time assets are shown to be \$601,533.56; for a difference of -\$104,002.63. Sales tax distribution for September 2019 was \$24,596.38 and \$255,204.23 for the year-to-date.

Bills to be paid- Seven checks were prepared for invoices received and were presented to the board for payment. Those checks were Lafayette County (\$250), Lexington Tax (\$302.50), Wellington Napoleon (\$3,295.05), Bank Midwest (\$127.38), Easter Seals (\$1,099.84), House of Hope (\$10,259.53) and Compass Health (\$15,917.72).

Aaron moved to accept the treasurer's report. Denetta seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Aaron moved to pay the bills listed. Daryl seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**School District Reports-** Amanda from Lafayette County C-1 reported on the \$1000 Calming Corners project. \$999.93 was spent and seven cents will be returned to LCCSF. The schools saw a positive impact by children returning and staying in the classroom and using self-regulation techniques more. Calming tools include lap mats, fidgets, and

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Tracy Dyer

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Denetta Amor  
Higginsville

Daryl Augustine  
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**Executive Director:**  
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weighted blankets. LCCSF funds paid for approximately 50% of middle and high school classrooms to have calming corners. Calming corners have expanded to all elementary classrooms paid by the school district.

**Funded Agency Reports-** Ann from House of Hope asked to be put on next month's agenda to revisit the amount that was funded and to request consideration of reinstating employee's taxes. Lucas from Compass Health reported that they have four licensed therapists working. He feels that they settled into the school year more quickly due to cooperation of the social workers and paperwork being processed more quickly. A discussion was held about the employability of young people with mental health issues. Lucas said that treatment for mental health issues seems to be more accepted. Their goal is to build skills and to bridge strategies with teachers. Brianne from Concordia that schools are addressing coping strategies in place of just being reactive. Lucas said that therapists work on recognizing emotions. Chip encouraged agencies to write proposals dealing with these issues. Alissa from Compass Health shared about their new building in Higginsville. They are anticipating having an Open House in early spring.

**Commissioner Report –** None.

**Unfinished Business:** Denetta moved to table the adoption of revised monthly applications until more information is known. Mark seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

An update was given on the Ruby Payne workshop held October 2. Amanda from Lafayette County C-1 and Laura, Board member reported that an outcome is that several attendees plan to work together to plan a future community workshop.

Daryl made a motion to transfer \$35,000 to Equity checking to cover bills. Amanda seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed. No amendments to the budget need to be made at this time.

Chip announced that we do have a part time clerical person to assist the board until a new Executive Director is hired. He also announced that we have had response to the posting for that position.

**New Business:** A committee was formed to search for candidates for the Executive Director position. Committee members include Amanda, Daryl, and Mark.

**Adjourn:** Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting; Jamie seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Scott  
Board Secretary

Reviewed by,  
Chip Langman  
Board Vice Chair

Upcoming LCCSF meetings:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Wednesday, December 18, 2019