

THE COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCE BOARD
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2018

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Roll Call and Guests:

Present: Ron Berrey, Molly Dempsey, Cory Elliott, Pastor Raymond Horry, Larry Marty, Allison Onder, Nancy Schneider, Catherine Williams, and Linda Wilson Horn

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Michelle McElfresh, and Jeanne Spencer

Guests: Mandy Bowlin (Behavioral Health Response), Christine Corcoran (Bethany Christian Services), Linda Sanchez (Boys & Girls Club), Ben Chambers (CHADS Coalition for Mental Health), Betsy Crowley and Sissy Swift (The Child Center, Inc.), Sheri Wiltse (Community Living), Katrina McDonald (Compass/Crider Health Center), Jennifer Vorachack (Epworth Children and Family Services), Heather Lytle (F.A.C.T.), Kathy Thompson (LINC St. Charles County), Katelyn Eichorst, Kristina Kersting, Susan McDowell, and Deb Russell (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Tina Meier (Megan Meier Foundation), Melinda Monroe (Nurses for Newborn), Denise Fondren (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker, Megan Hastings, and Cindy Jones (Preferred Family Healthcare), Jack Lipin (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Juvaughn Baker, Jana Coffman, Suzanne Entzeroth, Carolyn Kuntz, Felicia Linear, Madronica Malone, Joy Maxwell, Candice Pinkins, and Matt Totra (ThriVe St. Louis), Kristi Machica (Youth In Need), Jessica Cofer, Janet Dillon, Gary Hardin, John Higgins, Anita Krechel, Pastor Jim Lajeuness, Pastor Pat Rankin, Vicky Rankin, Anna Stygar, and Sandy Vaccaro (Have Bible Will Travel Church), Mary Ann Boatright, Angel Collins, Sally Hunt, Betty Kramer, Wendy Lumetta, Karen O'Hearn, Patrick O'Hearn, Vickie Skaggs, and Sara Valle

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Board meeting. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Marty) – Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Agency Hearings Board meeting. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Onder) – Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Agency Hearings Board meeting (M.S.P.: Schneider/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

Public Comment: Karen O'Hearn, St. Charles city resident, spoke about the number of school districts in the St. Louis Metro that have terminated their contract with ThriVe Best Choice, believes district teachers are capable of teaching sexual education effectively, and asked the Board to no longer fund ThriVe Best Choice.

Pastor Pat Rankin, from Have Bible Will Travel Church, spoke in support of ThiVe Best Choice and their abstinence-based education program.

Patrick O'Hearn, St. Charles city resident, spoke in opposition to ThriVe Best Choice. He believes CCRB funds can be used to support more critical programs and believes certified school teachers should teach sexual education.

Carolyn Kuntz, St. Charles County resident, Registered Nurse, and ThriVe Express Regional Trainer, shared a story of student who was positively impacted by the Best Choice program. She stated ThriVe's medical information is in line with guidelines from leading health organizations, OSHA and HIPAA laws,

and that certified medical staff review all education material presented to students. She also stated ThriVe strives to provide unbiased, high-quality sexual education services to all.

Cindy McMurtry, St. Charles City resident, parent of former City of St. Charles students, and certified Educational Advocate, expressed concerns that ThriVe does not follow Department of Elementary and Secondary Education standards and believes ThriVe's material is biased. She is opposed to the use of CCRB funds for ThriVe Best Choice and should be dedicated for other mental health programs.

Matt Totra, St. Charles County resident and employee of ThriVe St. Louis' corporate office, expressed support for CCRB funding of ThriVe Best Choice and for local school districts choosing the Best Choice curriculum.

Wendy Lumetta, St. Charles County resident, expressed opposition to ThriVe Best Choice based on her belief that the material is non-factual and does not prepare students for healthy sexual relationships. She believes ThriVe does not meet CCRB funding priorities, has been non-transparent, does not produce reliable evidence of program effectiveness, and ThriVe educators lack certification.

Sally Hunt expressed opposition to ThriVe Best Choice and CCRB funding of the program. She believes ThriVe St. Louis does not produce evidence of the effectiveness of the program and the program presents incorrect information.

Report of the Chair: Ron Berrey asked guests to be peaceful, calm, and respectful during Public Comment and to address their comments to the Board and not to other guests attending the meeting.

Ron also asked the agencies to assist in recruitment for psychiatrists in St. Charles County to fill the demand for services.

Report of the Treasurer: Molly Dempsey reported on the ten months statement ending October 31, 2018. The Services Fund balance is \$912,728 and Current Assets are \$2,219,301. Actual tax revenues collected were \$576,725 on a budget amount of \$616,675. Total revenue for October was \$580,015 on a budget of \$610,775. Expenditure requests for October services totaled \$670,494 on a budget amount of \$637,916. Explanations of the 23 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: Boys & Girls Club (center-based services), Crisis Nursery (home-based services), FamilyForward (respite), Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition (crisis intervention), NAMI St. Louis (Basics), Preferred Family Healthcare (Outpatient Therapy – individual counseling and drug tests), The Sparrow's Nest (room and board), and Youth In Need (shelter room and board, counseling, and group counseling) were due to high demand. CHADS Coalition for Mental Health (prevention), The Child Center, Inc. (prevention), Crider Health Center (Pinocchio and school-based mental health specialists), Kids Under Twenty One (prevention), Preferred Family Healthcare (Team of Concern – school-based), United Services for Children (behavioral), and Youth In Need (teen mothers group) was above the variance due to school-based usage. Compass/Crider Health Center (family assistance-Medicaid, parent partner-Medicaid, and school-based mental health specialists-Medicaid) and Eleventh Circuit Family Court (supervised visitation) were above the variance due to multiple months of billing. In Administration, Consulting for Dr. Cyndi Berry was about the variance.

Bruce Sowatsky reported an additional 9 line items are at 100% usage for the year: Boys & Girls Club, CHADS Coalition for Mental Health (prevention and school-based), Compass/Crider Health Center (family assistance-Medicaid, parent partner-Medicaid, and school-based mental health specialist-Medicaid), and Youth In Need (crisis interventions, teen parent group, and transitional living.)

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer of \$670,500 for the month of October.

(M.S.P.: Dempsey/Onder) – Motion passed.

Bruce Sowatsky reported revenue increased 3.4% year to date over 2017.

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

Report of Standing Committees:

- Children’s Trust Fund: Bruce reported the Children’s Trust Fund application is available on the CCRB website and in SharePoint. Applications are due by December 14, 2018.
- Finance: No Finance report.
- Personnel: The Personnel Committee will discuss the Executive Director’s Evaluation during Closed Session.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: No Executive – Policies and Procedures report.
- Strategic Planning: No Strategic Planning report.

Closed Session – Performance Review: A motion was made to move into Closed Session for Performance Review. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Marty) – Motion passed.

A motion was made to move into Open Session. (M.S.P.: Schneider/Onder) – Motion passed.

Report of Executive Director: Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- Michelle McElfresh and Jeanne Spencer have conducted the majority of agency site audits and the remainder is scheduled for December. Michelle is scheduled to report on site audits at the January Board meeting.
- CCRB staff prepared for the Agency Hearings held in November.
- Bruce is working on 2019 budgets and will meet with the CCRB Finance committee in December.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

Line Item Transfer Request – Behavioral Health Response (BHR) requested to increase Mobile Outreach (173 units, \$26,759.64) and decrease Texting (4 units, \$420.40) and decrease Phone (371.7 units, \$26,339.24).

A motion was made to approve BHR’s line item transfer request to increase Mobile Outreach (173 units, \$26,759.64) and decrease Texting (4 units, \$420.40) and decrease Phone (371.7 units, \$26,339.24). (M.S.P.: Schneider/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

Saint Louis Counseling requested a line item transfer to increase Counseling (7.8 units, \$616.00) and decrease Love and Logic (4 units, \$616.00).

A motion was made to approve Saint Louis Counseling’s line item transfer request for the Counseling program to increase Counseling (7.8 units, \$616.00) and decrease Love and Logic (4 units, \$616.00). (M.S.P.: Elliott/Horry) – Motion passed.

Youth In Need requested a line item transfer in the Counseling program to increase Individual Counseling (105.5 units, \$11,550.00) and decrease Group Counseling (330 units, \$11,500.00).

A motion was made to approve Youth In Need's line item transfer request for the Counseling program to increase Individual Counseling (105.5 units, \$11,550.00) and decrease Group Counseling (330 units, \$11,500.00). (M.S.P.: Schneider/Marty) – Motion passed.

Youth In Need requested a line item transfer in the Teen Parent program to increase Teen Parent Group (180 units, \$6,300.00) and decrease Teen Parent Individual (60 units, \$6,300.00).

A motion was made to approve Youth In Need's line item transfer for the Teen Parent program to increase Teen Parent Group (180 units, \$6,300.00) and decrease Teen Parent Individual (60 units, \$6,300.00). (M.S.P.: Schneider/Onder) – Motion passed.

Youth In Need requested a line item transfer for the Temporary Shelter program to increase Room and Board (43 units, \$7,525.00) and decrease Counseling (107.5 units, \$7,525.00).

A motion was made to approve Youth In Need's line item transfer for the Temporary Shelter program to increase Room and Board (43 units, \$7,525.00) and decrease Counseling (107.5 units, \$7,525.00). (M.S.P.: Williams/Onder) – Motion passed.

Youth In Need requested a line item transfer for the Crisis Intervention program to increase Crisis Interventions (33.95 units, \$1,800.00) and decrease Presentations (6 units, \$1,800.00).

A motion was made to approve Youth In Need's line item transfer request for the Crisis Intervention program to increase Crisis Interventions (33.95 units, \$1,800.00) and decrease Presentations (6 units, \$1,800.00). (M.S.P.: Williams/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

Preferred Family Healthcare requested a line item transfer for the Outpatient Substance Use Treatment program to increase Individual Counseling (165 units, \$11,843.70), Drug Tests (289 units, \$5,444.76), Intensive Outpatient services (76 units, \$19,000.00), and Psychiatry (3 units, \$753.63) and decrease Assessments (9 units, \$1,081.08), Case Management (509 units, \$24,187.68), Family Therapy (86 units, \$8,002.30), and Meds & Labs (\$3,771.03). The total transfer request is \$37,042.09.

A motion was made to approve Preferred Family Healthcare's line item transfer request for the Outpatient Substance Use Treatment program to increase Individual Counseling (165 units, \$11,843.70), Drug Tests (289 units, \$5,444.76), Intensive Outpatient services (76 units, \$19,000.00), and Psychiatry (3 units, \$753.63) and decrease Assessments (9 units, \$1,081.08), Case Management (509 units, \$24,187.68), Family Therapy (86 units, \$8,002.30), and Meds & Labs (\$3,771.03). (M.S.P.: Dempsey/Marty) – Motion passed.

Preferred Family Healthcare requested a line item transfer in the Team of Concern program to increase School-Based Services (1,554 units, \$94,638.60) and Drug Tests (77 units, \$970.20) and to decrease Intakes (22 units, \$2,310.00), Counseling (636 units, \$37,396.80), Case Management (374 units, \$15,708.00), and Prevention (466.80 units, \$40,194.00).

A motion was made to approve Preferred Family Healthcare's line item transfer request for the Team of Concern program to increase School-Based Services (1,554 units, \$94,638.60) and Drug Tests (77 units, \$970.20) and to decrease Intakes (22 units, \$2,310.00), Counseling (636 units, \$37,396.80), Case Management (374 units, \$15,708.00), and Prevention (466.80 units, \$40,194.00). (M.S.P.: Schneider/Marty) – Motion passed.

Announcements:

Kathy Thompson, LINC St. Charles County, announced the Emergency Warming Centers are available December 1 through March 31, 2019. To find the nearest Warming Center, call 636-395-0492.

Jack Lipin, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, announced all of the families in their Adopt-a-Family program have been adopted for 2018. He also announced the Care Service's Sleep Out Saturday for Homeless awareness is scheduled for April 10, 2019.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m.
(M.S.P.: Onder/Horry) – Motion passed.