

LAFAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Jackie Roberts,
Children's Service
Coordinator

Minutes: Monday, September, 12, 2016 at Lafayette County Health Department, Lower Level, Lexington, MO.

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Fran Atkins at 7:00 pm. Aaron Haynes, Chair, absent as he continues to recover from his accident that occurred in July. In the Absence of Tammy Zumalt, Secretary, Opal Johnson provided a recorder to aid a later preparation of the minutes.

Guests were welcomed. Present were Robin McGinnity Connelly (CASA); Jennifer Teichman Kerr, Attorney (supporting CASA); Nancy Peters (Sante Fe School); Alissa Karnes (Pathways); Casey Melanion (ESMW); Jen Johnson (Therapist for Brighter Futures). Board Members present were Russell Kruse, Terry Thompson, Daljeet Singh, Opal Johnson, Mary Borgman, Jill Sutherland, and Fran Atkins.

Agenda: moved approval of prepared agenda, seconded by passed.

Public Comments: Ms. Kerr spoke to describe her support of the important work CASA is doing in making a difference in the lives of children who come into Family services.

Mission Statement and Vision Statement were read by Fran Atkins.

Corrected Minutes of August 16: Moved to approve as presented through e-mail, seconded by; passed.

Treasurer's Report was prepared and presented by William (Bill) Molini CPA with his explanation that the standard for his profession requires a financial statement, which is a change in format for Board Members. Regardless of the change in format, the same information is presented as has been in the past. Bill stressed that he is not a member of the board, he is a contracted service. Bill recommended that the board have a designated person acting as treasurer.

Bills presented:

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| Program Funds | Easter Seals July invoice | \$ 143.04 |
| Program Funds | Easter Seals August invoice | \$ 125.16 |
| Program Funds | Brighter Futures June Invoice | \$5,759.00 |
| Program Funds | Brighter Futures July invoice | \$4,058.00 |
| Program Funds | Brighter Futures Aug. invoice | \$4,178.00 |
| Expenses | Lexington Tax & Accounting LLC | \$ 281.45 |
| Expenses | Gary Worth | \$ 266.05 |
| Expenses | Evalytics LLC | \$1,000.00 |

Moved approval, seconded by; Passed.

Financial Statement:

April 30, 2016:

Total Current assets, liabilities and equity are \$510,403.46.

January – April 30, 2016: total income \$99,134.23; total program expenses \$117,943.15; Total expenses \$16,265.09; Net Income \$-35, 074.01

2016 Funding Requests:

Alissa Karnes for Compass Health, Inc., DBA Pathways Community Health, presented a summary of their request, the full request was available via email. The request is for partial funding to expand services into Lexington and Higginsville schools. Two other funders have approved this project. Questions about the impact on services in Sante Fe Schools were raised by Nancy Peters of Sante Fe. After a few minutes, Terry Thompson suggested they settle those questions between themselves another time and place. Russ Kruse questioned how they planned to measure the improvement for the youth who accessed the texting support.

Robin McGinnity Connelly presented a copy of CASA request, with explanation she was carefully following the guidelines on the LCCSF website. Attention was called to the history of funding through LCCSF since 2008. She provided multiple copies of her 6 month report for August 2016, calling attention to the office of the Court Administrators value of \$50 per hour for CASA services. Using this value and donated mileage at the rate of \$0.57/mile, Volunteer and staff services added up to \$135,838.77, which is a high return for the \$59,752 grant investment. The returns for children: 36 Lafayette County children served by 15 CASA volunteers. "Seven children found safe, loving homes, 5 via Guardianship and 2 returned home safely." 90% of Missouri foster children who have the benefit of CASA second half of her funds, \$29,876.

Report of Children's Mental Health Coordinator Applicants: Fran announced that Jennifer Isdell was present for the board interview to be held during closed session after new business.

Infinished Business: (Robert's Rules of Order language for Old Business)

Children's Mental Health Coordinator applications: mention above.

LCCSF Board of Director's Treasurer's Report, Mr. Molini. Addressed earlier.

Updated Brighter Future's Budget from 2015-16. No one present to address this.

Memorandum of Agreement from Compass.

New Business:

- 1) Terry Thompson moved Approval of a 3rd person to be on record as approved signature for check signing (to have two present when one is absent); naming Vice-Chair, Fran Atkins as the designated third approved signature. Russell Kruse seconded. Passed by verbal "Aye". None opposed.
- 2) Following discussion during Financial Report, Russell Kruse moved Terry Thompson as acting treasurer and CPA, Bill Molini have access to on-line and paper financial accounts for information only.
- 3) The need for a substitute secretary was discussed. No one volunteered.

Fran declared the opened meeting adjourned with intention to continue with a closed meeting for personnel matters.

After the closed meeting concluded, the public meeting was re-opened. Fran declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Atkins, Vice-chair, Substitute secretary for the evening.

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

REMINDER:

Monday, November 14th

Monday, December 12th