



**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, Christine Heintzelman, Dr. Elaine Henderson, Melba Houston, Jim Price, Scott Hufty, Donna Orf, Cheri Winchester and Hally Wells

Absent: Glenda Fitzgerald, Kristin Gentry and Sarah Lavy

Guests: **Attending via Zoom:** Madeleine Castle (Senator Hawley's Office), Judson Bliss (SLC), Cassie Holt (PCHAS), Kelly Weiser (PreventEd), Carol Otten (F.A.C.T.), Danielle Bealmear (CHN), Kristina Kersting (YIN), Sarah Gramanzini (St. Stephen Christian Preschool) and James Whitaker (Catholic Charities)

**Attending in Person:** Marilyn Carter (D.A.R.T. Coalition) and Jessica Rogalski (CNW)

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made to approve the August 27, 2025, meeting minutes. (M.S.P.: Heintzelman, Henderson)*

**Monthly Financial Report:**

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

- Balance Sheets as of August 31, 2025
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual August 31, 2025
- Sales Tax History from 2024 to Present
- LCRB 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Funding Summaries
- LCRB 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Schedules of Units

The balance of the Peoples Bank & Trust account on 9-23-25 was \$252,746.08 in the Main Checking Account; 1,257.05 in the Money Market Accounts; and \$334,560.80 in the Certificate of Deposit, for a total balance of \$588,563.93.

The Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025, shows a balance of \$10,000 in the prepaid tax match fund and \$332,799.24, which includes the LCRB \$200,000 reserve fund, held in the LCRB certificate of deposit. Assets and equity are in balance at \$533,683.78.

A total of \$163,023.87 was received in August 2025 (111.55% of the monthly budget), and a total of \$101,846.07 (53.77% of the monthly budget) was paid out in expenditures, resulting in a net income of \$61,177.80.

The August 2025 sales tax revenue (deposited on September 7, 2025) totaled \$173,064.59 (\$15,391.33 or 9.76% more than August 2024).

In September 2025, \$109,675.10 was paid to our providers for August 2025 services. The outstanding 2025-2026 contract commitment is \$1,937,456.86 (for the contract term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026). The usage rate of our contracted services through August 31, 2025, is 9.11%.

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

**Correspondence & Announcements:**

- Kathy Boessen shared that LCRB member Glenda Fitzgerald's husband, Bruce, is in the hospital, which is why Glenda could not attend the meeting, and asked guests to keep him and Glenda in their thoughts as doctors determine the seriousness of his injuries.

- Ms. Winchester routed a flyer for the October 24, 2025, Lunch with Leaders Lincoln County event hosted by the Missouri Children’s Division Director Sara Smith. The event requires preregistration and will be held at the Lincoln County Health Department Community Room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Old Business:**

**Lincoln County System of Care Meetings**

- Following the inaugural September meeting, future Lincoln County System of Care meetings have been scheduled for: November 12, 2025; February 11, 2026; and April 8, 2026. Those meetings will be held at the Troy R-III Powell Conference Room due to group size and technology needs.
- During the initial meeting, Dr. Cynthia Berry provided an overview of Lincoln County’s “Top Issues Needing Focus/Attention” (pertaining to our kids’ mental and behavioral health reported needs) based on her various LCRB-funded assessments and reports, featuring input and data from our school partners; local, regional and state reports; and local students, through their anonymous participation in the Missouri Student Survey. The issues presented were:
  1. Anxiety, Emotional Regulation and Social Emotional Learning Skill Gaps
  2. Substance Use Risk—Vaping, Alcohol and Marijuana
  3. Chronic Absenteeism and School Disengagement
  4. Parent/Caregiver Engagement and Home Instability
- At the meeting, we asked participants to identify the top concern for System of Care discussion and action. The issue of Chronic Absenteeism and School Disengagement received the greatest and strongest response from those in attendance.
- We also reviewed a potential pilot project to leverage as part of our System of Care 2025-26 action plan: Handle with Care Notice that effectively expands the notice beyond law enforcement referrals, allowing for students, teachers, parents/guardians, agency staff, and others to submit a notice in support of a student.
- The LCRB is working with Dr. Berry to outline next steps for the System of Care members to consider.

**CA/N Plan**

- LCRB’s CA/N Plan efforts resulted in the development of a statewide pilot for a scalable, best-practice model—integrating therapeutic interventions and community-based supports—to:
  - Reduce substantiated child abuse and neglect cases.
  - Enhance and standardize the community response.
  - Strengthen inter-agency collaboration.
  - Break the cycle of abuse.
- The plan and its call for establishing a Trauma Intervention Specialist/Case Navigator received state funding.
- The LCRB is currently working with the state to leverage the budgeted \$100,000 to fund the navigator role and CA/N Plan-identified training needs for our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) partners.
- More information will be shared as the LCRB works with the state and its MDT partners to implement the plan.

**2025 LCRB Legislative Summit & Mobile Outreach Tour, Sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing**

- Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri has awarded the LCRB \$3,000 for the 2025 LCRB Legislative Summit and Mobile Outreach Tour, scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025. The grant will cover the summit’s costs. No children’s services funds dollars are expended for the tour.
- Through the Toyota grant, the LCRB will provide bus transportation from the Lincoln County Health Department. Current plans call for the buses to depart from the health department by 8:30, transporting participants to our first stop at the Winfield Early Childhood Education Center. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m., with tours of the center offered until the program begins at 9:30 a.m. Following the Winfield program, the buses will depart for Elsberry where we will conclude the tour. Additional details will be forthcoming.
- The LCRB expresses its sincere gratitude to Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri for its 10<sup>th</sup> annual sponsorship of this unique experience where we transport policymakers and community leaders to the forefront of issues and opportunities affecting our kids’ and families’ behavioral health.

**New Business:**

**Fall Site Visits and Audits**

- Hally will conduct the first set of site visits and audits for the 2025-2026 contract cycle during the month of November. These visits ensure compliance with LCRB funding and reporting standards and serve as a safeguard for Lincoln County taxpayers. During the site visits, the LCRB ensures proper record keeping, validates age and

county requirements, and more. Staff report audit outcomes to the board to support the members' funding allocations and decision-making processes.

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

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

#### **LCRB Presentation for Community Partners of Eastern Lincoln County**

- Ms. Winchester will present to members of the Community Partners of Eastern Lincoln County regarding the Lincoln County Resource Board during its October 9 Coffee and Connections meeting, to be held at Common Grounds Coffee House in Winfield from 8:15-9:30 a.m.

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

- The ECTF Shower of Love fund currently holds \$3,611.82. 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 currently is partnering with NorthRoad Community Church to participate once per month in the NorthKids play groups, which the church offers weekly for the community at large. ECTF members have committed to participating in the first Monday of the month play group where they can engage with parents, offer activities and resources, and educate parents about local programs and services for Lincoln County's children and families. ECTF members participated in the Monday, September 8 session. Debbie Gittemeier from Youth In Need's Early Head Start Program and Jessica Rogalski from the Crisis Nursery Family Empowerment Program, along with Hally from LCRB, attended the gathering, sharing resources and engaging with families.
- Once again, Winfield Primary School will host a Family Fun Night and will partner with the ECTF for the event. The date has not been determined, but it will be scheduled for January or February 2026. The well-attended Family Fun Nights provide opportunities for ECTF and LCRB-funded providers to share information; distribute supplies, toys, books, and other items; and engage with families.
- LCRB Member Christine Heintzelman added that the Joseph R. Palmer Memorial Library in Elsberry is now hosting a monthly event for "littles" in the community. Amy Harris is coordinating the events, including the "Library Pumpkin Patch," which will be held on Tuesday, October 7. Contact the library for more information.

#### **2025 Pheeze Kemper Legacy Award Nominations**

- Ms. Winchester has been seeking nominations from LCRB members for the **2025 Pheeze Kemper Legacy Award**. Named for Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper, one of the LCRB's founding board members and a former mayor of Troy, the LCRB selects an individual each year who "Puts Kids First" in Lincoln County. Past award recipients have included mental health providers, school counselors and educators, law enforcement personnel, and others. Most recently, the LCRB has presented the award as a surprise during LCRB's annual Legislative Summit and Mobile Outreach Tour.
- Ms. Winchester suggested that LCRB consider those instrumental in advancing the CA/N Plan. Ms. Winchester presented a recommendation that Sen. Travis Fitzwater be considered for his advocacy efforts to secure funding for the CA/N Plan from the state. His role and efforts resulted in the LCRB securing \$100,000 to implement a Trauma Intervention Specialist/Case Navigator to better serve kids and teens who have been victims of child abuse and neglect.

*A motion was made to nominate Senator Travis Fitzwater for LCRB's 2025 Pheeze Kemper Legacy Award. (M.S.P.: Price, Orf)*

#### **Provider Briefs**

- Providers are invited to sign up and present program briefs during upcoming LCRB meetings. Board members appreciate learning about updates and/or changes regarding funded programming, and these short presentations are wonderful opportunities to highlight successes of provider agencies. Any provider wishing to present during an upcoming monthly meeting should reach out to the LCRB.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- A. Finance Committee: Ms. Winchester noted that Charles Montgomery, C.P.A., has completed the annual audit of LCRB, and the audit report has been uploaded to LCRB's website.
- B. Personnel Committee: None
- C. Selection & Review Committee: None

### Comments for the Good:

- Judson Bliss shared that Saint Louis Counseling recently completed its Joint Commission accreditation. The accreditation is granted after a rigorous review and resulted in a “no findings” of concern or areas for improvement, representing a significant achievement.
- The Child Advocacy Center will present “Trafficking 101” at the Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library on October 22, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. If interested, visit The Child Advocacy Center’s Facebook page for the registration link.
- It was mentioned that libraries, including Lincoln County’s Powell Memorial Library, often lend items other than books. For example, Powell Memorial Library offers items such as sewing machines, telescopes, weaving tools, and more, which can be checked out by card-holding library members.
- Marilyn Carter shared updates from D.A.R.T. Lincoln County:
  - **D.A.R.T. will meet on Thurs., September 25** at the Lincoln County Health Department’s Community Room at 9:30 a.m.; the CORE meeting will follow at 10:30. D.A.R.T. will not hold an October meeting.
  - D.A.R.T. has a full calendar for October. D.A.R.T. will host or participate in the following upcoming events:
    - The **2025 D.A.R.T. Teen Summit** will be held on **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at NorthRoad Church.**
    - Winfield’s SRO will host **National Night Out at NorthRoad Church on Tuesday, October 7.**
    - **D.A.R.T.** will partner with **Addiction is Real** and its interactive trailer display to educate community members at **One Night to End Homelessness on Sat., Oct. 11.**
    - Volunteers will collect unused prescription medications across the county as part of **Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 25.**
- Bridge of Hope Lincoln County and The Key Youth Center will partner to hold the second annual “**One Night to End Homelessness**” fundraiser on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Clonts Field. Organizers have already received sponsorships from Peoples Bank and Trust (\$10,000) and Jake’s Blessings (\$10,000). There will be a variety of family-friendly activities and entertainment, as well as educational experiences related to the crisis of homelessness.
- Jessica Rogalski will host the **Family Empowerment Program’s monthly diaper giveaway** on October 3, 2025. Those interested should call 314-229-1834 to receive a diaper donation.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. by Kathy Boessen. (*M.S.P.: Hufty, Price*)

**Next Meeting:** The next Lincoln County Resource Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, via Zoom and in-person at the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Community Room.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cheri Winchester, Executive Director