

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD
Lincoln County, Missouri
Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2021
Held via Hybrid Format (In Person and Zoom) due to COVID-19

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by LCRB Assistant Chair Melba Houston at Harvester Christian Church in Troy.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

<u>Present</u>: Margie Beckmann (via Zoom), Glenda Fitzgerald (via Zoom), Kristen Gentry (via Zoom), Christine Heintzelman (via Zoom), Dr. Elaine Henderson (via Zoom), Melba Houston, Scott Hufty (via Zoom), Jim Price (via Zoom), Dr. Brandi Street (via Zoom), Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Kathy Boessen, Katrina Grasshoff and Nancy Behlmann

<u>Guests</u>: **Attending via Zoom**, Jane Gavril (Compass), Baylie Fowler (CHN Intern), Jenna Massey (CHN Intern), Emily Norton (CHN Intern), Traci Smith (F.A.C.T.), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Saundra Barker (SLC), Julie Seymore (TCC), Christine TenEyck (TCC), Madronica Malone (ThriVe – Best Choice), Felicia Linear (ThriVe – Best Choice), Ron Tompkins (NFN), Jenny Armbruster (PreventEd), Leah Maniaci (PreventEd), Kristi Machica (YIN) and Debbie Wolf (Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri); **Attending in person**, Jim Wallis (Chestnut Health Systems), and Deputy Jacob Martinez (SRO)

Provider Brief: Ms. Winchester introduced special guest Debbie Wolf from Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri. Though currently Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri is not a LCRB-funded provider, the organization is now serving Lincoln County, as well as other neighboring counties.

Ms. Wolf explained several programs provided through LFCS. One goal of Lutheran Family and Children's Services is to help parents gain necessary skills and access support that might prevent any situation in which a child would be placed into the care of the state. One home visit is made to qualifying parents who also have a child under the age of three or to pregnant moms; home visits serve as a means to deliver the needed support.

Ms. Wolf further stated that a priority is placed on parent education in areas such as: healthy relationships, positive discipline, and parent/caregiver self-care. LFCS provides case management to families through "The Nurturing Network," a Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri program utilizing contractors in a variety of social services fields. Ms. Wolf will forward referral forms to Ms. Winchester who will make them available to LCRB's funded agencies.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the June 16, 2021, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Beckmann, Fitzgerald)

Monthly Financial Report:

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents with the committee that included:

- ➤ Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021
- Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual June 30, 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 07-27-21 was \$335,714.28 in the Main Account and \$542,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$878,301.44.

The Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021, shows \$5,500.05 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$778,510.75.

A total of \$160,202.41 was received in June 2021 (146.47% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$116,976.61 (90.48% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net profit of \$43,225.80.

The June 2021 sales tax revenue (deposited on July 7, 2021) was \$175,229.60 (\$31,439.01 or 21.86% more than June 2020).

In July 2021, \$82,245.15 was paid to our providers for June 2021 services. The outstanding 2021 contract commitment is \$1,221,577.85 (for the contract term of Jan. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). The usage rate of our contracted services through June 30, 2021 is 34.53%.

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

Correspondence & Announcements: None

Old Business:

- Ms. Winchester and Dr. Elaine Henderson shared an update on the **Bridges Out of Poverty** initiative in Lincoln County. On Thursday, July 8, committee members representing St. Vincent de Paul, the Ministerial Alliance, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, and LCRB met at Sacred Heart to address the critical issue of homelessness and the lack of affordable, safe housing in Lincoln County. (NECAC is also participating in the Bridges work, but they were unable to attend the July 8 meeting.) Bridges organizers had previously determined this to be the greatest need or challenge facing those in poverty locally. Dr. Henderson shared insights gathered from the June Tri-State Housing Summit that was held in Hannibal. Any interested in helping with the Bridges endeavor or working on the housing crisis in Lincoln County should contact Ms. Winchester or Dr. Henderson.
- Ms. Winchester and Mrs. Wells gave an update on the progress toward implementation of the CaseWorthy
 platform. CW provides a HIPPA- and FERPA-compliant program for sharing critical care information and referrals
 across the system of care with the goal of making sure no child is "lost" and all get connected with needed
 services. CW training was held with providers on June 16, and an August 4 training is planned for school
 counselors and administrators. LCRB-funded providers and county schools will begin using CW with the start of
 the 2021-2022 school term.
- Ms. Winchester is in the process of connecting with family members of individual(s) previously selected by LCRB for the 2021 Pheeze Kemper Award. Ms. Winchester hopes to schedule the surprise award presentation later this summer. 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 The Pheeze Kemper Award to an individual who advances our children's mental health care/access and serves tirelessly to "Put Kids First" in Lincoln County.

New Business:

- Ms. Winchester reviewed critical dates for the 2022-2023 Funding Cycle and Application Timeline. Funding
 applications will be made available to providers by January 31, 2022. Applications will then be due by March 15,
 and the Selection & Review Committee (S&R) will review applications and present their recommendations to
 LCRB during the April board meeting.
- LCRB's strategic plan will expire at the end of 2021. Ms. Winchester asked LCRB members to reach out to here if they are interested in working on the development of the next strategic plan. That initiative will begin in the fall.
- The Early Childhood Task Force's Parent Engagement Night will be held prior to back-to-school nights, on Thursday, August 12, at Redemption Ranch in Winfield. The parent engagement nights provide an opportunity for caregivers to gain skills, learn parenting techniques, access resources and benefit from community interaction and support. Two tracks will be available this year to accommodate families with young children and those parenting adolescents. The following providers will be participating: TCC, CNW, CHN, ThriVe and PreventEd. Many giveaways have been gathered for the event, which is for those with children between 0-12 years old.

Executive Director's Report:

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

 Ms. Winchester has surveyed Lincoln County schools to determine which will allow and welcome providers to attend open houses and orientation events. At this time, all districts are allowing guests to participate. Ms.

- Winchester will be reaching out to funded providers with a list of all scheduled events and asking which they will be available to "cover" during the next couple weeks as all districts return to school.
- Ms. Winchester has reached out to a few individuals in the community—those recommended by current board members—concerning their interest in joining LCRB. Deputy Jacob Martinez, Troy R-III SRO, visited the July meeting and will consider coming on board.
- Several providers have asked about Mid-Year Provider Reports. Ms. Winchester explained that since LCRB is currently in a one-time 18-month funding cycle, mid-year will not occur until September. Additionally, it is possible that LCRB will elect to require reports only on an annual basis, eliminating the mid-year reporting. More information will be provided in future months.
- Ms. Winchester shared the most recent developments regarding funding legislation related to crimes against children and Lincoln County. Lincoln County has one of the highest rates of child abuse in Missouri. Lincoln County has 6.7 reports of child abuse and neglect for every 1,000 while the state average is 3.2. While the Not Our Children Taskforce is not satisfied with the outcome of recent legislative sessions, there is still an opportunity for grant monies to be awarded to those agencies that work directly with victims. The Crimes Against Children/Sex Crimes Grant and the Victims of Crime Grant may provide avenues for funding. More information is expected in coming weeks.

Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee: Chair Jim Price commented that he is happy with the trend of sales tax earnings thus far in 2021.
- B. Personnel Committee: None
- C. Selection & Review Committee: None

Comments for the Good:

- Dr. Elaine Henderson announced that there will be a Community Resource Fair on Wednesday, August 4 at the VFW Hall in Troy, MO. This event is especially designed to assist those seeking employment. It is schedule from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Then, on Thursday, August 5, there will be a Veteran and Community Hiring Even at the same location from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Dr. Henderson shared a resource for tuition funding. The Rise Above Scholarship Foundation, which is a local organization, raises money and awards students (particularly those who have either aged out of the foster care system or have incarcerated parents) scholarships for college tuition.
- Mrs. Houston and Kim Hewlett of SJA announced that the Elsberry Food Pantry is now operational. The pantry is
 open the first three Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Individuals/families may visit one
 time before having to be certified. The food pantry is a collaboration between Elsberry United Methodist Church
 and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service.
- Kim Hewlett shared that Sts. Joachim and Ann is hosting a School Supply Giveaway on Saturday, August 14. Registration is required. Those interested should call 636-699-8762 by August 6.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. by Melba Houston (M.S.P.: Beckmann, Price)

Next Meeting: The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **8:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday**, **August 25**, **2021** (location TBD).

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director