

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD
Lincoln County, Missouri
Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2024
Held via Hybrid Format (In Person and Zoom)

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's Community Room by LCRB Vice Chair Melba Houston.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

<u>Present:</u> Margie Beckmann (via Zoom), Kathy Boessen (via Zoom), Katrina Ellis, Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry (via Zoom), Christine Heintzelman, Dr. Elaine Henderson, Melba Houston, Scott Hufty, Donna Orf, Jim Price, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Sarah Lavy

<u>Guests</u>: **Attending via Zoom** Amy Blouin (Missouri Budget Project), Jane Gavril (CHN), Brittany McDonnell (CNW), Madeleine Castle (Senator Hawley's Office), Ron Tompkins (NFN), Zane Maus (SLC), Kristi Hammond (YIN), Juvaughn Baker (ThriVe-Best Choice), Kimberly Graczyk (PCHAS), Teresa Veasley (PCHAS) and Shima Rostami (GAAHT) **Attending in Person**: Judson Bliss (SLC), Marilyn Carter (D.A.R.T. Coalition), Laura Parn (Troy R-III School District), Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.), Stacy Johns (F.A.C.T.), Gina Malawy (F.A.C.T.), Alex Detrick (F.A.C.T.), Julie Seymore (TCAC) and Jaidan Adams (PreventEd)

LCRB Program: Trends in Local Sales Tax, Amy Blouin, Missouri Budget Project President and CEO

Amy Blouin presented information regarding the exponential growth of e-commerce as a percent of all retail sales and the inability, prior to 2021, for Missouri and its taxing jurisdictions to require online retailers to collect state and local sales tax—losing critical revenue for the state and localities while also creating an unfair advantage for online retailers at the expense of our communities' bricks and mortar small businesses. To address these inequities and loss of revenues, a 2018 Supreme Court ruling allowed states for the first time to compel online retailers to remit state and local sales tax. In 2021, Missouri approved legislation known as the Wayfair Fix. This legislation essentially established a nexus for online retailers who sell at least \$100,000 of products to Missourians. The same legislation also allowed localities — cities and counties — to approve local "use tax" provisions that would allow the localities to capture local sales tax in the same way. These provisions need to be approved at the ballot. So far, 1,797 of 2,457 (or 73% of the nearly 2,500 local taxing jurisdictions in the state) have approved the use tax. Lincoln County will ask voters to consider a use tax on the April 2 ballot.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Fitzgerald, Orf)

Monthly Financial Report:

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents, including:

- Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024
- Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual January 31, 2024
- > Sales Tax History from 2023 to Present
- LCRB 2023-2024 Funding Summary
- ➤ LCRB 2023-2024 Schedule of Units

The balance of the Peoples Bank & Trust account on 02-27-24 was \$24,282.03 in the Main Checking Account; \$80,000 in the DDA Account; \$92,163.71 in the MMDA Special Business Account; and \$809,573.70 in the Certificate of Deposit. The LCRB total balance on 02-27-24 was \$1,006,019.44.

The Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024, shows \$185,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund, \$10,000 in the prepaid tax match fund, and \$809,573.70 (this number includes the \$185,000 reserve fund) is in the LCRB Certificate of Deposit. Assets and equity are in balance at \$1,019,075.69.

A total of \$156,285.14 was received in January 2024 (113.45% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$168,956.94 (85.04% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net loss of \$12,671.80.

The January 2024 sales tax revenue (deposited on February 7, 2024) was \$166,362.22 (\$15,926.38 or 10.59% more than January 2023).

In February 2024, \$159,955.35 was paid to our providers for January 2024 services. The outstanding 2023-2024 contract commitment is \$992,127.35 (for the contract term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). The usage rate of our contracted services through January 31, 2024 is 54.75%.

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

Correspondence & Announcements:

- F.A.C.T. will hold its "Hopes and Dreams Prom" fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Ameristar Casino.
 Please visit HTTPS://FACTMO.TICKET/QTEGO.US/TICKETS/LIST for more information or to purchase tickets.
- Ms. Winchester asked those wishing to contribute to a memorial in honor of Christine Heintzelman's mother, Mrs.
 Mary Haynes, to please place their gifts in the provided envelopes. The Key and Bridge of Hope Lincoln County
 were designated beneficiaries of memorials made in Mrs. Haynes' name. Christine thanked the board for their
 cards, prayers, and kindnesses during this time.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Compass Health Network has requested supplemental funding for their School-based Therapy Program (non-Medicaid services). The program has exhausted funds for the 2023-2024 contract cycle, which means the agency can no longer accept non-Medicaid new student referrals (and private insurance does not cover school-based therapy). Compass requested funding for an additional 200 units (\$119.52/unit or \$23,904.00) to be used by the end of the current contract cycle (June 30, 2024). Both the LCRB Finance and Selection & Review Committees reviewed and approved the supplemental funding request for full board consideration.

A motion was made to approve the Compass Health Network supplemental funding request for School-based Therapy in the amount of \$23,904.00 (or 200 units of service) to be used by the end of the current 2023-2024 contract cycle. (M.S.P.: Price, Heintzelman)

• At the end of last year, the LCRB published its 2023 Lincoln County Needs Assessment Needs-Assessment 2023-LCRB-FINAL.pdf (lincolncountykids.org), prepared by Dr. Cynthia Berry. While the report highlights numerous positive trends, unfortunately, and as reported in our 2020 Needs Assessment findings as well, our substantiated child abuse rates for Lincoln County remain nearly double the state average. The assessment finds: "In comparison to the state and comparative counties, Lincoln County had the highest rate at 5.73 substantiated cases per 1,000 children in 2022, substantially surpassing Missouri's rate of 3.08." In response, Ms. Winchester presented a LCRB C.A.N. (Child Abuse & Neglect) Plan, considered and approved by the LCRB Finance Committee. Ms. Winchester asked the board to review the plan's objectives and associated costs, specifically a dedicated C.A.N. survey and research effort for our local multi-disciplinary team and relevant LCRB-funded providers, based on Dr. Cynthia Berry's provided estimate, and a community awareness component with the proposed re-launch of our child abuse prevention task force, which includes a supporting billboard campaign.

A motion was made to approve the proposed expenditures and execution of the C.A.N. Plan. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Fitzgerald)

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Winchester stated that she will email the board her completed written report and highlighted several items, including:

Dr. Cynthia Berry has completed her analysis of the **Mid-contract-cycle Provider Reports.** Ms. Winchester has emailed the report to the LCRB, which includes the following outcomes: LCRB-funded providers served 1,809 youth and 307 families with direct services during the first six months of our 12-month funding cycle (July 1through December 31, 2023). Funded agencies also taught prevention programs to 7,416 students and 916 parents, teachers, and other adults. There are 107 youth currently on a waitlist for LCRB-funded services.

Ms. Winchester has posted the **2024-2025 LCRB funding applications and deadlines** to the LCRB website. If any providers have difficulty or questions while completing and submitting applications, please contact the LCRB.

Winfield Primary School's Family Fun Night, held in partnership with the Early Childhood Task Force (ECTF), provided task force members, the LCRB and LCRB-funded providers with opportunities to connect with approximately 200 Winfield School District parents and caregivers. Families enjoyed mental-health-themed crafts, games, break-out sessions, and a resource fair. Families expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn of local resources and to engage with our providers. The ECTF is currently planning the 2024 Shower of Love campaign. Once again, the Bank of Old Monroe has agreed to partner on this effort. Task force members are working to identify other local businesses and individuals to help support our collection of critical care items and monetary gifts designed to reduce family stressors connected to child abuse and neglect.

F.A.C.T. will serve as our March meeting's provider brief program.

Hally Wells, LCRB Administrative Assistant, announced that she is in the process of **scheduling spring audits** and site visits. Hally will visit all funded providers between mid-April and mid-May. She asked providers to reach out if they need to set a time for the upcoming audit. She encouraged schools and providers to **continue to utilize CaseWorthy**, and she expressed appreciation to staff members from our local schools and funded providers who participated in the January 24 training. Lastly, Hally provided **an overview of the CADCA 34th National Forum**, which she attended at the invitation of D.A.R.T. Lincoln County's Coalition Director Marilyn Carter. The conference, held in Washington, D.C., was attended by more than 4,000 prevention professionals and volunteers—both adults and youth. Mrs. Wells noted a presentation by Laura Stack, the mother of a young man who committed suicide after developing marijuana-induced psychosis, and the appearance of Dan Schneider, a New Orleans pharmacist who lost his son (featured in the Netflix documentary "The Pharmacist") and helped to end the career of a physician found guilty of illegal acts with regards to opioid prescriptions. Legislators (or their staffers) held meetings with conference attendees on Capitol Hill to discuss initiatives in their respective states.

Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: Finance Committee is advising Ms. Winchester on the contract year 2024-25 general and administrative budgets.
- B. Personnel Committee: None
- C. Selection & Review Committee: None

Comments for the Good:

- Dr. Elaine Henderson announced that **St. Stephen Christian Preschool is seeking applicants** for teaching and aide positions. The facility is able to accept additional enrollments, but they need to hire more childcare providers. If you or someone you know is interested, you may contact St. Stephen Christian Preschool at: 636-528-4148.
- Marilyn Carter gave an update on D.A.R.T. activities, including asking for schools' participation in the upcoming
 Missouri Student Survey. Ms. Carter is working with school administrators on a marijuana program to educate
 students of associated risks. The March D.A.R.T. meeting will be held tomorrow (last Thursday of the month) at
 9:30 a.m. at the Lincoln County Ambulance District Training Room in Troy.
- Kathy Boessen prompted discussion of the LCRB's role, if any, in the April 2 use tax ballot initiative.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. by Melba Houston. (M.S.P.: Hufty, Price)

Next Meeting: The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 via Zoom and in-person at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's Community Room, located at 1112 East Cherry Street, Troy, MO, 63379.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director