

THE COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCE BOARD
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2017

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Guests:

Present: Ron Berrey, Molly Dempsey, Linda Wilson Horn, Larry Marty, Allison Onder and Nancy Schneider

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Jan Lewien and Michelle McElfresh

Absent: Dave Beckering and Linda Haberstroh

Guests: Angela Tate (Behavioral Health Response), Jeannette Koecher (Boys & Girls Club), Saundra Barker (Catholic Family Services), Sissy Swift and Laura Cook (The Child Center), Katrina McDonald (Crider Health Center), DiAnne Mueller (Crisis Nursery), Rebecca Cornatzer (Epworth), Heather Lytle (FACT), Kathy Thompson (LINC), Courtney Knipp (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Tina Meier (Megan Meier Foundation), Denise Fondren and Daria Winker (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker and Cindy Jones (Preferred Family Healthcare), Carissa Figgins and Mark Hollander (Sparrows Nest Maternity Home), Pam Struckhoff (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Juvaughn Baker (ThriVe), Kevin McGuire and Tami Fawcett

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 board meeting. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Marty) – Motion passed.

Partner Presentation: Tina Meier from Megan Meier Foundation thanked the Board for their partnership and gave an update on the impact their agency is having on St. Charles County youth.

Public Comment: Kevin McGuire, a parent from the Francis Howell School district, commented that he feels teachers are qualified to teach prevention programming and are drawing salaries from taxpayers and, therefore, he feels that ThriVe Best Choice program being taught in schools is a waste of tax dollars.

Juvaughn Baker from Thrive read a statement from Bridet VanMeans, Executive Director of ThriVe, refuting the claims against Thrive's Best Choice program and reporting the successes on the program in schools.

Tammy Fawcett, a parent from the Francis Howell School district, expressed her concerns about the pre and post surveys given by ThriVe to students in the school.

Report of the Chair: Ron Berrey reported on the members of the standing committees:

Personnel Committee: Dave Beckering and Linda Wilson Horn

Finance: Molly Dempsey and Nancy Schneider

Children's Trust Fund: Molly Dempsey and Allison Onder

Policies and Procedures: Larry Marty, Linda Haberstroh and Dave Beckering

Report of the Treasurer: Molly Dempsey reported on the two-month statement ending February 28, 2017. The Services Fund balance is \$933,316 and Current Assets are \$2,107,514. Actual tax revenues collected were \$516,075 on a budget amount of \$606,150. No Investment Income was accrued. Miscellaneous Revenue for \$8,018.94 was reimbursement from the Boys & Girls Club for 2016 expenses. Total revenue for February was \$524,094.44 on a budget of \$600,450. Expenditure requests for February services totaled \$741,172 on a budget amount of \$633,130. Explanations of the 26 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: Behavioral Health Response (mobile outreach and phone), CHADS (home based services), The Child Center (advocacy), Children's Home Society (home based services), Community Living (respite), Community Psychological (testing), Crider (parent partner), Crisis Nursery (respite), Megan Meier Foundation (counseling), Our Lady's Inn (unwed mothers), Preferred Family Healthcare (Intensive Outpatient-intensive outpatient services, group counseling and family counseling) and The Sparrow's Nest (room and board) was due to high demand. Catholic Family Services (crisis intervention), CHADS (prevention), The Child Center (prevention), Crider Health Center (prevention), Preferred Family Healthcare (Teams of Concern-case management, intakes and counseling), Thrive (prevention) and United Services (IBIC) was above the variance due to school-based usage. Crider (Medicaid) was above the variance because multiple months of billing were submitted for reimbursement.

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer for \$741,000.00 for the month of February. (M.S.P.: Dempsey/Onder) – Motion passed.

Bruce Sowatsky reported that revenues were up 2.4% higher when compared to 2016.

All of CCRB invoices and bills paid were completed with 100% accuracy.

Report of Standing Committees:

- Children's Trust Fund: Bruce Sowatsky reported the CCRB will submit the reapplication to continue being a CTF partner.
- Finance: No Finance report.
- Personnel: No Personnel report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: No Executive Policies and Procedures report.
- Strategic Planning: Larry Marty reported the CCRB's current strategic plan includes developing logic models. Larry and Jan Lewien have been working on developing logic models for the 10 service categories.

Jan Lewien presented the Temporary Shelter and Transitional Living logic models. Jan said that the CCRB plans to offer a logic model training workshop in the Summer for partnering agencies so that they can develop their own program logic models.

Report of Executive Director: Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- The CCRB's annual report is available for distribution.
- Bruce reviewed a draft of the CCRB's audit last week. The auditor's recommendations for the CCRB: 1) To expand the inventory capitalization policy, and 2) To apply for tax

exempt status with vendors to waive tax on purchased goods. The auditor will present at the May board meeting.

- Staff addressed all questions and concerns about ThriVe's Best Choice program.
- The CCRB's annual report will be distributed to legislators in Jefferson City.
- Missouri Ethics Commission's financial disclosure statement must be completed by board members by the first week of May.
- Bruce distributed a Missouri Kids Count document about tax entities for children across the State of Missouri.
- Bruce announced that partnering agencies will be getting an employment survey asking for information about 1) if they are having difficulty finding qualified staff for employment, and 2) if there are specific classes or college coursework that would be helpful for new hires. Bruce and Connie Cunningham are planning to meet with Deans of Social Work at universities to develop a plan to meet these needs.
- Jan Lewien is receiving FACT's Advocate of the Year award on April 21.

Jan Lewien provided a synopsis of the end-of-the-year reports for CCRB agencies. Overall, agencies had 95.3% goal attainment. Copies of the reports were emailed to board members prior to the meeting.

Old Business: Sexual Abstinence Prevention: Ron Berrey reported that ThriVe's parent portal for the Best Choice program is now available online.

A motion was made that the CCRB maintain its contract with ThriVe for the 2017 calendar year with two recommendations. 1) To comply with Missouri State law that parents have access to the curriculum so that they can make an educated decision about opting in or opting out of the program, the program curriculum must be made available for review. 2) In order to comply with their own non-discriminatory hiring policy, as well as the hiring policy of the CCRB, all employment advertisements for the ThriVe Best Choice program are not allowed to stipulate that candidates applying for employment must be of a certain religious faith. The CCRB cannot and will not dictate where ThriVe makes employment opportunities available, but asks that ThriVe make available all employment ads for this program to the CCRB before posting for the rest of 2017. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

New Business: Financial Policies Revisions – First Reading – Larry Marty conducted the first reading of the financial policies revisions. A copy of the revisions have been previously emailed to all board members. Board members should contact Larry if they have any changes or questions.

Announcements: Larry Marty announced the Let's Talk suicide prevention program on April 4 at Immanuel Lutheran Church on 5th Street.

DiAnne Mueller from Crisis Nursery thanked the CCRB for sponsoring the Shower of Love, and also announced their annual conference on May 19 at Maryville University.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. (M.S.P.: Dempsey/Schneider) – Motion passed.