

THE COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCE BOARD  
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2017

**Meeting Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Roll Call and Guests:**

Present: Dave Beckering, Ron Berrey, Molly Dempsey, Linda Haberstroh, Pastor Raymond Horry, Larry Marty and Nancy Schneider

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Jan Lewien and Michelle McElfresh

Absent: Linda Wilson Horn (work) and Allison Onder

Guests: Mandy Bowlin (Behavioral Health Response)m, Linda Sanchez (Boys & Girls Club), Lauri Fink (Catholic Family Services), Sissy Swift (The Child Center), Sheri Wiltse (Community Living), Gregory Dahl and Mike Leveque (Community Psychological), Vicki Walker (Crider Health Center), Lindsay Kyonka (Crisis Nursery), Julia Pickup (Epworth), Heather Lytle (FACT), Angela McAllister (LINC), Mike Duggar (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Alex King (Megan Meier Foundation), Christine Paterson (NAMI), Nichole Dawsey and Howard Weissman (NCADA), Melissa Daniels (Orchard Farm R-5 School District), Angelica O'Neill (Our Lady's Inn), Cindy Jones, Kelly Broeker and Beth Sailors (Preferred Family Healthcare), Tim Lohmar and Leslie Knight (Prosecuting Attorney's Office), Carissa Figgins (The Sparrow's Nest), Jack Lipin and Linda Yates (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Juvaughn Baker (Thrive), Lori Kohrs (United Services), Cheri Thurman (Wentzville School District) and Cara Merritt (Youth in Need)

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 board meeting. (M.S.P.: Beckering/Schneider) – Motion passed.

**Partner Presentation:** Gregory Dahl (Community Psychological) thanked the Board for their partnership and gave an update on the impact their agency is having on St. Charles County youth.

**Public Comment:** The following agencies commented about 2018 Funding Priorities:

Dr. Melissa Daniel (Orchard Farm School District) and Cheri Thurman (Wentzville School District) reported that transportation, psychiatric services, in-home supports, imbedded school-based therapists, psychiatric evaluations, housing and bullying programs are services that are needed in their school districts.

Nicole Dawsey (NCADA) and Tim Lohmar (Prosecuting Attorney's Office) reported the need for substance abuse prevention and opioid/heroin programs in our community.

Melinda Ohlemiller (Nurses for Newborns) reported that they are experiencing many infants with opioid exposure and withdrawal symptoms.

Beth Sailors (Preferred Family Healthcare) reported that they is a great need for drug abuse prevention, alumni services and increased family involvement in St. Charles County.

Vicki Walker (Crider Health Center) reported the need for school-based mental health specialists.

Lindsay Kyonka (Crisis Nursery) reported great demand for child abuse and neglect services for both prevention and respite.

Sissy Swift (The Child Center) reported the demand for child abuse prevention service and forensic interviews.

Lauri Fink (Catholic Family Service) reported the need for crisis intervention services and counseling.

Kyle Dooley (NAMI) reported the need for Crisis Intervention Training for police in St. Charles County.

Mandy Bowlin (Behavioral Health Response) reported the need for increased mobile outreach.

Linda Sanchez (Boys & Girls Club) reported the need for after-school programs for youth.

Pam Struckhoff (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service) reported the demand for services for those experiencing homelessness.

Courtney Knipp (Lutheran Family & Children's Services) reported a need for both school based and center based counseling services.

Carissa Figgins (The Sparrow's Nest) reported the need for counseling for individuals that have experienced abuse, neglect and/or trauma.

Cara Merritt (Youth in Need) reported the need for school-based counseling and transitional living program services.

Juvaughn Baker (Thrive) reported the need for sexual risk avoidance prevention programming in schools.

**Report of the Chair:** No report of the Chair.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Molly Dempsey reported on the five-month statement ending May 31, 2017. The Services Fund balance is \$552,645 and Current Assets are \$1,731,159. Actual tax revenues collected were \$480,450 on a budget amount of \$606,150. Investment Income of \$2,976 was accrued. Fundraising revenue of \$625 was from the Shower of Love. Refund of Taxes for \$34,529 was for the City of St. Charles. Total revenue for May was \$449,522 on a budget of \$600,450. Expenditure requests for May services totaled \$732,590 on a budget amount of \$633,130. Explanations of the 36 line items that were over the 5% variance

and over \$1,000 included: Behavioral Health Response (mobile outreach and mental health first aid training), Bethany Christian Service (respite), Catholic Family Services (counseling), CHADS (home based services), Child Center (forensic interviews and advocacy), Children's Home Society (home based services, psychological assessments and respite), Community Psychological (testing), Crider (parent partner), Crisis Nursery (respite), Epworth (counseling), Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition (crisis intervention), LINC (wraparound), Megan Meier Foundation (counseling), Our Lady's Inn (unwed mothers), Preferred Family Healthcare (Intensive Outpatient-case management, intensive outpatient services, individual counseling and assessments), The Sparrow's Nest (room and board) and Youth In Need (counseling, room/board and shelter counseling) were due to high demand. Catholic Family Services (crisis intervention), Crider Health Center (school based mental health specialist), Preferred Family Healthcare (Teams of Concern-case management, counseling and prevention), Thrive (prevention), United Services (IBIC) and Youth In Need (Safe Place) were above the variance due to school-based usage. Crider Health Center (parent partner-Medicaid and school based mental health specialist-Medicaid) were above the variance because multiple months of billing was submitted for reimbursement.

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer for \$767,000 for the month of May. The motion includes \$34,000 for the TIF reimbursement for the City of St. Charles (M.S.P.: Dempsey/Beckerling) – Motion passed.

Bruce Sowatsky reported that revenues are down 20% in June, compared to last year and current funds are at a 2.1% growth over last year. He also reported that 36 of the 50 top revenue companies were not processed by the Department of Revenue. Bruce reported that the lack of revenue may put the opportunity for supplemental funding in jeopardy.

All of CCRB invoices and bills paid were completed with 100% accuracy, but he financials reversed the reimbursement amounts for the Crisis Nursery.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

- Children's Trust Fund: Bruce reported that the Children's Trust Fund has a new director.
- Finance: No Finance report.
- Personnel: No Personnel report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: No Executive Policies and Procedures report.
- Strategic Planning: Bruce reported that staff have met with Wendy Dyer about strategic planning. Jan Lewien presented about the counseling and crisis intervention services logic models.

**Report of Executive Director:** Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- Staff have been reviewing the CCRB hiring policies.
- Bruce, Ron Berrey and Michelle McElfresh met with Laura Heebner about Medicaid reimbursement for the School Based Mental Health Specialists and the Partnership with Families programs and how it will impact the CCRB contract.
- Bruce reported that the Corporate Group lease for the CCRB's office space will expire the end of August.

- Bruce has begun meeting with local universities about their social work schools and how they can insure students are prepared for employment in our community. Bruce met with staff from University of Missouri St. Louis, and meetings are scheduled with Washington, Lindenwood and St. Louis universities.
- Bruce plans to meet with Pike County to provide consulting on passing their children's services fund campaign.

**Old Business:** A motion was made to approve the 2016 audit as presented in the May board meeting. (M.S.P.: Haberstroh/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

**New Business:** Board members discussed funding priorities for 2018.

A motion was made to set the CCRB's 2018 funding priorities as psychiatry/school-based counseling, child abuse neglect and prevention, crisis intervention and drug abuse treatment and prevention. (M.S.P.: Beckering/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

**Announcements:** Jack Lipin from Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service announced the "In Plain Sight" homeless photo project. Beginning on June 29, photos will be on display at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Center, and other photos will be on a traveling display at various locations in the community.

Sissy Swift from The Child Center announced the Midwest Justice for Children conference on September 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carissa Figgins from The Sparrow's Nest announced their Single Moms support group on June 26 at the O'Fallon Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. (M.S.P.: Beckering/Horry) – Motion passed.