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**Lafayette County
Children's Services Fund**

Board of Directors

Minutes for **January 24, 2011, at Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.**
John Billings, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Expert Guest from Pathways, Donni Dook, and two other representatives were present.

Expert Guests from Brighter Futures, Loretta Wilsie, Board Member; Brad MacLaughlin, Supt. Lexington, were present.

Expert Guest from House of Hope, Ann Ellison, Executive Director, was present.

Expert Guest from CASA, Robing McGinnity Connelly, Executive Director, was present.

John tabled approval of minutes for September 21, 2010 and November 15, 2010 as we needed to make corrections before approving. Amendments to the minutes will be made at the next meeting on March 21, 2011.

Terry first discussed and reviewed the 1022 Budget for the Lafayette County Children's Service Fund that had been mailed to us in the middle of December 2010. On January Balance is \$397,329.60 in total assets and the amounts pledged in grants, living \$206,729.60 as still available. Again discussion was given to the decline of revenues each month. January 2011 tax revenues were down 8%, the lowest January ever. Following the budget we prepared last year for this fiscal year, we need to stay within our \$240,000 for grants.

Old Business:

1. Robin McGinnity Connelly presented a final report for the 2010 grant. Thirty-five children in Lafayette County were served by 16 CASA volunteers. Their goal was to decrease the time children remain in temporary placement from 36 months to 26 months for at least 20 children per year. The average number of months in care was 12 months, as opposed to the 36 month national average. They met their goal of 20 children plus 6 with a reduction of time in care by 14 months.

2. Donni Cook from Pathways reported that they were partnering with the school. They had a slow start, but have meet with the schools and are looking forward to presenting data in their report next quarter.

3. Brad MacLaughlin presented Brighter Futures midyear report. He indicated that 124 students are being served and 428 teachers in Lafayette County have had professional development. He indicated that all schools in the county follow the same protocol and are collaborating with Pathways, House of Hope and CASA.

4. Loretta Wilsie discussed the success from the Autism group that has

come out of Brighter Futures. The group meets twice a month and work on a skill at the first meeting. During the second meeting the go out socially and practice the skill. Parents have also taken advantage of this time and formed their own support group as parents of autistic children.

New Business:

1. Ann Ellison made a grant request for House of Hope in the amount of \$10,812. This is an increase of about \$100 for the 2011 fiscal year.
2. Robin McGinnity Connelly made a grant request for CASA in the amount of \$30,000. This is an increase of \$5,000 for the 2011 fiscal year.
3. Grant proposals were discussed by the board. The board wants to see more collaboration between Pathways, Brighter Futures, House of Hope and CASA. Daljeet Singh motioned to host a meeting in his home to discuss this with each entity and the Lafayette County Children's Service Board on March 3, 2011. Opal Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. An invitation will be mailed to them.
4. A motion was made by Daljeet Singh to fund the CASA grant at \$25,000 with a payment of \$12,500 to be made. The \$5,000 increase request in this year's grant will be tabled and considered at the next meeting in March. Terry Thompson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The best form of communication between members was discussed. An updated list of emails and phone numbers was requested. Fran had sent out one earlier in October, we need to verify that those are still correct at the next meeting.
6. Tammy Zumalt motioned that we accept the audit bid of Fiene of \$1,100.00. It was seconded by Opal and passed unanimously.
7. By laws of Lafayette County Children's Service Board need to be reviewed for board members duration and participation. This information will be put together for review at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: March 21, 2011, 7:00 pm Lafayette Hall, Lexington, MO.

Notes by:

Tammy Zumalt,

Member of the Board, due to Secretary's absence.

Respectfully Submitted

Fran Atkins, Secretary

Attendance Record P=Present
 A=Absent
 R=Resigned

Name	11-02-09	12-07-09	01-18-10	03-15-10	05-17-10	07-19-10	08-19-10	09-20-10	*11-15-10	01-24-11	03-21-11	05-16-11	07-18-11
Atkins	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A			
Billings			P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P			
Borgman	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P			
Davis	P	P	R				N						
Haynes	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	P	A	A			
Johnson	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			
Kruse	A	A	P	P	A	A	L	A	P	A			
Singh	P	A	P	P	A	P	L	P	P	P			
Thompson	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			
Zumalt	P	A	A	P	A	P	D	A**	P	P			
Gil Rectpr	P	P	P	P	P	A		P	A	P			

- Retreat. **Parent responsibilities

Name	10-07-08	10-28-08	12-02-08	01-06-09	02-03-09	03-10-09	03-31-09	05-04-09	06-01-09	07-06-09	08-03-09	08-31-09	10-05-09
Atkins	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Borgman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Davis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Haynes	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Johnson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kruse	P	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Singh	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A
Thompson	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Zumalt	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gil Rectpr	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

- Overnight post-op with a friend who had no family.

Name	09-05-07	10-02-07	11-13-07	12-04-07	01-08-08	02-12-08	03-04-08	04-09-08	05-06-08	06-03-08	07-01-08	08-05-08	08-02-08
Atkins	P	P	C	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P		P
Borgmam	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P
Davis	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Haynes	P	P	C	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	A	N	A
Johnson	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	C	A
Kruse	P	A	L	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	A	E	A
Singh	A	A	L	P	A	A	P	A	A	P	A	L	A
Thompson	A	A	E	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	L	P
Zumalt	P	A	D	A*	P	P	A*	A*	P	A*	P	E	P
Gil Rector	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	D	P

*Zumalt – parenting responsibilities