

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD
Lincoln County, Missouri
Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021
Held via Hybrid Format (In Person and Zoom) due to COVID-19

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by LCRB Chair Kathy Boessen at the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

<u>Present</u>: Margie Beckmann (via Zoom), Nancy Behlmann (via Zoom), Kathy Boessen, Glenda Fitzgerald (via Zoom), Katrina Grasshoff (via Zoom), Christine Heintzelman (via Zoom), Dr. Elaine Henderson (via Zoom), Melba Houston, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Kristen Gentry, Scott Hufty, Jim Price and Dr. Brandi Street

Guests: Attending via Zoom, Jen Kaiser (Compass), Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.), Cathi Bornhop (F.A.C.T.), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Saundra Barker (SLC), Christine TenEyck (TCC), Madronica Malone (ThriVe – Best Choice), Felicia Linear (ThriVe – Best Choice) and Ron Tompkins (NFN). Attending in person, Mark Grzeskowiak (PCHAS) and Heidi Hubbard (Youth In Need)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the May 26, 2021, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Houston)

Monthly Financial Report:

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

- Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2021
- Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual May 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 06-15-21 was \$346,100.10 in the Main Account and \$542,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$888,687.26.

The Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2021, shows \$8,444.85 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$735,284.95.

A total of \$143,917.65 was received in May 2021 (131.58% of the monthly budget). A total of \$145,847.97 was paid out in expenditures (115.68% of the monthly budget), resulting in a net income of -\$1,930.32 for May 2021.

The May 2021 sales tax revenue (deposited on 6-7-2021) was \$160,002.56 (\$33,137.82 or 26.12% more than May 2020).

In June 2021, \$104,202.39 was paid to our providers for May services*. The outstanding 2021-22 contract commitment is \$1,303,828.29. The usage rate of our contracted services through May 31, 2021, is 30.26%. *The reimbursement spreadsheet now includes cells to reflect Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services' (PCHAS) licensed professional counselor and her service offerings, included as part of the approved 2021-22 original LCRB contract with PCHAS.

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

Correspondence & Announcements:

• Ms. Winchester shared encouraging news from the Not Our Children Task Force, formed a few years ago in Lincoln County to combat sexual and physical abuse against children. Due to the efforts of Representative Randy Pietzman and Senator Jeanie Riddle, the Missouri House and Senate have approved budget of \$300,000/year for three years to support the task force's efforts to seek justice for child victims and prevent child abuse. If the governor approves the budget, our sheriff's office will fund additional detectives to investigate crimes against children, the prosecuting attorney's office can hire contract attorneys to support more efficient prosecutions and The Child Center will have additional funds for its prevention programs and victim services to promote safety and healing for Lincoln County kids. Currently, 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. (Source: Missouri Department of Services Annual Report 2019)

Old Business:

- Ms. Winchester and Mrs. Wells shared an update regarding the implementation of CaseWorthy. The first training session will take place with relevant providers following today's LCRB meeting. Training with school personnel is planned for August 4, 2021. All parties should be trained and prepared to implement CaseWorthy by the start of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Ms. Winchester has been accepting 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 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.

Ms. Winchester shared proposed nominations with the board for consideration.

A motion was made to approve the nomination for the 2021 Pheeze Kemper Award as presented by Ms. Winchester. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Beckmann)

The honoree will be recognized later this summer and the award is to remain a surprise until that time.

New Business:

Selection & Review Committee (S&R) Chair Christine Heintzelman shared recommendations from S&R
regarding off-cycle funding requests. The committee considered applications for substance use disorder
(SUD) prevention and early intervention services and a proposal from the R-III School District for collaborative
funding to hire district educational support counselors (crisis counselors).

Recognizing deficits in the area of SUD prevention/early intervention services and an overwhelming need for crisis counseling for students (as referenced in multiple school-based assessment reports), the board set aside allocations for the Jan. 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, funding cycle, totaling \$134,762.00 to fund these timely needs. After presenting recommendations for funding and subsequent approval by the Finance Committee during last week's June e-Meeting, the Selection & Review Committee made its recommendations to LCRB.

A motion was made to approve S&R's recommendation that LCRB fund PreventEd for its substance use disorder prevention and early intervention program totaling \$74,762 and Troy R-III School District's request for crisis counselor cost-sharing in the amount of \$60,000, both for the contract period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and a combined total of \$134,762.00. (M.S.P.: Henderson, Houston)

Executive Director's Report:

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

- Hally Wells has completed the 2021 spring site visits and audits. No billing discrepancies were identified, and the
 overall findings were positive.
- Ms. Winchester reported that the End-of-the-School-Year Assessment, recently completed by Dr. Cynthia Berry, has been sent to LCRB members, providers, school personnel and elected school board of education members. Links to the public report were posted to the LCRB website and Facebook page. LCRB-funded agencies also received "micro-reports" detailing any specific references made to a funded agency or program by school personnel. She believes this report may be one of the most insightful and impactful assessments ever completed, and she thanked providers who took the time to follow up on assessment needs and references to enhance our funded services for the benefit of Lincoln County kids and their families.
- The Early Childhood Task Force is planning a Parent Engagement Night to be held prior to back-to-school nights, considering the dates of Thursday, August 5 or 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. To conclude the 2021 Shower of Love campaign, all of the remaining donations have been taken to the Early Childhood Education Center for partners to access as they assist with ongoing needs. Some of the cash donations have been converted to \$100

- Wal-Mart gift cards, which have been offered to local non-profits serving fragile families to meet urgent or specialized needs (such as a unique formula or diaper size).
- A survey assessing future interest and commitments regarding our Lincoln County Bridges Out of Poverty initiative has been completed by community leaders and Bridges out of Poverty workshop participants. Dr. Elaine Henderson will chair the Bridges Steering Committee and will serve as a liaison between LCRB and Bridges initiatives moving forward.
- Ms. Winchester has received some recommendations for potential new LCRB members. She will be reaching out
 to the recommended candidates and will report back regarding interest.
- 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 LCRB members to let her know if they are interested in working on the development of the next strategic plan. That initiative will begin later this year.

Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee: None B. Personnel Committee: None
- C. Selection & Review Committee: Chair Christine Heintzelman thanked providers, LCRB members and the Selection & Review Committee members for their efforts throughout the now-complete S&R process and 2021-2022 contract cycle.

Comments for the Good:

- Dr. Elaine Henderson shared information regarding a survey created by North Missouri's Childcare Taskforce.
 The survey is geared toward discovering the specific challenges related to childcare that employers and childcare
 providers experience. Ms. Winchester suggested that she share the survey with members of Lincoln
 County's Early Childhood Task Force.
- Kim Hewlett from Sts. Joachim and Ann (SJA) announced that SJA is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year, and they are hosting an event on July 24, 2021, at the St. Charles location. Ms. Hewlett encouraged attendees to join the celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Houston advised LCRB and providers about the new Elsberry food pantry opening in July. The food pantry is
 a collaboration between Elsberry United Methodist Church and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service. The pantry
 will work differently than others in that it will allow for client choice. Those visiting the pantry will have the
 opportunity to shop for items rather than receive a predetermined assortment of goods.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 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**, **July 28**, **2021** (location TBD).

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director