

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

MINUTES: Wednesday May 16th, 2018 at Lafayette County Health Department, Lower Level, Lexington, MO.

Commissioners:

Craig Williams
Harold Hoeflander
Tracy Dyer

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Higginsville

Executive Director:
Tiffany Dehn

Tahnami called the meeting to order at 9:50 pm.

Attendance: Chip, Laura, Tahnami, Aaron, Mary, Brian, and Amanda. Absent - Mark

Executive Director- Tiffany Harbour

Commissioner Liaison- Craig Williams

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of tonight's special meeting was to allow productive communication/conversation among the board regarding funding requests.

Easter Seals Midwest – The board discussed the proposal submitted by ESMW and the services that they have been providing in Lafayette County. Aaron mentioned how the services have benefitted his family and shared that he has talked to the school about ESMW. Overall, the board shared that they felt the services they are providing are needed in the county. They would like to see more agencies referring to them for services. Chip moved to approve funding ESMW for the amount of \$23,838, Laura seconded. Aaron abstained from voting, everyone else was in favor. Motion passed.

Foster Adopt Connect – The board discussed the proposal submitted by Foster Adopt Connect and the services they have provided in Lafayette County. Laura identified that the proposal and agency presentations seem to identify reaching the need of the most vulnerable children in Lafayette County, the ones that are at the most risk. These are really difficult cases that are not simply handled and these children are being prevented from living in a residential facility. The board also discussed their concern with the cost for one child to receive services. It is a significant amount of money to invest into one individual and some of the board members felt that the money should be used to reach more children. The board asked the Executive Director to follow up with the agency to see what could be done with a lesser amount of money and if they had any other funding revenues. This funding request was tabled until the next month so that the board could receive additional information.

New Life Church – The board discussed the proposal submitted by New Life Church and the services they propose to provide. Overall, the board felt that the church is passionate about the foster families and children and aim to make an impact. However, the proposal did not outline specific details of the services that would be provided and left a lot of question as to how the funds would be specifically used. The board desires that the church look at a specific program with stronger details and a clearer plan and re-apply using an application for up to \$15,000. Chip moved to deny funding, Brian seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

House of Hope, Inc. – Aaron moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$16,805.95, Chip seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Pathways/Compass Health – Due to the changes with Medicaid billing the board requested that the Executive Director follow up with Lucas and Alissa to see if they could provide an updated funding request with an updated dollar amount. Vote has been tabled until next month.

Wellington-Napoleon School District – Laura moved to approve the Wellington-Napoleon School District's funding request in the amount of \$41,200.50, Mary seconded. Tahnam and Amanda abstained from voting, Aaron, Brian and Chip were in favor. Motion passed.

Leukemia Lymphoma Society- The board asked the Executive Director to mail an application template and letter to the agency instructing the proper procedure for requesting funds.

A Chance to Grow, Inc. – The board discussed the proposal submitted by A Chance to Grow, Inc using the funding application for up to \$15,000 in funds. Chip moved to approve funding in the amount of \$3,900 with the stipulation that the funds can only cover children ages 0-19 yrs of age, in Lafayette County. Aaron seconded, Amanda abstained from voting. Everyone else was in favor, motion passed. The board also would like to hear updates about the promotion of this program within the county.

Adjourn – Chip moved to adjourn the meeting, Aaron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting ended at 10:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Harbour
Executive Director

Reviewed by,
Laura Scott
Secretary

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Reminder: _____

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Wednesday July 18, 2018 Board Workshop/education