



**Meeting Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:31 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, Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry (via Zoom), Christine Heintzleman, Dr. Elaine Henderson (via Zoom), Jim Price, Scott Hufty, Donna Orf, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

**Absent:** Melba Houston

**Guests: *Attending via Zoom:*** Madeleine Castle (Senator Josh Hawley's Office), Madronica Malone (ThriVe-Best Choice), Danielle Bealmear (CHN), Cynde Weber (CHN), James Whitaker (Catholic Charities of St. Louis), Jaidan Adams (PreventEd), Julie Seymore (TCAC), Carol Otten (F.A.C.T.), and Brittany Morgan (SJA)

***Attending in Person:*** Marilyn Carter (D.A.R.T. Coalition), Jessica Rogalski (CNW), Judson Bliss (SLC), Zane Maus (SLC), Freda Clemons (TCAC), Alaina Laxton (CASA), Heather Lytle (F.A.C.T.), and Melanie Urbaniak (F.A.C.T.).

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Hufty, Price)*

**Monthly Financial Report:**

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

- Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2025
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual December 31, 2025
- Sales Tax History from 2025 to Present
- LCRB 2025-2026 Funding Summaries
- LCRB 2025-2026 Schedules of Units

The balance of the Peoples Bank & Trust account on 1-27-26 was \$45,295.05 in the Main Checking Account; 1,257.05 in the Money Market Accounts; and \$201,292.87 in the Certificate of Deposit, for a total balance of \$247,845.42.

The Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025, shows a balance of \$251,312.43 held in the LCRB certificate of deposit (this figure includes the LCRB \$200,000 reserve fund). Assets and equity are in balance at \$257,371.91.

A total of \$141,125.15 was received in December 2025 (99.57% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$231,185.26 (120.67% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net loss of \$90,060.11.

The December 2025 sales tax revenue (deposited January 7 (\$174,025.26) and January 12 (\$3,990.12) 2026) totaled \$178,015.38 (\$25,626.04 or 16.82% more than December 2024).

In January 2026, \$195,157.95 was paid to our providers for December 2025 services. The outstanding 2025-2026 contract commitment is \$1,033,091.25 (for the contract term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026). The usage rate of our contracted services through December 31, 2025, is 42.97%.

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

**Correspondence & Announcements:** Ms. Winchester shared that Chari Bender with Nurses for Newborns has passed away. Chari served Lincoln County families for many years, working to strengthen our families, prevent child abuse and neglect, and ensure our babies were safe, healthy and thriving. Chari served on the Early Childhood Task Force since its inception, and was the creative mind behind our Mother's Day Tea event and, most recently, our Lincoln County Baby Shower. Ms. Winchester routed a sympathy card for board members and guests to sign, and she'll mail the card to leadership at Nurses for Newborns.

## **Provider Brief: Saint Louis Counseling (Counseling, Outpatient Psychiatry, and School-Based Services)**

- Zane Maus and Judson Bliss reported that there are two Lincoln County offices in which Saint Louis Counseling (SLC) staff meet with clients. They conduct sessions at their offices in the lower level of The Key Youth Center and at a designated office space at Bridge of Hope Lincoln County. During 2025, SLC served 250 clients and conducted 2,000 service sessions with those clients. LCRB funding paid for services for 103 clients and 760 sessions. In 2025, SLC employed one full-time and one part-time counselor to provide office-based counseling services for Lincoln County. As they begin 2026, SLC now employs two full-time office-based counselors and are fully staffed for their school-based services. Mr. Maus expressed a desire to expand SLC services and increase collaborations throughout Lincoln County, reaching under-served Lincoln County communities, like Winfield, as opportunities arise.
- Saint Louis Counseling representatives also explained the agency's Zero Suicide initiative, which touches every point of SLC contact from staff to clients. The initiative calls for conducting suicide risk screenings during **every** client (8 years of age and up) connection that is made by a SLC staff member. The practice helps staff assess risks to clients' health and connect those with symptoms to appropriate services, as well as serving as a prevention tool. The initiative also requires significant staff investments, with each SLC staff member participating in 12-14 hours of education regarding suicide risk and assessments.

### **Old Business:**

#### **LCRB Officers, Article V of Bylaws**

- In accordance with Article V, Section 5.3 of the LCRB bylaws, the LCRB shall elect a two-year term chair, vice chair, and treasurer at the corresponding January board meeting. The bylaws state that the LCRB open the floor for nominations and take an oral vote. Should there be more than one nomination for the officer position, the LCRB must vote by secret ballot.

*A motion was made to nominate and elect Kathy Boessen as LCRB Chair. (M.S.P.: Fitzgerald, Hufty)*

*A motion was made to nominate and elect Melba Houston as LCRB Vice Chair. (M.S.P.: Hufty, Price)*

*A motion was made to nominate and elect Scott Hufty as LCRB Treasurer. (M.S.P.: Price, Ellis)*

### **CA/N Plan Implementation**

- Ms. Winchester shared that funding (\$100,000) for the Trauma Intervention Specialist/Case Navigator, to be employed by The Child Advocacy Center, has been secured and is in procurement. Julie Seymore is interviewing candidates for the position.
- Ms. Winchester is working with Dr. Cynthia Gandolfo to finalize the 2026 mandated reporter survey, which will be issued to our school partners at the end of February.
- The MDT will re-convene in February to review progress toward the implementation of CA/N Plan recommendations. State legislators and leaders from Missouri's Children's Division will be invited to attend.
- Ms. Winchester is exploring funding opportunities to support the Trauma Intervention Specialist/Case Navigator position beyond the initial grant funding.

### **New Business:**

#### **Contract Year 2026-2027 Funding Applications**

- In preparation for the upcoming funding cycle, updated funding applications and corresponding timelines will be posted to the LCRB website by January 31. There have been no significant changes to the funding application and providers are encouraged to adhere to the word-count recommendations within the application.
- While the Selection & Review Committee anticipates contracted funding allocations, now that the COVID-era surplus funding has been fully allocated and spent, the committee will accept concept papers to learn of new funding and programmatic opportunities for Lincoln County kids. The concept paper application will also be posted to the LCRB web site by January 31. Upon concept paper review, the committee will recommend if the agency should submit a new funding application. However, concept paper approval is not a guarantee of funding, but a first step in the funding application process.
- Please contact the LCRB with any questions regarding the application process.

### **March 2026 LCRB Meeting Date Change**

- This year's regularly scheduled March meeting falls during several Lincoln County school districts' spring breaks. Given the possibility that school and provider personnel, as well as LCRB members, will be traveling during that week, and the LCRB's desire to ensure a quorum, an alternative March meeting date was considered.

*A motion was made to re-schedule the March LCRB meeting to Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative community room and via Zoom. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Fitzgerald)*

### **Executive Director's Report:**

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

### **Lincoln County System of Care Meetings**

- The next System of Care meeting will be held on February 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Troy R-III's Powell Conference Room.

### **The Early Childhood Task Force (ECTF)**

- The ECTF Shower of Love fund currently holds \$2,251.77. Regular requests for assistance are vetted and submitted by our providers and ECTF partners, and distributions are made to support Lincoln County families with critical care items, one-time-only utility or rent payments, car repairs, childcare assistance, and more.
- The ECTF will partner with Winfield Primary School and its Family Fun Night on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The well-attended Family Fun Night provides opportunities for ECTF and LCRB-funded providers to educate families about local resources and engage/build rapport with Winfield families and children to support program referrals. This year, the ECTF will conduct two of the three break-out sessions available for parents. LCRB-funded providers from the Crisis Nursery and Nurses for Newborns will present a program about addressing and reducing challenging behaviors, and representatives from Troy R-III's Parents as Teachers program and Love-N-Learn Preschool will present ideas for taking family technology breaks.
- The task force is conducting outreach to the NorthRoad children's director to schedule the ECTF's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower for new and expectant moms. Last year's baby shower was a tremendous success, allowing moms to collect resources, connect with other parents, receive and win baby supplies and gift baskets, and enjoy a time of pampering.

### **Provider Briefs**

- The LCRB asks that providers present short (5-10 minutes) briefs in preparation for the 2026 Selection & Review Committee meetings to review funding requests for the 2026-27 contract cycle. Providers who have not presented to the LCRB within the last two months should reach out to Hally to sign up for February or March presentation timeslots.

### **LCRB's 20<sup>th</sup> Year of Service**

- Ms. Winchester announced that 2026 marks the LCRB's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A new logo to commemorate the LCRB's service anniversary has been created and the board will work to leverage the LCRB anniversary to create greater awareness of the board, its mission and funded programs and services for Lincoln County kids and families.

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. Finance Committee: Acknowledging that many may not be aware of this information, Jim Price shared that online orders and those **picked up** at Walmart (not shopped inside the store) are sales that are not attributed to our county. Taxes on those online and pick-up orders do not stay in Lincoln County.
- B. Personnel Committee: Donna Orf stated that the committee is beginning the process of updating the LCRB handbook. Information will be shared as the process continues.
- C. Selection & Review Committee: Christine Heintzelman looks forward to hearing from providers during LCRB's February and March meetings. The provider briefs help to support the committee's funding allocation decisions.

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

#### **Marilyn Carter shared updates from D.A.R.T. Lincoln County:**

- During D.A.R.T.'s January 29 meeting, PreventEd will present a program entitled "**Cannabis Roadmap.**" Community members and leaders, legislators, parents, and others are invited to attend this free event.

- Following D.A.R.T.'s meeting on January 29, CORE will offer a Lunch-n-Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Presented by the Lincoln County Ambulance District, local overdose data and insights will be shared.
- Marilyn, accompanied by several members of the D.A.R.T. board, presented to the Lincoln County Commissioners on January 6. Marilyn shared D.A.R.T.'s prevention efforts and the areas of concern for Lincoln County youth with Lincoln County leadership.
- Nine individuals from D.A.R.T. will attend Missouri's Prevention Advocacy Day on Thursday, February 11, 2026, in Jefferson City. This day provides an opportunity to meet with state legislators to advocate for funding for prevention and laws that protect youth from underage tobacco, drug, and alcohol use.
- On February 12, 2026, Marilyn will host merchant training for Lincoln County businesses and their staff. Following training, compliance checks will be conducted to confirm that businesses are exercising legal sales.
- Marilyn will attend CADCA's 36th Annual National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. from February 2 to February 5.
- Marilyn is excited to have three Winfield students helping at the D.A.R.T. resource table for Winfield's Family Fun Night. She is working to engage students from around the county as active members of D.A.R.T. Coalition.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m. by Kathy Boessen. *(M.S.P.: Price, Beckmann)*

**Next Meeting:** The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom and in-person at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's Community Room**, located at 1112 East Cherry Street, Troy, MO.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director