

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD
Lincoln County, Missouri
Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021
Held via Zoom Conference due to COVID-19

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by LCRB Chair Kathy Boessen.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

<u>Present</u>: Margie Beckmann, Nancy Behlmann, Kathy Boessen, Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry, Katrina Grasshoff, Christine Heintzelman, Melba Houston, Scott Hufty, Jim Price, Dr. Brandi Street, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells Absent: John Cottle and Dr. Elaine Henderson

<u>Guests</u>: Jen Kaiser (Compass), Jane Gavril (Compass), Tyler Czarnowsky (Compass/Youth Behavioral Health Liaison), Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.), Cathi Bornhop (F.A.C.T.), Brittany McDonnell (CNW), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Saundra Barker (SLC), Christine TenEyck (TCC), Madronica Malone (ThriVe – Best Choice), Felicia Linear (ThriVe – Best Choice), Ron Tompkins (NFN), Mark Grzeskowiak (PCHAS), Heidi Hubbard (Youth In Need), Kristi Machica (Youth In Need) and Madeline Drapp (LCHD)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 24, 2021, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Price, Hufty)

Monthly Financial Report:

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents, including:

- Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual March 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 04-27-21 was \$201,889.24 in the Main Account and \$542,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$744,476.40.

The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021, shows \$8,751.65 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$775,702.28.

A total of \$145,161.78 was received in March 2021 (132.72% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$109,147.27 (86.78% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net income of \$36,014.51.

The March 2021 sales tax revenue (deposited on April 7, 2021) was \$122,929.89 (-\$5,317.16 or 4.15% less than March 2020).

In April 2021, \$152,466.01 was paid to our providers for March 2021 services. The outstanding 2021 contract commitment is \$1,538,569.53 (for the contract term of Jan. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). The usage rate of our contracted services through March 31, 2021 is 18.72%.

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

Correspondence & Announcements:

 Ms. Winchester introduced Madeline Drapp, Public Health Educator from the Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD). Ms. Drapp asked for participation in a survey that was routed via email to support the Health Department's Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment for its 2022-2026 work plan under the Title V Maternal and Child Health Service Block Grant.

Provider Brief: Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service (Kim Hewlett)

 Ms. Madronica Malone and Ms. Felicia Linear from Best Choice shared information regarding the LCRB-funded ThriVe educational program, currently offered in the Elsberry, Silex and Winfield school districts. Ms. Malone described the prevention program, which helps students identify risky behaviors and promotes healthy decision making. Beginning in 6th grade, students participate in the program's four-day sessions, covering age-appropriate subject matter, such as their goals and dreams, puberty and healthy friendships. The program advances to offer curriculum through high school promoting critical thinking and educating students on risky behaviors that can derail their plans and dreams (such as substance use, early sexual encounters, peer pressure, negative media, etc.). The program is designed to afford participating Lincoln County students 16 Best Choice lessons.

Ms. Linear shared ways in which Best Choice STL has pivoted during the COVID pandemic to deliver continuous prevention programming to students, including: conducting lessons using the Zoom platform; capitalizing on social media sites that appeal to students such as Tik Tok; and participating in Elsberry School District's parent night, during which providers were invited to present virtual mini-programs. ThriVe is also creating summer programs for students and promoting its *Date Safe* curriculum.

Old Business:

- Ms. Winchester shared an update regarding the implementation of CaseWorthy. Ms. Winchester and Mrs. Wells
 are nearing completion of their "Train the Trainer" sessions with LCRB's CaseWorthy project manager.
 CaseWorthy is preparing training materials to help users learn and navigate the system. The training for providers
 will take place early summer and Ms. Winchester anticipates training school personnel before the start of school
 in August to ensure implementation in time for the 2021-22 academic year.
- The work toward a "Bridges out of Poverty" movement in Lincoln County continues. Plans have been finalized for the *Bridges Out of Poverty: Institutional Lens* workshop scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2021. There are approximately 60 individuals, at this time, registered to attend either in-person or via Zoom. The event will take place at St. Stephen United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Treasure McKenzie, Director of Muskogee, Oklahoma's Bridges Out of Poverty initiative and presenter for aha! Process, will present on Bridges' concepts and grassroots implementation. Breakfast and lunch will be provided thanks to a generous sponsorship from Mrs. Missie Seeger with Seeger Toyota. COVID safety precautions will be in place. Registered individuals represent business, social services, education, the clergy, community groups and organizations, and more. Ms. Winchester shared that following this workshop the county will form a steering committee, which will convene approximately three weeks following the workshop to plan for community implementation. The LCRB plans to continue its participation in a countywide Bridges movement.

New Business:

Ms. Winchester shared an update of LCRB-funded services and local allocations, including news that Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service will dedicate a social worker/case manager to the Elsberry School District for the 2021-22 academic year. Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service will pursue outside grants to fund this staff investment (it is not currently funded by the LCRB). Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services has assigned a licensed professional counselor (LCRB funded) to provide school-based services at Cuivre Park Elementary through the end of the 2020-21 school year to address current levels of need. School counselors and administrators have been vocal in their sincere appreciation of this critical investment in their students. Compass has established a Lincoln County-based Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Treatment program and team (LCRB funded) to meet local needs. The LCRB Selection & Review Committee is currently reviewing two proposals for Substance Use Disorder Prevention/Early Intervention services. LCRB will also consider a grant application for a cost-sharing plan to employ two crisis counselors within the Troy R-III School District. Additionally, Saint Louis Counseling has mobilized some of its office-based staff to serve students within their local schools to address demand and current barriers to services. Finally, the LCRB expresses its sincere gratitude to all of our funded providers who kept their agencies open and services accessible to Lincoln County kids and families throughout the pandemic.

• Ms. Winchester announced that LCRB is now taking nominations for the 2021 Pheeze Kemper Award. Mr. Pheeze Kemper, former mayor of Troy, was instrumental in the founding of the Lincoln County Resource Board and served on the board through 2014. Each year, LCRB presents this recognition to an individual who advances our children's mental health care/access and serves tirelessly to "Put Kids First" in Lincoln County. Former recipients include: Mr. Jason Miller, Mrs. Kristi Gregory, Dr. Amy Porter and Mrs. Nancy Baker. Please submit nominations to Ms. Winchester. Nominees do not need to be employed by a school. The honoree will be recognized this summer and the award is to remain a surprise.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Winchester stated that she will email the board her complete written report during the first week of May and highlighted a few items, including:

- LCRB's 2021 brochure was updated, printed and distributed to schools and churches in the community. Ms. Winchester shared that only 300 were printed at this time as updates are anticipated with the board reviewing applications for a substance use disorder prevention and early intervention provider/program by mid-year.
- Hally Wells will be conducting the 2021 spring site visits and audits beginning in May.
- The 2020 Annual Report to the Community/Lincoln County Commissioners' presentation has not been scheduled at this time, but it will be done in person. The annual report publication is in development. The presentation is open to the public, and the date will be shared once we receive follow-up scheduling correspondence from the commissioners' office.
- Ms. Winchester will apply for the Toyota Bodine Grant to seek monies to cover the costs of the upcoming Bridges Out of Poverty workshop. The application is due May 1, 2021; awards will be announced in July.
- Ms. Winchester shared that the Early Childhood Task Force, through its 2021 Shower of Love, has collected a
 generous amount of diapers, wipes, formula, cash and general baby supplies and items. These items will be
 inventoried and distributed to local non-profit agencies that serve Lincoln County's fragile families. In addition,
 Chihuahua's will host a "Shower of Love" Night on June 2 from 4 to 9 p.m., contributing 20% of sales to the
 Shower of Love campaign.
- To commemorate Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month, Ms. Winchester participated in the "Pinwheels for Prevention" gathering at the Justice Center. Prosecuting Attorney Mike Wood, The Child Center's Amy Robins and Ms. Winchester provided remarks at the event. Ms. Winchester shared that, according to the LCRB's 2020 Needs Assessment, Lincoln County has the highest reported rate of substantiated child abuse cases (6.3 for every 1,000 children, the state average is 3.7).
- Ms. Winchester and Mr. Hufty are required to complete a Missouri Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure filing before May 3, 2021.
- 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: None

B. Personnel Committee: None

C. Selection & Review Committee: Chair Christine Heintzelman expressed appreciation to providers for their flexibility, mobility and creativity during the COVID pandemic, and now, in serving the children of Lincoln County.

Comments for the Good:

• Kim Hewlett from Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Center (SJA) announced that SJA will hold diaper drives on June 12, 2021. The agency will conduct giveaways at the Lincoln County Health Department from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., followed by donations at Sacred Heart in Elsberry from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. A flyer with details will be provided soon and families need to preregister for the drive with SJA.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. by Kathy Boessen (M.S.P.: Beckmann, Houston)

Next Meeting: The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director