



Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's Community Room by LCRB Vice Chair Melba Houston.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:

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

Absent: Kathy Boessen

Guests: Attending via Zoom Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.), Brittany McDonnell (CNW), Kristi Hammond (YIN), Madronica Malone (ThriVe-Best Choice), Julie Seymore (TCAC), Shima Rostami (GAAHT), Colleen Bayer (PCHAS), Cassie Holt (PCHAS), Kimberly Graczyk (PCHAS) and Madeleine Castle (Senator Hawley's Office)

Attending in Person: Judson Bliss (SLC), Marilyn Carter (D.A.R.T. Coalition), Laura Parn (Troy R-III School District), Stacy Johns (F.A.C.T.), Jaidan Adams (PreventEd), Sherry Saunders (SJA), Jane Gavril (CHN), Danielle Bealmear (CHN), Christopher Henkel (CHN), Kimberly McVey (Lincoln/Pike County Children's Division), Detective Alyssa Erson (Lincoln County Sheriff's Office) and James Whitaker (Catholic Charities)

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made to approve the April 24, 2024, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Hufty, Heintzelman)*

Monthly Financial Report:

Ms. Winchester reviewed several financial documents, including:

- Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024
- Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual April 30, 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 05-21-24 was \$126,900.99 in the Main Checking Account; \$1,233.36 in the Money Market Accounts; and \$700,000.00 in the Certificate of Deposit. The LCRB total balance on 05-21-24 was \$828,134.35.

The Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024, shows a balance of \$10,000 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$819,261.97, which includes the LCRB \$185,000 reserve fund, held in the LCRB certificate of deposit. Assets and equity are in balance at \$861,356.93.

A total of \$146,411.23 was received in April 2024 (103.38% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$188,435.67 (97.51% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net loss of \$42,024.44.

The April 2024 sales tax revenue (deposited on May 7, 2024) was \$147,328.94 (\$22,005.16 or 17.56% more than April 2023).

In May 2024, \$169,231.45 was paid to our providers for April 2024 services. The outstanding 2023-2024 contract commitment is \$457,950.70 (for the contract term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). The usage rate of our contracted services through April 30, 2024 is 75.19%.

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

May LCRB Meeting Provider Brief: Compass Health Network

Jane Gavril, who has served as the Compass Lincoln County Youth CPRC Director, overseeing the LCRB-funded School-based Mental Health and Partnership with Families programs, demonstrated several therapeutic techniques, such as grounding techniques, which Compass staff offer when serving Lincoln County kids and their families to restore calm and promote self-regulation and coping skills. Ms. Gavril also introduced her successor, Danielle Bealmear, as Ms. Gavril has been appointed as the director for the new Compass Health Network Youth Behavioral Health Urgent Care center in St. Peters.

Ms. Gavril shared information about the new urgent care center and how it reflects our state's modernized approach to addressing crisis-level mental and behavioral health needs. The Compass Youth Behavioral Health Urgent Care will serve children and youth from age 5 through 17 (a parent or guardian must be present for minors to receive care). The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, including holidays. Centers, like the new Compass facility in St. Peters, that offer individuals experiencing mental health crises with timely and appropriate levels of care and intervention provide \$50,087,100 in health care cost avoidance. The St. Peters facility will offer the following services:

- Immediate assessment and crisis intervention for youth experiencing a behavioral health and/or substance use related crisis
- Access to psychiatric provider and psychiatric medications
- New or reconnection to behavioral health services
- Connection to additional resources
- Linkage to ongoing case management to make sure the child and family get fully connected with services that will advance stabilization and recovery efforts

Ms. Gavril announced that Compass will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new urgent care center on Wed., May 29 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the practice location of 111 Mexico Court, St. Peters, MO 63376.

Correspondence & Announcements:

- Ashley Day, with the Children's Division newly formed Prevention Unit, addressed LCRB-funded providers and task force members at the May Early Childhood Task Force meeting. Ms. Day shared information regarding the new prevention program, launched by Children's Division in January 2024, to connect families with resources before child maltreatment occurs. The program, aimed at reducing the incidents of child abuse and neglect, takes a proactive role in working with families experiencing stressors or crises. Ms. Winchester routed a copy of the prevention program brochure.
- The Crisis Nursery Family Empowerment Program will host a diaper giveaway on Friday, June 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. To register, call or text: 314-229-1834. The location will be shared with those registering prior to the event.
- Ms. Winchester circulated a thank-you letter from CHADS Coalition regarding the LCRB's funding allocation for the 2024-25 contract year.

Old Business:

- Ms. Winchester and Hally Wells are currently updating the LCRB CY 2024-25 contracts and clinical outcomes agreements. The contracts, agreements and reporting documents will be sent to funded providers in June.

New Business:

- Retained LCRB Counsel
 - Ms. Winchester asked the Finance Committee to consider the retention of legal counsel for the Lincoln County Resource Board. Mr. Adam Burkemper, a founding LCRB member and local attorney, provided legal guidance prior to his passing in June 2023. Ms. Winchester has worked to identify legal services with specific expertise in working with non-profits for the board's consideration. Attorney Rex Fennessey with the McMahon-Berger law firm came highly recommended. Ms. Winchester presented an engagement letter from the firm to the Finance Committee members. Upon their examination, the LCRB Finance Committee approved the letter for full board consideration and vote.

A motion was made to retain the legal counsel of Rex Fennessey with McMahon-Berger law firm. (M.S.P.: Henderson, Heintzelman) LCRB member Glenda Fitzgerald abstained from voting.

- July Meeting
 - Ms. Winchester asked LCRB members to consider their calendars and summer travel plans regarding the July LCRB meeting and our ability to have quorum. The LCRB bylaws do not require the board to meet 12 times per year. At the June meeting, the board will be asked to determine the July LCRB meeting plans.

Executive Director’s Report:

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

- Dr. Berry’s analysis of the end-of-school-year assessment surveys will be completed in June.
- Ms. Winchester shared that several C.A.N. Plan survey responses have been returned to Dr. Cynthia Berry. In addition to collecting digital surveys, Dr. Berry is conducting telephone interviews for respondents who prefer to answer questions orally or with greater detail than is feasible through the survey format. The engagement level from surveyed partners has proven greater than originally projected, consuming our research budget at a faster pace than planned. However, due to the engagement and potential for enhanced collaborations across agencies for the benefit and safety of Lincoln County kids, the LCRB funding is poised to generate a strong return on investment for the fund and our county should we achieve our intended goal of fewer Lincoln County kids affected by child abuse and neglect, and the subsequent costs to their health and our various systems.
 - In addition to the level of engagement received thus far, Dr. Berry has also generated several subsequent reports, including the Lincoln County Prevention Program Data Overview and Comparison, based on identified partner needs; the Missouri Department of Social Services and Children’s Division Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023; and various educational, training and resource documents based on expressed interest and needs of our multi-disciplinary team partners.
- Ms. Winchester and LCRB-funded providers spoke to members of the 45th Judicial Circuit Treatment Court during their April 24, 2024, staff retreat. Ms. Winchester shared information about the role of the LCRB and introduced treatment court staff to several LCRB-funded providers and programs. Those presenting included the Best Choice Program of Thrive St. Louis, Crisis Nursery, The Child Advocacy Center, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, PreventEd, and Saint Louis Counseling. The LCRB will work with the circuit and its treatment court to promote access to funded services for the children and youth of families involved in the court system.
- Ms. Winchester attended the 45th Circuit Court’s Upstream Youth Mapping offered by the National Center for State Courts on Monday, April 29 (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, April 30 (8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). The *UPSTREAM Strengthening Children and Families through Prevention and Intervention Strategies: A Court and Community-Based Approach Mapping Workshop* included court resources, judicial leadership, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, and community-based partnerships. The workshop resulted in three priority areas of focus, including improving access to mental health crisis intervention services; peer support and life skills development; and child care access. Participants selected one of the three focus groups to join, participate in subsequent meetings, and develop/implement action items following the workshop for ongoing community and circuit improvements.
- The Early Childhood Taskforce’s Shower of Love Campaign will conclude this spring. To date, the task force has received approximately \$800 in campaign donations. Bank of Old Monroe and Mercy Hospital Lincoln are holding employee drives to support Shower of Love and the campaign’s child abuse and neglect prevention efforts. In the meantime, the task force continues to receive and meet requests from providers who serve Lincoln County’s fragile families.
- Hally Wells has completed LCRB’s 2024 spring site visits and audits. Overall, findings were positive and Hally worked with the providers to address and correct any discrepancies. The LCRB conducts site visits and audits of funded LCRB programs and services twice each year. The next round of audits and site visits will take place in October and November.
- Hally Wells invited schools and providers to reach out if they have new staff that would like to participate in a CaseWorthy training during the summer. Hally is happy to train new or existing staff individually or as a group, at the LCRB’s office or at school or provider locations.

Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: Scott Hufty announced that the committee adjusted its certificate of deposit structure to better align with the strong level of provider reimbursements. The LCRB modified the CD structure from an \$800,000 CD to a 13-month \$700,000 CD, without penalty, and improved the LCRB's interest rate, now earning 5 percent. These efforts support the LCRB's commitment to fiscal management while working to keep pace with need.
- B. Personnel Committee: None
- C. Selection & Review Committee: Chair Christine Heintzelman asked committee members to convene at the LCRB's office immediately following the board meeting for a 2024-25 Selection & Review Committee debrief session.

Comments for the Good:

Ms. Winchester invited guests to share announcements or comments.

- Dr. Elaine Henderson shared that during a Boonslick Regional Commission meeting, it was noted that childcare remains a critical element of the commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. As noted in the 2023 LCRB Needs Assessment, Lincoln County is considered a "childcare desert." Lincoln County's status creates barriers to economic development as working parents rely on safe and affordable childcare to enter and/or remain in the workforce.
- Marilyn Carter announced that, with the help of a videographer, D.A.R.T. student groups created PSAs for broadcasting throughout the county, including at some gas pumps. The PSAs represent an innovative, and youth-led, approach for disseminating D.A.R.T.'s messaging. D.A.R.T.'s annual Teen Summit will be held at NorthRoad Community Church on Thursday, October 24. In partnership with the Troy R-III School District, D.A.R.T. will host Dr. Laura Stack, author of [The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana](#) and founder of [Johnny's Ambassadors](#). D.A.R.T. is seeking sponsorships to help cover the costs of these two events. Lastly, Lincoln County C.O.R.E. will host a free movie night at the Troy Movie House on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m. The movie *100 Miles to Redemption* will be shown, and local agencies will share resources related to addiction.
- Ms. Winchester shared that Bridge of Hope and The Key Youth Center are partnering to create an immersive fundraising experience to support these two local resources that address homelessness prevention in Lincoln County. The event, called "One Night," is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 19, 2024. One Night invites the community to forgo one night of the comforts of their homes to raise awareness and funds for these two causes. More details to come, including opportunities to support these initiatives without the overnight element.

Closed Executive Session: Motion made by Jim Price to go into closed executive session under § 610.021(1), RSMo. to obtain legal advice regarding a potential legal matter with the Board's attorney. Roll-Call Vote Taken: Margie Beckmann, Katrina Ellis, Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry (via Zoom), Christine Heintzelman, Dr. Elaine Henderson, Melba, Houston, Scott Hufty, Sarah Lavy (via Zoom), Donna Orf and Jim Price. None opposed. Motion carried.

Board consulted with attorney regarding potential legal matter.

The board voted to end the executive session and discussion pertaining to the pending legal matter. *(M.S.P.: Price, Heintzelman)*

The board voted to reconvene the LCRB May meeting. *(M.S.P.: Orf, Henderson)*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. by Melba Houston. *(M.S.P.: Hufty, Heintzelman)*

Next Meeting: The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 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