

**Lafayette County  
Children's Services Fund**

*Commissioner*  
Gil Rector  
Jim Strodtman  
Harland Mieser

**Board of Directors**

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Directors*

Minutes of **September 5, 2007, Lafayette Hall, Lexington MO. 4:30-7:30 pm.**

D. J. Davis  
President  
Odessa

D. J. Called the meeting to order.

**Old Business:**

Terry  
Thompson  
Treasurer  
Lexington

Tammy moved approval of **July minutes**; Mary seconded. **Passed.** Opal called attention to a typing error in the last sentence of the **August minutes.** Opal moved approval after deleting "at 7:00 pm" from the last sentence; Tammy seconded. **Passed.**

Fran Atkins  
Secretary  
Higginsville

Fran reported that the web page is no longer active; The cause is not known. Nevertheless, Ms Nicodemus preferred to not do the monthly changes, so an estimate was obtained from Net-Walker Technology Solutions of North Kansas City, the company who constructed the Higginsville Chamber of Commerce web page. Building a 6 page web site will be approximately \$700, which includes 5 contact e-mail addresses. The annual hosting fee of \$220 is donated for not-for-profit web pages. The domain fee will be \$20 for an organization. Twelve monthly changes will be an estimated \$280.00. The total anticipated fees will be \$1,000 for one year. Fran **moved** we act quickly with this new company to re-establish our web page; Opal **seconded. Passed.**

Mary Borgman  
Wellington

Arron B.  
Haynes  
Higginsville

Opal Johnson  
Mayview

The **July and August Treasurer's Reports** were reviewed. The attached **Treasurer's Report** on September 5, shows a total asset balance of \$292,617.06. Two bills were presented, 1) the statement for \$8000 due to University of Missouri – KC for the conclusion of Gary Baker's contract; and 2) \$1000 for new web construction and monthly updates for 12 months. Arron **moved** acceptance of this report; Opal **seconded. Passed.**

Russell J.  
Kruse  
Concordia

Daljeet Singh  
Higginsville

Discussion occurred about the timing of a financial audit. Commissioner Gil reported that questions were raised by the firm conducting the county audit. Tammy **moved** that Fiene & Fiene be contacted to audit our funds when Fiene & Fiene thinks it needs to be done, so that we carefully honor the trust placed in this BOD by the public for wise and prudent use of this sales tax; Russell **seconded. Passed.**

Tammy  
Zumalt  
Waverly

D. J. did a brief **annual review of accomplishments.** The first small grant of \$1,842.50 was awarded January 2007 to the Juvenile Office for *Building Personal Power: Skills for Managing Anger* group. Under Dr. Gary Baker's guidance, our method of accepting proposals was approved 4-3-07. The Request

For Proposals was released 4-4-07. Three applications were received. June 14, 2007, the County Commissioners announced that The Brighter Futures Project for mental health services for selected students in public schools was approved for \$260,000 in divided payments. On June 14, The Commissioners also announced approval of \$79,700 to Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., for children without insurance. The Pathways award was also in divided payments. The third request, from the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit CASA was deferred and \$25,000 was awarded in July, to benefit children under joint custody of Family Services and Juvenile Office.

D.J. attended a Greater KC Foundation Meeting. Fran and D.J. attended the Town Meeting at Higginsville for *Citizens for Missouri's Children: Making Kids Count*; LCCSF BOD was a sponsor.

Commissioner Gil reported the Lafayette County Mental Health Board of Directors was continuing to forge ahead, without a budget. Crisis Intervention Teams were being formed and oriented. Suicide Prevention Education groups were being formed in the county.

#### **Perceptions of major accomplishments and improvements for next year**

1. Gary Baker as consultant
2. Our business manner and getting known in the county
3. What about small group grants?
4. It's exciting to hear talk in the schools about services getting started.
5. The school project is close to the love of my heart.
  - a. CASA was exciting new information to me.
  - b. We need to attend service clubs in each community to report this.
  - c. There's a children's home in Mayview, "Show Me."
6. We could make community service announcement in all the papers for our meeting times and website. Maybe Lyn could do that when she sends out e-mail reminders.
7. I've learned so much this past year. Maybe we can get endowments to the fund.
8. It was so important to get policies established.
  - a. I'd like to see some closure procedure for each grant that we can release to the public to show the benefits received.
  - b. We're in pretty good shape with by-laws and procedures.
9. We've covered so many bases with the first four grants, so many different approaches to groups of children with unmet needs.
10. Improvement would include finding another county like us as a new BOD and do peer evaluations.

**Next Year's Schedule** (subject to review at each previous meeting)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Local Expert Presentation</b>	<b>Needed</b>
Tuesday, 2 Oct. 07	Juvenile office grant report	Press Release Info
Tuesday, 13 Nov. 07	Ministers for dialogue	
Tuesday, 4 Dec. 07	Brighter Futures Qtr Report	Press Release Info
Tuesday, 8 Jan. 08	Pathways Qtr Report	Press Release Info
Tuesday, 5 Feb. 08		
Tuesday, 4 Mar. 08		
Tuesday, 8 Apr. 08		
Tuesday, 6 May 08		
Tuesday, 3 June 08	Brighter Futures Final Report	Press Release Info
Tuesday, 1 July 08		
Tuesday, 5 Aug. 08		
Tuesday, 2 Sept. 08		

**Next Meeting : Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, Lafayette Hall at 7:00 pm.**

Agenda:

1. New officers, especially adding a Vice Chair.
2. Grant Report Form/outline presented by D.J.
3. Review RFP in preparation for the next cycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances D. Atkins, Secretary

Attendance Record

P= Present  
A= Absent  
R= Resigned

Name	9-5-07	10-2-07	11-13-07	12-4-07	1-8-08	2-5-08	3-4-08	4-8-08	5-6-08	6-3-08	7-1-08	8-5-08	9-2-08
Atkins	P												
Borgman	P												
Davis	P												
Haynes	P												
Johnson	P												
Kruse	P												
Singh	A												
Thompson	A												
Zumalt	P												
Gil Rector	P												