

LAFAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES: Wednesday May 15th, 2019 Lafayette County Health Department, 7 – 8:30 pm

Commissioners:

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Board of Directors:

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Daryl Augustine
Higginsville

Executive Director:
Tiffany Harbour

Call to Order: Tahnami called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Tahnami read the mission statement and welcomed everyone in attendance. Introductions took place.

Board members in attendance – Tahnami, Aaron, Chip, Mark, Daryl, Denetta, Amanda, Jamie and Laura.

Absent – none

Executive Director – Tiffany Harbour
Commissioner Liaison - Craig Williams

Guests in attendance – Bill Molini (Lexington Tax), Casey Melancon (ESMW), Nicky Bennett (Lexington R-V), Amanda Arnold (Live Well/HCC), Linda Niendick (CCC), Chris Middleton (CCC), Jennifer Middleton (CCC), Taylor Gussman (CCC), Lucas Taylor (Compass Health), Robin (CASA), Mindy Hampton (Well-Nap), Devin Graf (Well-Nap), Ann Gosnell (HOH), Mike Othic (FAC)

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Chip moved to approve the agenda as it is written, Daryl seconded. By a show of hands, all board members were in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes: Aaron moved to approve the minutes from April 17th board meeting, Mark seconded. By a show of hands, all board members were in favor. Motion passed.

Reports:

Treasurers Report – Bill Molini presented the financial reports to the board. Total program expenses as of April 30th, 2019 are \$157,257.86. This time last year program expenses were \$151,528.11. Total assets are \$495,878.51. Last year at the same point in time assets were shown to be \$643,753.41.

Bills to be paid – Eight (8) checks were written for invoices received and presented for payment. Those checks were; Lexington Tax (\$286.25), Wellington Napoleon (\$4,268.00 & \$4,977.50), ESMW (\$953.50), FAC (\$755.87), Bank Midwest CC (\$46.99), Lafayette County rent (\$250), and Compass Health (\$30,026.64).

Chip moved to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills presented; Aaron seconded. By show of hands all were in favor, motion passed.

School District Reports- Nicky Bennet reports that in Lexington this year, referrals were up significantly. LCCSF funding was used by March and Brighter Futures was able to cover the need of the students that needed services. Overall, all school districts have seen an increase of needs this year.

Funded Agency Reports-

- Compass Health – Lucas Taylor, shared about the submitted RFP for services in the 2019-2020 school year. They anticipate about the same level of service provision as this year. Overall, the 2018-2019 school year has been successful with meeting the needs that were proposed in the 18-19 proposal.
- House of Hope – Ann Gosnell shared about the submitted RFP for supervised visitation services. They are anticipating the same level of service provision for the upcoming FY.
- HCC/Live Well – Amanda Arnold shared about the submitted RFP for clinic and school based mental health services. She reports that school-based services occur in Odessa and would be received after other sources are first utilized (Compass Health). They also have a Psychologist on staff that could provide needed assessments.
- Wellington – Napoleon R-IX – Mindy Hampton and Devin Graf shared about the successes of the sensory room program this past year and about the submitted RFP for continued services. They are anticipating a slight increase in the number of children visiting the sensory room for the 2019-2020 school year.

Monthly Funding Requests:

Lexington School District – Nicky presented her request to the board for the funding of \$1,000 for sensory items. Laura moved to approved the school districts funding request, Mark second. By show of hands all were in favor. Motion passed.

St Lukes Community Christian Center (CCC) – Pastor Chris Middleton, Jennifer Middleton, Linda Niendick and Mindy Hampton presented their funding request to the board for a summer lunch program. Through this request they are proposing to target the students that receive free/reduced lunches at the Wellington – Napoleon school district. They anticipate 109 children to be fed through this program at a unit cost of \$2.55 per child, per meal. After significant discussion Laura moved to approve the CCC’s funding request for \$14,971.40 and Denetta seconded. By a show of hands, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Baby Grace, Odessa United Methodist – Due to statutory requirements prohibiting the support of church programs/organizations with tax funds, the board is unable to fund this request.

Mike with FAC shared an update with the board and mentioned that the last child receiving services through LCCSF funding would be ending services soon. He was unable to provide specific details regarding the past client that had concern for services. They will continue to provide services in Lafayette county through collaborations with the juvenile system.

Commissioners Report- None

Directors Report – Tiffany shared her report with the board and touched on the Family First Prevention Act and what this means for children’s well-being. Funding will become available for all five sectors whereas it was only available for children in the system in the past, through Children’s Division.

Unfinished Business:

- Mike Robinson – consulting – The LCCSF board discussed the proposed services for grantsmanship course and board workshop. Significant discussion took place among the board and some concerns were shared in regard to attendance for the grantsmanship course. Information was shared in regard to a survey that was distributed to our school district reps and some of the agency providers. Overall, the majority of agency reps were interested in the course and reported that July/August would be ideal for scheduling. Mention was made to invite local fire and police departments to the course with the concept that it would promote the well-being and safety of Lafayette county children and families. Assurance was also received that in the event of catastrophe, the course would be completed by other appointed SDLS reps. Chip moved to

approve the proposal for consulting services and Denetta seconded. By show of hands Chip, Tahnam, Denetta, Jamie and Aaron voted yes. Amanda, Laura, Mark and Daryl voted no. 5 yes, 4 no, motion carried.

- Accounting – Nine (9) Letters were mailed out 2 days after the previous months board meeting, requesting that interested accountants respond with letters of interest by May 10th. The only accountant that responded was Lexington Tax and Accounting. Denetta moved that we accept the accounting services proposed by Lexington Tax and Accounting as they were the only business to have responded. Laura seconded. By show of hands all were in favor, motion passed.
- Special meeting date – June 19th the board decided to meet at 6 pm for a special meeting to discuss RFP's submitted for funding cycle 2. A vote of the board will occur at the regular meeting of the board.

New Business: none

Transfer of funds: Tahnam mentioned that soon she and Chip or Aaron would need to make a trip to Preferred bank to transfer funds to the Equity accounts. Two of the three office holders need to do this together. Chip moved to transfer \$45,000 from the Equity savings account to the Equity checking account, Mark seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Adjourn: Chip moved to adjourn; Aaron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Harbour
Executive Director

Reviewed by,
Laura Scott
Secretary

Mark your calendar for the upcoming LCCSF meetings:

Reminder: _____

Wednesday June 19, 2019
July – Board Workshop TBD
Wednesday September 18, 2019
Wednesday November 20, 2019

Wednesday August 21, 2019
Wednesday October 16, 2019
Wednesday December 18, 2019