

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

**MINUTES:** Monday March 13, 2017 at Lafayette County Health Department, Lower Level, Lexington, MO.

### **Commissoners:**

Craig Williams  
Harold Hoeflander  
Tracy Dyer

### **Board of Directors:**

**Board Chair**  
Arron B. Haynes  
Higginsville

**ProTem Chair**  
Fran Atkins  
Higginsville

**Treasurer**  
Terry Thompson  
Lexington

**Secretary**  
Tammy Zumalt  
Waverly

Opal Johnson  
Mayview

Mary Borgman  
Wellington

Russell J. Kruse  
Concordia

Daljeet Singh  
Higginsville

Jill Sutherland  
Higginsville

**Coordinator:**  
Tiffany Dehn

Arron Haynes called the meeting to order 7:03 p.m.

**Welcome and Introduction:** The following Board Members were present: Arron Haynes, Mary Borgman, Fran Atkins, Terry Thompson (via conference call), Opal Johnson, Russell Kruse. Absent: Jill Sutherland, Daljeet Singh, Tammy Zumalt.

Commissioner liaison- Craig Williams

**Guest:** Casey Melancon (ESMW), David Figg, Jeff Levy, Amy Dobson, Mike Koch, Vicki Knipmeyer, Theresa Dotson Alexander, Becky Jeske, Jessi Johnson, Tom Corporon, Charlie Grom, Lori Drenon, Nancy Peters. Tiffany Dehn (Coordinator), William Molini (Accountant)

**Public Comments:** Nancy Peters (Brighter Futures Liaison) began with questions and concerns regarding the pay scale for Brighter Futures providers. Her concern was that quality services may not be able to be provided to the kids with the board's decision to pay providers at the Medicaid rate for in home therapy at 104%. Nancy identified that the mission statement says that quality services should be provided to children. Due to the reference of the mission statement Arron requested Fran to read it and the mission statement was read aloud. Also, in response to Nancy's comments Arron recommended that anyone who had questions follow up with the Coordinator for clarification. The Coordinator responded that she would be happy to talk with anyone in the community and works as a bridge between the LCCSF board and agencies/organizations/and the community.

Theresa Dotson Alexander made a presentation to the board in regards to the services her private practice provides to Lafayette county. Theresa, Tom, Jessi, Becky, Vicki, Mike and Amy all shared about the services they provide and age ranges they work with. All were grateful for the opportunity to provide services to the children referred to them from the Brighter Futures Consortium. Theresa handed informational brochures to all in attendance at the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:** Fran moved to approve the agenda, Mary seconded. Motion passed.

**Mission Statements:** read by Fran Atkins

**Minutes:** Fran moved to accept minutes from February 13, 2017 with the exception that the spelling error under the treasures report be corrected to the proper spelling. Mary seconded. Motion passed

**Funding requests:** The Coordinator announced that all RFP's are due by March 17<sup>th</sup> and the agencies will present full proposals at the April 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. No funding requests were presented this evening.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accountant William Molini presented his monthly report to the board. Total assets as of Feb 28, 2017- \$553,390.23. Total monthly income- \$22,481.86. Total monthly expenses- \$30,721.23. Slight monthly loss- -\$8,239.37.

Bills to be paid/checks to be signed- Gary Worth \$150, Lexington Tax & Accounting \$377.50, Lexington School District (Brighter Futures) \$14,261.70 & \$10,997.96, ESMW- \$1,287.36. Terry questioned the checks written for Brighter Futures. The re-submitted invoices were higher than the original invoices received in January. Discussion was had in regards to the rates the providers were charging for services previously. The Coordinator gave input that the invoices had been re-adjusted with all providers charging the same amount for services. Some had previously invoiced an amount of \$40 per 45 min of services and were adjusted to reflect the amount of \$60.32. All invoices were filled out showing charges consistent with 104% Medicaid rate of in-home therapy.

Each board member received a printout from the MDOR for the last 3 years' sales tax revenue. Terry advised the board that this will need to be put on the agenda for the next month's meeting. The board will need to decide how much of a reserve to secure. Russell moved to approve the Treasures report, Mary seconded, motion passed. Bills to be paid- Fran moved to approve the bills to be paid, Mary seconded. Terry abstained from voting due to lack of information. Opal and Russel- yes. Motion passed.

**Coordinators Report:** Tiffany gave a summary of the Coordinators report and Site Visit reports. Tiffany discussed a meeting held with the Odessa Community Service Center. Lori Drenon was present from the school district and had conversation with the board as to why there is such a need for supportive services in Odessa. In 2016, 844 children were reported to have received summer/winter food bundles. This is approximately 40% of the children in Odessa school district. Lori stated that Odessa is also considered a transient community and that many students come and go within a school year. The district consists of Odessa, Mayview, Bates City and even some students that have a Holden address.

Site visits with Brighter Futures and CASA were conducted over the past month. Both agencies complied with the requests. The Coordinator recommended that the client files should reflect the amount of time on the dates of service and that they should match the invoice for agencies using monthly invoices.

Each board member was given a notebook with information to be reviewed prior to the tentative workshop date.

The Coordinator handed information to all guests in attendance prior to the board meeting including a LCCSF brochure and Coordinators business card. The Coordinators Report is available on the website for the public to view. Mary moved to approve the Coordinators Report, Opal seconded. Motion passed

**Unfinished Business:** The board decided to schedule a workshop for Monday April 3, 2017 from 6:30 to 9 pm. This meeting will be posted as open. Some of the agenda items are; Funding Policy, RFP application revision, Purchase of Services Model and Contract, and The Theory of Change. Further items may be added to the agenda. Russell moved to schedule a workshop to discuss policy items, Fran seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:** none

**Adjourn:** Fran moved to adjourn, Mary seconded. Motion passed and meeting ended at 8:40

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Dehn  
Coordinator

Mark your calendar for the upcoming LCCSB meetings:

Reminder:

Board Workshop Monday April 3, 2017

**Monday April 10, 2017**

**Monday May 8, 2017**

**Monday June 12, 2017**

**No Meeting in July**

**Monday August 14, 2017**

**Monday September 11, 2017**

**Monday October 9, 2017**

**Monday November 13, 2017**

**Monday December 11, 2017**