



**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 Chair Kathy Boessen.

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:**

Present: Margie Beckmann, Kathy Boessen, Katrina Ellis, Kristin Gentry, Christine Heintzelman (via Zoom), Dr. Elaine Henderson (via Zoom), Scott Hufty (via Zoom), Jim Price (via Zoom), Dr. Brandi Street (via Zoom), Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Glenda Fitzgerald and Melba Houston

Guests: **Attending via Zoom,** Felicia Linear (Thrive – Best Choice), Judson Bliss (SLC), Kim Hewlett (SJA), Leah Maniaci (PreventEd), Julie Seymore (TCC), Lindsay Kyonka (CNW), Kayla Stratmann (CNW), Jane Gavril (CHN), Ron Tompkins (NFN), Mark Grzeskowiak (PCHAS), Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T.) and Rebecca Martin (citizen). **Attending in Person,** Madronica Malone (Thrive – Best Choice), Christine Petty (CHN), Kristi Hammond (YIN) and Dalton Gilbert (citizen).

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made to approve the March 23, 2022, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Gentry, Ellis)*

**Monthly Financial Report:**

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

- Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2022
- Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual March 31, 2022
- Sales Tax History from 2021 to Present
- LCRB 2021- 2022 Funding Summary
- LCRB 2021- 2022 Schedule of Units

The balance of the Peoples Bank & Trust account on 04-26-22 was \$325,613.92 in the Main Account and \$692,587.16 in the Money Market Account for a total balance of \$1,018,201.08.

The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2022, shows \$9,528.45 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$120,000 in the LCRB Reserve Fund. Assets and equity are in balance at \$1,008,005.61.

A total of \$150,882.31 was received in March 2022 (137.95% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$120,407.99 (74.44% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net profit of \$30,474.32.

The March 2022 sales tax revenue (deposited on April 7, 2022) was \$140,013.70 (\$17,083.81 or 13.90% more than March 2021).

In April 2022, \$127,978.57 was paid to our providers for March 2022 services. The outstanding 2022 contract commitment is \$501,196.74 (for the contract term of Jan. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). The usage rate of our contracted services through March 31, 2022 is 80.13%.

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

**Correspondence & Announcements:**

- Lindsay Kyonka addressed the group regarding new developments with the St Louis Crisis Nursery – Wentzville (CNW) and their Lincoln County services. CNW has served as a long-time LCRB-funded provider, offering respite care for children 12 years and younger when parents or guardians need time to address personal health and welfare needs, search and interview for employment, secure housing, and more. CNW provides 24-hour care for these families, working first with the most critical situations as openings allow.

Over the last several months, CNW has experienced an increase in the number of calls from Lincoln County. In particular, they are observing more calls from families dealing with mental health crises and homelessness.

Lindsay explained that respite care, though, is only half of what CNW does. In addition, they have a Family Empowerment Program (FEP) in other counties. The FEP offers families ongoing support from clinically trained counselors and social workers. Lindsay reported counties that have FEP in place are experiencing shorter and less frequent stays at the Crisis Nursery as families are stabilized more quickly. Lincoln County families currently tend to require more hours and more frequent stays at CNW.

Thanks to a partnership with Mercy Hospital Lincoln, FEP services will soon be available to Lincoln County's fragile families. Ms. Kyonka introduced FEP specialist Kayla Stratmann who will serve Lincoln County families when the Nursery's outreach center, housed on the Mercy Hospital Lincoln campus, opens this summer. Ms. Stratmann will provide wrap-around services, case management, family groups, special events with giveaways, and more.

Ms. Winchester expressed her gratitude to CNW for their investment in Lincoln County families. This timely announcement aligns with the LCRB's Strategic Plan and demonstrates how our county is working to address child abuse risk factors during this month's commemoration as Child Abuse Prevention Month. LCRB Chair Kathy Boessen shared her appreciation and pleasure at the fact that CNW and Mercy are working together to respond to our county's needs.

#### Old Business:

- **Contract Cycle 2022-2023 Request for Funding Proposals** have been reviewed by the Selection & Review Committee with allocation recommendations made to LCRB's Finance Committee. Ms. Winchester shared information about the Selection & Review Committee process, thanking those members for their diligent consideration of the renewal applications and two new program funding requests. As part of the committee's deliberation, members review the applications against the LCRB's current strategic plan, needs assessments and the current LCRB budget and sales tax projections. The total amount requested was approximately \$1.9 million.

Presenting on behalf of the Selection & Review Committee, Chair Christine Heintzelman reported that the committee's funding request averages to \$145,000 in monthly reimbursements, reflecting a total 12-month investment of \$1.74 million for the 2022-2023 funding cycle. The Finance Committee approved this recommendation at its April meeting along with an increase to the LCRB's reserve fund from \$120,000 to \$165,000 for the new funding cycle to account for economic volatility.

*A motion was made to approve the Selection & Review Committee's recommendation to allocate funding to providers for an average of \$145,000 per month or \$1.74 million\* during the funding cycle from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Gentry) \*Allowing for a minor variance to account for unit cost calculations figured during the contract cycle process.*

*A motion was made to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation that the reserve fund be increased from \$120,000 to \$165,000. (M.S.P.: Price, Heintzelman)*

Ms. Winchester said she will conduct outreach to providers following the meeting regarding their board-approved funding allocations.

#### New Business:

- **The School-Based End-of-Year Assessment Survey**, designed to identify evolving needs and gain feedback related to programs and intervention services, has been updated to include strategic plan action items. The survey will be distributed during the first week of May and due at the end of May. Dr. Cynthia Berry will prepare a report based on the data collected, and micro reports will be shared with all funded providers. In order to gain a broader perspective from those working with students, this year's survey will be distributed to a small sampling of teachers as well. LCRB Chair Kathy Boessen commented that she is very glad that the board started collecting this data several years ago. The school assessments have proven critical to the Selection & Review Committee as they've made funding decisions, and conducting school assessments has now become an adopted practice by other counties that have a voter-approved children's services fund.
- Ms. Winchester announced that it is time to consider candidates for the **LCRB's 2022 "Pheeze Kemper Legacy Award."** Each year, LCRB recognizes an individual(s) in the community who strives to "put kids first in Lincoln County" through their employment and/or service and volunteer work. Past honorees have included: Dr. Amy Porter (Troy R-III School District), Ms. Nancy Baker (Winfield R-IV School District), Ms. Kristi Gregory (Troy R-III School District), Mr. Jason Miller (Elsberry R-II School District) and Troy Police Department's Ray Floyd and Roger Mauzy. Ms. Winchester asked board members to contact her with their nominations to maintain the element of surprise with the award.

## Executive Director's Report:

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

- **The Early Childhood Taskforce (ECTF)** will conclude its 2022 Shower of Love Campaign at the end of May. Thus far, monetary contributions have set records for the campaign with Healthy Blue Missouri presenting the ECTF with a check for \$5,000. With monies from individual donors and businesses, as well as proceeds from the Chihuahua's fundraising night, this year's campaign is expected to be the largest in the ECTF's history. Ms. Winchester also thanked the Bank of Old Monroe for their continued support of the Shower of Love campaign. Each year, the Bank of Old Monroe leverages its bank locations to conduct drives for both the Lincoln and St. Charles counties' Shower of Love campaigns. Partner agencies are invited to contact Ms. Winchester if they have families with children ages 0-5 with critical care needs. Due to the heightened level of need in our communities, the task force will also consider nonprofit partner requests beyond baby car items, including assistance with utility bills, child safety equipment, gas for travel to medical appointments, and more. Those wishing to donate may make checks out to "Public Health Fund" with "Shower of Love" written in the memo.
- **LCRB's YouTube Channel** now has six parent education videos uploaded. The most recently uploaded video features Michelle King, Troy R-III School District's Early Childhood Education Center Principal. Ms. King explains how impactful the Early Childhood Taskforce's Shower of Love Campaign is in providing critical care needs such as diapers, formula, wipes and so much more to fragile families in Lincoln County. Ms. Winchester encourages providers and guests to subscribe to the LCRB's YouTube channel and to share LCRB video links on their social media platforms. A link to the YouTube channel can be found on the LCRB website's homepage.
- **LCRB Spring Audits and Site Visits** are nearly complete. Hally Wells thanked providers for their assistance with questions throughout the process, stating that visits to providers are great opportunities to learn more about programs and their clinical outcomes.
- **The Annual Report to the Community** is completed and under review by the board. Once approved, Ms. Winchester will schedule the LCRB's annual presentation to the Lincoln County Commissioners.
- Ms. Winchester shared that Judge Darrell Missey is **Missouri's new Children's Division Director**. Judge Missey will be touring the state and has accepted the LCRB's invitation to meet with funded providers and local child welfare partners/advocates during his Lincoln County visit scheduled for Friday, May 6.
- Ms. Winchester shared that she was invited to present at Lincoln County's **Pinwheels for Prevention** event held on April 19 at the Lincoln County Courthouse. The presentation highlighted the LCRB's role in funding programs and services to prevent child abuse and provide child victims and their families with needed therapeutic supports in Lincoln County. Ms. Winchester expressed appreciation to the event organizers for creating awareness of this critical issue and including the LCRB. Additionally, Ms. Winchester announced that May 1 – 7 is **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**.
- Ms. Winchester is finalizing the **LCRB's Toyota Missouri Grant application**, which is due May 1. If awarded the grant will be used to fund this year's LCRB Legislative Summit
- **The 2022 Provider Brief Schedule** is open to any funded providers who would like to share a brief presentation about their agency during 2022 LCRB meetings. These briefs, offered during our board meetings, provide funded agencies with an opportunity to share timely updates about their programs and services in Lincoln County. Any providers that would like to present a brief should contact Ms. Winchester with their preferred month.

## Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee: Committee Chair Jim Price thanked the Selection & Review Committee for their hard work in reviewing funding applications and arriving at funding recommendations for the next contract cycle.

B. Personnel Committee: None

C. Selection & Review Committee: Committee Chair Christine Heintzelman thanked the Selection & Review Committee members for their hard work, and expressed appreciation to the Finance Committee for their careful consideration of the recommendations that were provided.

## Comments for the Good:

- Kim Hewlett from Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service (SJA) shared that SJA has been partnering with Sacred Heart in Troy and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist families with energy bills, water bills and/or rent. They dedicate a staff member at Sacred Heart monthly to meet with families and provide case management and other supports. They have served 30 clients in the last three months.
- Ms. Hewlett announced that SJA has hired a new staff member, Ellen, who will begin Lincoln County services when schools resume in August.

**Adjournment:** *The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. by Chair Kathy Boessen (M.S.P.: Gentry, Hufty)* **Next Meeting:** The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's Community Room (located at 1112 East Cherry Street in Troy) and via Zoom.** Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director