

**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, August 3, 2015 at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Chairman Arron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Welcome and Introductions: The following were welcomed: Mary Borgman, Terry Thompson, Fran Atkins, Arron Haynes, Jill Sutherland, Tammy Zumalt, Mel Fetter, Opal Johnson, Russell Kruse, Daljeet Singh, and Jackie Roberts.

Public Comments: None

Mission Statement: read by Tammy Zumalt

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Terry Thompson made the motion and Daljeet Singh seconded. Motion carried.

Children's Mental Health Coordinator Report: A thank you note was received from Amy Tieman, Santa Fe Principal, for funding the BIST program. Jackie attended a Brighter Futures meeting where a new funding policy and service log was discussed and created. They also were redoing the independent contracts with providers used by Brighter Futures. In June, Jackie attended a meeting of the directors of Children's Services from across the state in St. Charles. Eight counties are represented and Jackson and Clay are working on trying to provide similar services. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th. Jackie delivered payments to the grantees. She also met with Linda Bertz from the Lafayette County Health Department, Brenda Leerman from Samuel U Rodgers, and Penny from the Lexington Chamber of Commerce to make them aware of LCCSF. Our web site is currently unpublished, but should be up and running in about a month. Jackie with the aid of Terry Thompson is checking into having our by-laws looked at by a lawyer. Jackie has created a brochure and letter of introduction for LCCSF. She attended the HCC's social services committee meeting. Jackie will be making quarterly reports to the county commissioners about LCCSF and the grants we have awarded with a brief synopsis of each. She will be presenting to the county commissioners on August 11th. A motion by Fran Atkins was made to accept Jackie's report and seconded by Mary Borgman. Motion carried.

Tammy Zumalt motioned that Jackie be able to attend future meetings of the Children's Service Directors from around the state. Terry Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reported our total assets are \$489,381.35. After our grants payable and expenses are deducted, the fund balance available is \$302,730.49. We are up \$16,800.49 this year based on our 3 year Tax Reserve. Currently our sales tax revenue is up 5.5% from last year. With our insurance being fully paid this year, the fund was zeroed out from \$62, and the web design was increased from \$800 to \$1000 as a new web site is being designed. Opal Johnson motioned to accept the treasurer's report and the proposals to the insurance and web design amounts. Fran Atkins seconded. Motion approved.

Grant Reports: Grant reports are due to Jackie Roberts no later than the Friday before our scheduled meeting date. No one was present to present the year-end report from

Brighter Futures. Jackie Roberts had agreed to present this time; however, they would need to have a representative in the future for their presentations. For the year 2014-2015, 147 students received direct mental health services; 107 students received group services; 171 students were engaged in BIST; 3 behavioral intervention plans were

completed; 1 psychological evaluation was completed and there were 10 crisis interventions. Students being served by Brighter Futures have grown in each school, but one. Discipline referrals, health room visits, and failing grades have been decreased from last year to this year of the students receiving mental health services. Attendance of children receiving mental health services in each school has improved.

Brighter Futures emailed their final budget for the year 2014-2015 on Monday afternoon. The LCCSB is concerned because the budget presented to us by Brighter Futures for the school year 2014-2015 shows they used \$226,228.00. However, they were short \$37,461.70 that the board voted to approve one time only additional funding to close out their year with a zero balance. This brings the actual budget of Brighter Futures to \$241,822.70 for this past school year. The board is concerned with the large discrepancy in the budget. Terry Thompson and Jackie Roberts will be meeting with Dr. Hoen this week to address this issue along with their already scheduled meeting. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the importance of Brighter Futures and how they will be able to stay within their budget in the upcoming year. Russ Kruse motioned to approve the grant report and Fran Atkins seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jackie reported that the new web site will have testimonials and children's art work. It was mentioned that we are not being billed for the domain on the outdated website. No one knows who is paying for it. Jackie provided the board with informational handouts about the BIST program used at Santa Fe. A 5 step problem solving model is used with the students. Opal motioned to accept the old business and Tammy Zumalt seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Lafayette Health Profile was provided to us by HCC. Terry Thompson made a motion to continue with Pathways Substance Abuse Program and award them the remaining \$33,725.98. Jill Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

A revision of our current vision statement is being worked on. The following version is tabled for the next meeting (similar to Franklin county):

A community where all children of 19 years of age or less and their families of Lafayette County can reach their full potential in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Other examples Jackie emailed me are:

Lincoln County

To secure and sustain a healthy future for the children and families of Lincoln County.

St. Charles County

Preparing all youth and families to realize a brighter tomorrow.

Currently, it is:

To have an effective system in place to implement the mission and philosophy by January 2011.

Jackie applied for the Healthy Communities and Leadership Academy sponsored by the Health Care Foundation. It promotes leadership, policies, and community collaboration. Jackie will find out if she is chosen in September. Tammy Zumalt motioned that Jackie be allowed to participate if selected and Fran Atkins seconded. Motion carried.

CASA will be sending an amendment to their grant for additional funding. It was requested that we would need to know the percent of children in Lafayette County they serve compared to the percent of children in Saline County to determine additional funding.

Samuel U Rodgers is potentially applying for a grant in the future.

Board members were provided with a copy of the Missouri Sunshine Law: Open Meetings and Records Law.

Tours were given after the adjournment of our meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM was made by Russ Kruse and seconded by Terry Thompson with no objections.

Next Meeting: September 14th at 7 PM at Lafayette Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Zumalt, Secretary

Mark your calendar for upcoming LCCSB meetings:

October 12th
November 9th
December 14th