

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

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**Tammy Zumalt
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**Jill Sutherland
Higginsville**

Minutes: Monday, January 12, 2015 at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Board Chair, Opal Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Opal Johnson, Gil Rector, Jill Sutherland, Terry Thompson, Russell Kruse, Mary Borgman, Daljeet Singh, Aaron Haynes, Tammy Zumalt, Mel Fetter, Dan Hoehn, Theresa Presley, Toniann Richard, Cathy Wallace, Alissa Karnes, Ann Gosnell, Aaron Knipmeyer, Michelle Roush, Gini Barnett, and Sherri Chandra. Absent: John Billings. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Daljeet Singh made the motion and Russell Kruse seconded.

Treasurer's Report: A written Treasurer's report was presented by Terry Thompson. As of December 31, 2014, our assets totaled \$595,591.92. Brighter Futures had one payment of \$68,231.18, leaving available funds for grants of \$515,781.10. Thompson noted that sales tax in 2014 was up \$26, 213.00 for the year. A conservative budget was presented for the 2015 fiscal year. Projected tax income is at 95% (\$286,197) and interest at 92% (\$1,179) which brings the estimated income to \$287,376. Projected operating expenses are \$3,650, TIF \$3000, and grants of \$284,311. The projected disbursements would be \$287,311 leaving a projected excess of \$65. Our ending balance for the fiscal year of 2015 would be \$515,781. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and 2015 budget by Tammy Zumalt and seconded by Daljeet Singh. The treasurer's report motion was ratified to include the insurance payment by Daljeet Singh and seconded by Aaron Haynes. Motion was approved.

Old Business: Conflict of interest statements will be mailed to the board to bring completed at the next board meeting. Examples of Accountability for each grant awarded in the future were reviewed. This provides the board with a financial account of how the money was used and in kind expenses that were provided.

Ann Gosnell from House of Hope requested a grant to continue providing funding for the staffing of Project Safe. The grant total was \$19,875.52. Jill Sutherland motioned to approve the grant and Daljeet Singh seconded the motion. The grant was approved with one board member opposed.

Sherri Chandra from Brighter Futures presented their mid-term report. One hundred four students have been serviced in Lafayette County. Indicators of the current levels of students are increasing their mental health function is shown by: increased school attendance for participants, decrease discipline referrals of participants, increase of grades of participants, and decrease of students' health room visits. Graphs were used to show growth over the last two years except for academics because grade reports were being generated for the semester currently.

Sherri presented the board with the current Accountability worksheet. To date, Brighter Futures had

already spent \$109,695 which was affecting the Lexington School District financial balance since they are the housing district. A better payment schedule will be set up with the school district as not to put stress on the district's funds balance. Brighter Futures had also made a request in July for additionally funding of \$45,241 for additional services to be provided to students. It was tabled in September for further discussion, and there was not a quorum in November. The motion to approve this addendum was made by Daljeet Singh and Aaron Haynes seconded. Motion carried.

Pathways had also made earlier requests that had to be tabled and needed to be approved. Daljeet Singh motioned to approve the grant and Terry Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CASA's grant request of \$42,000 was reviewed. Aaron Haynes motioned to approve grant request. Daljeet Singh seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Proposal: Terry Thompson and Toniann Richard discussed hiring a licensed social worker on a yearly basis for accountability and coordination of benefits. This individual would coordinate mental health services within the county, be a liaison between the Lafayette County Children's Services Board and grantees, facilitate grant writers, determine the success of programs, create more collaboration between grantees, and report to the LCCSB. By hiring an individual, the goal would be to create more interest from other entities that provide services to children who would benefit from mental health services like juvenile officers or churches. This person may also be responsible for keeping our web site up to date. This Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri would house this coordinator and would assist us in finding candidates for this position. The salary would be \$40,000 plus benefits which would be approximately \$48,000 total. Daljeet Singh motioned to begin looking for a candidate to fill this position and Aaron Haynes seconded. Motion carried.

Russell Kruse spoke about using head hunters to help the board find a child psychiatrist to employ in Lafayette County. The LCCSB would pay the salary for this position. Daljeet Singh says the money is available within the county for a psychiatrist; however, the issue is trying to find someone who wants to move to the rural area. Discussion of Telemed and Telehealth services was again discussed by those present.

Opal discussed having monthly meetings from September through May and in July. We would not meet in June and August. Tammy Zumalt motioned the change in meeting dates and Aaron Haynes seconded. Motion carried. It was also suggested that the board meet offsite or have closed board sessions if posted by the Sunshine Laws. Gil was going to check into this. Opal had visited with Fran Atkins, and she is interested in serving on the board again. John Billings is taking a six month sabbatical.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM was made by Opal Johnson and seconded by Tammy Zumalt with no objections.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2015 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Acting-Secretary for
John Billings, Secretary