

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

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**Fran Atkins
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**Jill Sutherland
Higginsville**

**Jackie Roberts,
Children's Service
Coordinator**

Minutes: Monday, May 9, 2016 at Trails Regional Library Lower Level, Lexington, MO.

Chairman Arron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Mary Borgman, Arron Haynes, Tammy Zumalt, Fran Atkins, Terry Thompson, Opal Johnson, Jill Sutherland, Gil Rector, Daljeet Singh, Casey Cyr, Sherri Chandra, Robin McGinnity Connelly, Kim Blackburn, George Ruth, Kathileen Grose, Kelly Sears, Chris Allen, Christopher Allen, Johnathon Allen, Heather Allen, and Jackie Roberts. Absent: Russell Kruse. A quorum was present.

Public Comments: Kelly Sears was there on behalf of the Brighter Futures Autism Group she works with. She had brought three of her students and parents that were seniors who were graduating. Each student discussed how the money that we provided for this counseling has helped them. Wonderful success stories were shared and packets with events provided to the board.

Mission Statement: read by Tammy Zumalt as well as a Thank you note from Tonianne Richard that thanked us for the opportunity we shared working together with Jackie Roberts.

Minutes: Jackie wanted the minutes corrected to show that they only voted to issue funds for House of Hope and no check was written to them. She also noted that it was the B & L Bank. Minutes from the previous meeting were moved to be approved with corrections by Daljeet Singh and Fran Atkins seconded. Motion carried.

Presentations:

2016 Funding Requests:

Easter Seals' Casey Cyr was present to answer further questions about her funding request for the In-Home Training Services for Autism. The board discussed the G&A (administrative costs) and mileage funding requested. These cannot be covered by the statute. Casey said that they would be searching for additional resources to fund this project. She noted that the mileage was an important part of the funding request because the project was for in-home training. Daljeet Singh moved that we fund them \$31,538 (less the mileage and G&A). Terry Thompson amended and seconded the motion to have quarterly draws and reports from Easter Seals.

Sherri Chandra was present for Brighter Futures proposal for funds. The request that was submitted was for 93-97% of the LCCSF funds collected annually (including grief funds). A great deal of discussion followed with Brighter Futures pointing out that they worked directly with the children. Sixty-four percent was a direct expense for the children. They are looking for other funding from REACH and Health Care Coalition but they would have to submit those requests at a later date. The concern still lies that Pathways and Brighter Futures need to coordinate services more. Sherri Chandra noted that she has contacted Pathways, but they have yet to return her calls; however, she mentioned that Alyssa Carnes had also been dealing with family issues. Daljeet Singh motioned that we provide the same funds for Brighter Futures that they used this past year, \$162,000, so they could start the

upcoming school year with funding. Terry Thompson amended the motion to allow Brighter Futures to come back to the board to request additional funding for next year with probable cause. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The unofficial treasurer's report indicated our total assets are \$510,403.46 on May 1st. After our funds payable and expenses are deducted, the fund balance available is \$310,001.05. We are up \$24,071.05 this year based on our conservative 3 year Tax Reserve. Fran Atkins moved to accept the unofficial treasurer's report and Jill Sutherland seconded. The motion carried. The following bills were presented to be paid: Brighter Futures' bill for April was \$16,275; Grief Counseling bill from Brighter Futures for \$323; Evalystics LLC (Gwen Martin) \$1,000; HCC's reimbursement for Jackie's salary and benefits, \$4,485.21; Jackie Roberts had a reimbursement bill for phone bill, \$50. (Jackie noted that she was not requesting the mileage that had been tabled, but suggested that the board set a mileage rate soon.); House of Hope for \$4,433.30. Jill Sutherland moved that the Board approve the bills to be paid. Fran Atkins seconded and the motion was approved.

Children's Mental Health Coordinator Report: Jackie Roberts shared her graduate project poster about our Theory of Change. Gary Worth was still working on putting the RFP online. She provided the board with an updated position description for the Children's Mental Health Coordinator. No one has applied as of yet. Discussed some of the changes that were suggested to the policies Jackie was updating. She will be sending out updated ones for us to look at and vote on in June. There was debate and discussion over the allowable rate per hour to be charged for services. Gil Rector and Arron Haynes were visiting with the Lafayette County Health Department about hosting/paying agency for the LCCFB. Received a bill from Teeple Bond insurance but not sure what it was for and more details were being requested. Fran Atkins moved to accept the coordinator's report and Opal Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was discussion over the Baseline Data RFP that was being offered to us from Cynthia J. Berry. Fran Atkins noted that she could accumulate this set of data for the LCCSF instead of paying \$2,500 to \$4,500 for information that can be found on the internet. Opal motioned that we allow Fran Atkins to collect the data for us. Jill Sutherland seconded and the motion was approved. Last year we elected new officers in the April meeting. Terry Thompson moved and Fran Atkins seconded that we move the board term limits from July to January. Tammy Zumalt amended the motion to also include the election of officers to be moved to January as well. The motion passed.

New Business: The board is in search of a volunteer/recruitment to act as treasurer. Arron Haynes requested that any member who would like to submit names for treasurer should email to Arron Haynes by Friday, May 13th. Fran Atkins made a motion that she volunteered to be co-chair to the board. Terry Thompson seconded. The motion carried. Arron Haynes will be the contact person since he is chairman of the board.

Jill Sutherland motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Opal Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 13th at 7 PM at Trails Regional Library Lower Level.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Secretary

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

July – No meeting
Monday, August 8th
Monday, September 12th
Monday, October 10th
Monday, November 14th
Monday, December 12th