



Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by LCRB Vice Chair Melba Houston.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

Present: Margie Beckmann, Kristin Gentry, Katrina Grasshoff, Christine Heintzelman, Dr. Elaine Henderson, Melba Houston, Scott Hufty, Jim Price, Dr. Brandi Street, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Nancy Behlmann, Kathy Boessen, Sheriff John Cottle and Glenda Fitzgerald

Guests: Jen Kaiser (Compass), Candace Graves (Compass), Donna Kientzy (Retired Elsberry Elementary School Counselor), Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.), Mark Grzeskowiak (PCHAS), Jason Beard (PCHAS), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Saundra Barker (SLC), Christine TenEyck (TCC), Madronica Malone (ThriVe - Best Choice), Felicia Linear (ThriVe – Best Choice), Brittany McDonnell (CNW) and Carmen Murphy (CNW)

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made to approve the January 27, 2021, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Price, Beckmann)*

Monthly Financial Report:

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents, including:

- Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2021
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 31, 2021
- Sales Tax History from 2020 to Present
- LCRB 2021 Funding Summary
- LCRB 2021 Schedule of Units

The balance of the Peoples Bank & Trust account on 02-23-21 was \$304,666.91 in the Main Account and \$442,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$747,254.07.

The Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2021, shows \$10,080.95 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$735,867.65.

A total of \$125,578.21 was received in January 2021 (114.81% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$78,354.32 (60.54% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net income of \$47,223.89.

The January 2021 sales tax revenue (deposited on February 5, 2021) was \$128,935.62 (\$18,849.59 or 17.12% more than January 2020).

In February 2021, \$116,765.58 was paid to our providers for January 2021 services. The outstanding 2021-22 contract commitment is \$1,791,203.81. The usage rate of our contracted services through January 31, 2021 is 6.45%.

A motion was made to approve the monthly financial reports as printed, submitted and explained. (M.S.P.: Hufty, Heintzelman)

Correspondence & Announcements:

- Ms. Winchester shared a recent *Lincoln County Journal* article reporting that Michelle King will be promoted to principal at Troy R-III's Early Childhood Education Center. Ms. King has served at the Early Childhood Education Center as a speech language pathologist and a special education site coordinator. Ms. King replaces Dr. Kelly Groeber who will assume responsibilities as Troy R-III's Director of Student Services in the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Winchester looks forward to working with both of these individuals as they take on new roles within Troy R-III.

Old Business:

- Ms. Winchester provided an update on the progress made toward the implementation of **CaseWorthy**. The “build-out” phase of our CaseWorthy program is nearly complete. Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells will meet with CaseWorthy project team members tomorrow to get a first look at the LCRB’s tailored platform. Following tomorrow’s meeting, there will be a period for LCRB’s executive director and assistant to complete “User Acceptance Training.” Once that is finished, “Train the Trainer” sessions will begin and then LCRB’s CaseWorthy program will go live. Ms. Winchester is currently working with school personnel regarding participation and will coordinate future trainings to support implementation.
 - Ms. Winchester reminded LCRB and providers that CaseWorthy, the system currently used by Coordinated Entry, will provide a means to communicate updates and timely needs within our system of care. CaseWorthy will support our children and families in crisis by providing our system of care with an up-to-date referral tracking system to ensure access to funded services. CaseWorthy is a HIPAA- and FERPA-compliant software.
- Following the September LCRB Legislative Summit, which featured the Bridges out of Poverty workshop, a Lincoln County “catalyst committee” met on February 22 to determine next steps for building a **“Bridges out of Poverty” movement in Lincoln County**. The committee identified two critical next steps. First, establish a more diverse group of stakeholders to gain knowledge and resources from people representing a variety of income, age, race and backgrounds. Secondly, create a community of “investigators,” defined by Bridges out of Poverty as individuals who are living in or have lived in poverty to better understand local barriers to economic mobility, create solutions that are locally relevant and inclusive, and to guide the movement as it evolves. Ms. Winchester will be reaching out to community leaders and agencies to advance these identified next steps before a community “Follow-up Meeting” is coordinated.
- Ms. Winchester announced that the **Compass Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Program** is operational, with referrals being made from various schools. Compass has hired a therapist to work in its Troy office. This individual is a graduate of Elsberry High School, familiar with the needs and the county’s culture. Zoom meetings are being held with county school districts and the juvenile office to build rapport with the Compass team and review the referral and reporting processes. The LCRB is still considering substance use disorder prevention and early intervention programs, working to add such services by the next academic year, as the board’s first priority is to address the demand for crisis intervention services.

New Business:

- Ms. Winchester, on behalf of the board, expressed gratitude to our school-based service providers for their innovative approaches to keep pace with the increased mental health needs and challenges in our county. Providers, such as Saint Louis Counseling and Presbyterian Children’s Homes & Services, have added school-based licensed counselors, both in-person and virtually, to support students through the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. Compass Health Network has employed a dedicated therapist to expediate the intake process and is adding and re-purposing some staff to keep pace with needs. Ms. Winchester also acknowledged our community-based providers who offered continuity of care and wrap-around services for families during the height of the pandemic, and they continue to evolve and meet demands as we uncover COVID’s ongoing ripple effects in our county.
- Ms. Winchester shared that the LCRB received a request from the R-III School District regarding a cost-sharing proposal to fund district crisis counselors. At this time, the board is exploring this request as it adheres to our funding mandate.

Executive Director’s Report:

Ms. Winchester stated that she will email the board her complete written report at the end of the month and highlighted a few items, including:

- Ms. Winchester announced that Dr. Berry’s analysis of the 2020 Annual Report of Services and Outcomes has been completed. The report, along with several supplemental surveys and success stories, has been emailed to LCRB members. Despite all the barriers to service in 2020, 1,827 Lincoln County children and youth received direct services through LCRB-funded providers, and 9,407 received prevention education. Given the challenges COVID inflicted, these numbers are excellent compared to 1,880 Lincoln County kids who received direct services in 2019 with 13,527 participating in prevention programs. To account for the duplication of services when, for example, a student receives school-based prevention programming and accesses a LCRB-funded direct service,

such as counseling, the LCRB reduces the total number of Lincoln County kids served by 20 percent. Thus for 2020, the LCRB reports that our funded programs served 8,988 Lincoln County children and youth.

- The Early Childhood Taskforce met recently and plans are in place to conduct a 2021 “Shower of Love” campaign. Ms. Winchester stated that event flyers and brochures have been finalized, and Hally is creating a Walmart gift registry to provide another way to donate during these times.
- The draft version of the LCRB’s 2021 brochure has been sent to the board and funded providers. Ms. Winchester asked that providers proof their listings and send any edits or updates to the LCRB by Friday, March 5.
- Ms. Winchester provided an update and highlights from the February children’s services fund directors’ meeting and shared information regarding a legislative visit to Lincoln County from Samuel Saffa, with Sen. Josh Hawley’s office, to learn more about the LCRB’s current initiatives and its impact on childhood mental health and wellbeing.
- Ms. Winchester and Mr. Hufty are required to complete a Missouri Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure filing before May 3, 2021.
- 2020 LCRB financial documents and statements have been gathered and delivered to Charles Montgomery, CPA, for the annual third-party LCRB audit.
- Ms. Winchester invited providers to offer briefs at future LCRB monthly meetings.
- LCRB’s strategic plan will expire at the end of 2021. Ms. Winchester asked members to review the current plan as the LCRB will work later this year on this initiative.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee: Chair Jim Price shared that LCRB is currently financially sound and off to a strong start for the 2021 fiscal year.

B. Personnel Committee: None

C. Selection & Review Committee: Chair Christine Heintzelman expressed appreciation for the providers’ hard work navigating a global pandemic and working to address the escalation of mental health needs of Lincoln County kids and families.

Comments for the Good:

- Several LCRB members and guests praised the efforts of Lincoln County Health Department as the COVID vaccination has become available with two mass vaccination clinics offered thus far. It was noted that the LCHD has been recognized for its efficiency during the January mass vaccination event held there.

Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. by Melba Houston (M.S.P.: Hufty, Price)*

Next Meeting: The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director