



**Meeting Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by LCRB Vice Chair Melba Houston.

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:**

Present: Margie Beckmann, Nancy Behlmann, Kathy Boessen, John Cottle, Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry, Katrina Grasshoff, Christine Heintzelman, Dr. Elaine Henderson, Melba Houston, Jim Price, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Scott Hufty and Dr. Brandi Street

Guests: Jen Kaiser (Compass), Shannon O'Driscoll-Douglas (Compass), Christie Woods (Compass), Kathi Bornhop (F.A.C.T.), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Andrea Vent (TCC), Christine TenEyck (TCC), Porscha Thorpe (TCC), Madronica Malone (ThriVe – Best Choice), Felicia Linear (ThriVe – Best Choice), Ron Tompkins (NFN) and Cara Merritt (Youth In Need)

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

**Monthly Financial Report:**

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents, including:

- Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2021
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual February 28, 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 03-24-21 was \$245,443.36 in the Main Account and \$542,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$788,030.52. With approval from the Finance Committee at the March 17, 2021 meeting, Ms. Winchester moved \$100,000 from the Main Account into the Money Market Account; the transfer is reflected in the balances above.

The Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2021, shows \$3,864.15 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$725,655.57. Ms. Winchester advised that she will prepare a check for the prepaid tax match fund (made to the Missouri Department of Mental Health) for Mr. Hufty's review and signature to replenish the account.

Ms. Winchester also noted during the financial report that LCRB received \$999.00 from the Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri's Benevity Program. Benevity allows Toyota employees to donate to charities or non-profits, and Toyota matches those funds. The board expressed its appreciation and gratitude for the support of local Toyota employees and the company itself.

A total of \$130,144.71 was received in February 2021 (118.99% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$126,324.59 (99.65% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net income of \$3,820.12.

The February 2021 sales tax revenue (deposited on March 5, 2021) was \$144,938.56 (\$42,379.13 or 41.32% more than February 2020).

In March 2021, \$100,168.27 was paid to our providers for February 2021 services. The outstanding 2021 contract commitment is \$1,691,035.54 (for the contract term of Jan. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). The usage rate of our contracted services through February 28, 2021 is 11.93%.

Ms. Winchester announced that she has closed out the C.A.R.E.S. Act Grant account, pleased that LCRB and its providers successfully spent all of those funds (with the exception of \$.46 collected interest). This represents a tremendously efficient and critical use of dollars, which the LCRB had to utilize by the end of 2020.

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

### **Correspondence & Announcements:**

- Ms. Winchester shared information from Oasis Resource Center Executive Director, Katie Lyczak. The Oasis Resource Center will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Old Monroe, Missouri. This event is the primary fundraiser for Oasis Resource Center. Tickets are free but seating is limited.
- Ms. Winchester shared available mental health trainings provided by Tyler Czarnowsky, our county's Youth Behavioral Health Liaison (YBHL) affiliated with Compass Health Network. Timely classes include: Recognizing Warning Signs of Suicide & Self Harm, Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder, Understanding Mental Health and De-escalation: Responding to Individuals in Mental Health Crisis. Please contact Tyler if one of the mentioned classes can benefit your schools, agencies or the families you serve. Additionally, in his role as an YBHL, Tyler can make referrals to a variety of agencies as well as provide additional services.

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

- Ms. Hewlett presented an update regarding recent activities of Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service (SJA) in its funded role as a social worker for the Troy R-III School District. C.A.R.E.S. Act Grant funding provided an opportunity for LCRB and SJA to partner on a new model of care. Grant funding, along with a few SJA staff adjustments, made it possible for Ms. Hewlett to begin working as an "embedded" case manager in the secondary schools within Troy R-III.

Ms. Hewlett works four hours each day in Troy middle and high schools to address needs, which escalated during COVID, alleviating the burden of school counselors and administrators who may not have the expertise in case management nor the time to address more complicated student situations.

Though C.A.R.E.S. Act Grant funding has been exhausted, LCRB will continue to fund this new position, which, according to Ms. Winchester, has been extremely well received by the schools. Ms. Hewlett shared the following accomplishments that have taken place during the first months of this program:

- Six students were provided clothing.
- One hundred and fifty easy-to-prepare and kid-friendly cinch-sack bags of food were distributed.
- Ten families are being served through SJA case management with Ms. Hewlett.
- Sherry Saunders with SJA is also working with a few families, connected through Troy R-III schools.
- Ms. Hewlett is serving students in areas outside of the typical SJA concerns of homelessness.
- Ms. Hewlett has also been able to connect with residents at The Key to provide basic needs and more.

Ms. Hewlett added that their organization is also very appreciative of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri in Troy for their financial support, which allows SJA to assist fragile families with electric or utility bills or other basic needs.

### **Old Business:**

- Mrs. Wells and Ms. Winchester provided an update on the progress made toward the implementation of **CaseWorthy**. Mrs. Wells explained that our CaseWorthy Project Manager has now provided a "test script" to work through. Once the build-out phase and the LCRB set-up is completed, we can "go live." The test script is designed to help identify any issues in functioning or desired changes or adjustments to our personalized system. Mrs. Wells and Ms. Winchester are working through the test script, reporting back to CaseWorthy any concerns or questions. When this step is finished, "Train the Trainer" sessions will begin. Ms. Winchester anticipates first training relevant LCRB providers later this spring, and then training school personnel closer to the start of the new school term.
- The work toward a "**Bridges out of Poverty**" movement in Lincoln County continues. Ms. Winchester shared two critical next steps identified during the planning committee's initial meeting on February 22. 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.

Dr. Elaine Henderson is committed to helping organize and facilitate the Bridges initiative in Lincoln County, leveraging her passion for improving the lives of those in poverty with an astute understanding of how poverty impacts our community (and, other communities) as a whole. Dr. Henderson has been studying the work of Dr. Ruby Payne for years and recommends that a group of “interfacers” come together to work toward the goals mentioned above. These interfacers, who through their work or personal endeavors have contact with investigators (as defined above) will be asked to help reach out to investigators and, thus, move Bridges in Lincoln County forward.

Ms. Winchester has issued email correspondence to contacts who participated in LCRB’s 2019 and 2020 Legislative Summits, as well as other members of the clergy, social services, and other institutions who may wish to participate in the development of a Lincoln County Bridges movement. Interested parties will be contacted regarding a meeting, which Ms. Winchester hopes to conduct at Journey Church in-person (and virtually, if desired) this spring.

#### **New Business:**

- Ms. Winchester has learned that Lincoln County Commissioners will be conducting in-person presentations this year. This will allow Ms. Winchester and the board the opportunity to connect face-to-face with County Commissioners when she presents the 2020 Annual Report to the Community. Ms. Winchester is waiting to hear from the Commissioners’ office regarding meeting availability. LCRB members are invited to attend and Ms. Winchester will be in touch with proposed dates.
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri Grant applications are due May 1, and grant awards will be announced in July. The second grant application opportunity has a deadline of November 1 with award announcements planned for February 2022.

Ms. Winchester asked LCRB to consider applying for the first grant cycle to request funding for an upcoming Bridges event, which will likely serve as LCRB’s 2021 Legislative Summit. Ms. Winchester suggested requesting a sum of \$5,000. That is \$500 more than the cost of the Bridges Workshop held in 2020.

Board members discussed this proposal. Chair Kathy Boessen commented that if the interest is there, this should be pursued. Dr. Henderson agreed that these funds will help to educate individuals, identify Lincoln County needs, and activate and organize a grassroots movement. Melba Houston stated that the Bridges’ focus aligns with the goals of our Children’s Services Fund and our county’s needs.

*A motion was made to pursue Toyota’s grant opportunity and make application for the purposes of advancing a Bridges initiative in Lincoln County. (M.S.P.: Price, Henderson)*

#### **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:

- LCRB’s 2021 brochure is currently being printed at Speedy Office Solutions. Ms. Winchester printed a short run at this time, anticipating that there may be an additional provider in the area of Substance Use Disorder Early Intervention and Prevention by mid-year. If that is the case, revised brochures will be printed at that time.
- Hally Wells will be conducting the 2021 spring site visits and audits. She is in the process of scheduling those for the month of May. Most providers are scheduled; Mrs. Wells will reach out to those not scheduled this week.
- The Early Childhood Taskforce “Shower of Love” campaign has begun and will continue through May. Donations are coming in to the LCRB, with Mercy Hospital Lincoln and Bank of Old Monroe committing to support the effort again this year. Regina Sullivan, with Healthy Blue, has pledged \$500 to the 2021 Shower of Love campaign. These monies can be used to purchase specialty items, such as a specific formula a baby may need or a unique size of diaper, or to purchase any items not covered through donations. 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.

Ms. Winchester also shared that anyone or agency interested in getting certified on proper car seat installation may contact Sarah Valenza at Lincoln County Health Department.

- Ms. Winchester reported on the recent visit from Samuel Saffa, St. Louis District Director for Senator Josh Hawley. Mr. Saffa visited The Child Center on March 18 to learn more about the role of Child Advocacy Centers and the critical use of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, which is under congressional review. As of March 17, the U.S. House of Representatives considered HR 1652, the VOCA Fix bill. Now, VOCA funding recipients ask

the senate to vote to approve VOCA funds as part of the FY 2021 budget. Should this measure not pass, it could effectively close the doors of child advocacy centers, which rely on this funding to support its forensic interview and support services. As a next step, we are supporting Mr. Saffa's efforts to coordinate like tours with his team at regional child advocacy centers, reporting back to Sen. Hawley of their findings. We have also offered the senator an in-person or virtual tour of The Child Center in Wentzville.

- 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: Chair Jim Price shared that he is pleased with the strong sales tax receipts of 2021's first few months.

B. Personnel Committee: None

C. Selection & Review Committee: Chair Christine Heintzelman expressed appreciation to Kim Hewlett for the provider brief shared during the meeting. Mrs. Heintzelman stated that it is so beneficial to hear from and learn more about the provider organizations and their work in Lincoln County.

#### **Comments for the Good:**

- Porscha Thorpe from The Child Center (TCC) announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. To commemorate this observance, TCC will be holding several programs via Zoom for parents, educators and childcare providers. Topics include "Internet Safety," "Body Safety" and more. Those interested should visit The Child Center's Facebook page or website for all the information. Ms. Winchester will also include information in the March e-newsletter.

**Adjournment:** *The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. by Melba Houston (M.S.P.: Beckmann, Boessen)*

**Next Meeting:** The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director