

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

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Guests:

Present: Dave Beckering, Ron Berrey, Molly Dempsey, Linda Haberstroh, Linda Wilson Horn, Larry Marty and Nancy Schneider

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky and Michelle McElfresh

Absent: Allison Onder and Jan Lewien (vacation)

Guests: Angela Tate (Behavioral Health Response), Jodi Woessner (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Jeannette Koecher (Boys & Girls Club), Lauri Fink (Catholic Family Services), Sissy Swift (The Child Center), Katrina McDonald (Crider Health Center), Julia Pickup (Epworth), Courtney Knipp (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Denise Fondren (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker and Beth Sailors (Preferred Family Healthcare), Carissa Figgins (Sparrows Nest Maternity Home), Jack Lipin (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Kristi Machica (Youth in Need), Bridget VanMeans, Juvaughn Baker, Joy Maxwell, Carolyn Kuntz, Diane Vaughan, Shannon Gardner, Tobias Gardner, Celeste Hudnut, Ambrea Paul, Suz Koehler, Mandy Bounds, Madronica Malone, Chrystal Crawford, Heather Kesselring, Erinn Winberry, Sara Winberry, Kim Chiodini, John Higgins, Barb Higgins, David Christensen, Warren Bounds, Heather Bounds, Lydia Vaughan, Gina Manoj, Dan Entzeroth, Michelle Howard, Austin McCartney, Alaina Laxton, Brittaney Graeler, Matt Totra, Timmy Side and Daniel Kuntz (ThriVe), Caleb Files (Missouri NOW), Jane McGuire, Kevin McGuire, David Holland, Jessica Taylor, Leah Fiske, Tami Fawcett, Caleb Friz, Anne Daum, Robert Becker, Kathryn Hough, Leah Fiske, Alysia Craig, Tami Faucett, Robert Palmer and Barb Higgins

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 board meeting. (M.S.P.: Beckering/Schneider) – Motion passed.

Partner Presentation: Jodi Woessner from Big Brothers Big Sisters thanked the Board for their partnership and gave an update on the impact their agency is having on St. Charles County youth.

Public Comment: Jane McGuire, a parent from the Francis Howell School district, expressed her concerns about Thrive's Best Practice program which included questions on a) staff needing to be Christian, b) no accreditation from a medical organization, c) lessons are religious-based, that goals do not demonstrate growth, and d) the rising STD rate in St. Charles County. Ms. McGuire doesn't understand why the CCRB is spending tax dollars on a program this is redundant to what is already being offered by the districts in health classes.

Carolyn Kuntz, a Thrive employee, reported that Thrive's services are entirely secular, unless a person requests a spiritual component (similar to how St. Joseph's, St. Luke's and other hospitals operate). Thrive's medical centers are staffed by medical doctors, nurses, sonographers, who are licensed in the State of Missouri. Physicians are board certified and well respected in the

medical community. Thrive's medical centers are under the guidance of their medical directors, who review and approve their medical policies and procedures.

Melissa Jones, a parent from the Fort Zumwalt school district, spoke and expressed concern because her son came home upset following a presentation that made him question whether his parents loved him because they were teenage parents. She also cited other concerns about the program and its deliverance.

Diane Vaughan, Regional Manager from Thrive, reported that their curriculum is in compliance with Missouri State Statutes and is 100% medically accurate. Data is taken from sources like the CDC, American Medical Association, Department of Health and Senior Services and others.

Alysia Craig, a parent from Francis Howell School district, expressed frustration because she couldn't receive a copy of the Best Choice curriculum.

A parent from the Francis Howell School District questioned an abstinence only curriculum and the program's effectiveness.

Joy Maxwell, a Thrive employee, reported that the Office of Adolescent Health has a database that lists approved programs that use evidenced-based abstinence education methodology. Thrive's Best Choice program is modeled after these recognized and evidenced-based programs.

Report of the Chair: Ron Berrey congratulated Bruce Sowatsky for the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award.

Report of the Treasurer: Molly Dempsey reported on the one-month statement ending January 31, 2017. The Services Fund balance is \$1,037,940 and Current Assets are \$2,203,534. Actual tax revenues collected were \$684,328 on a budget amount of \$606,150. Investment Income was \$5,387. Total revenue for January was \$689,715 on a budget of \$600,450. Expenditure requests for January services totaled \$620,649 on a budget amount of \$633,130. Explanations of the 28 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: Behavioral Health Response (mobile outreach and training), Big Brothers Big Sisters (mentoring), CHADS (home based services), The Child Center (forensic interviews and advocacy), Children's Home Society (home based services), Community Psychological (testing), Crider (parent partner), Crisis Nursery (respite), Megan Meier Foundation (counseling), Our Lady's Inn (unwed mothers), Preferred Family Healthcare (Outpatient individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, case management, drug tests, psychiatry and meds/labs), The Sparrow's Nest (room and board) and Youth In Need (transitional living program) 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), Thrive (prevention) and United Services (IBIC) was above the variance due to school-based usage.

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer for \$620,700.00 for the month of January. (M.S.P.: Dempsey/Haberstroh) – Motion passed.

Bruce Sowatsky reported that revenues were up 6.4% 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 that he attended Children's Trust Fund (CTF) training in Jefferson City in January. The CTF check presentation will be held after the meeting.
- Finance: No Finance report.
- Personnel: No Personnel report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: Larry Marty reported that the Executive Policies and Procedures committee will review the Finance section and will discuss at the March board meeting.
- Strategic Planning: The CCRB will have a strategic planning meeting in the Fall. Bruce asked for input for a strategic planning facilitator.

Report of Executive Director: Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- Agency contracts and outcomes agreements have all been signed and returned to the office.
- The Center for Autism Education has given the CCRB a 30-day written notice to cancel their contract.
- The Boys & Girls Club has turned in their report on time and billing is accurate.
- The CCRB annual report is at the printer and will be distributed in March.
- Representative Curtis from North County has reintroduced legislation to add more services to the enabling statute (HB 617).

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: No New Business.

Announcements: Beth Sailors from Preferred Family Healthcare announced Heroin Town Hall meetings on May 23 in the Wentzville School District and March 6 at Frontier Middle School.

Molly Dempsey reported that she attended Centerpointe's heroin lecture last week.

Sissy Swift from The Child Center announced their breakfast tour on March 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Linda Haberstroh announced BJC Foundation's and the YMCA of St. Charles' Day of Play on March 4.

Carissa Figgins from The Sparrow's Nest announced they will be having tours of their agency on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Courtney Knipp from Lutheran Family & Children's Services announced their trivia night on March 25.

Jeannette Koechner thanked everyone for attending the Boys & Girls Club Crystal Ball gala and announced that it was a great success.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
(M.S.P.: Beckering/Dempsey) – Motion passed.