

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

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

The CCRB Board met, but did not have a quorum. Therefore, no motions were made at the meeting.

A wire transfer of \$888,000 was processed to reimburse agencies.

**Roll Call and Guests:**

Present: Pastor Raymond Horry, Larry Marty, and Nancy Schneider

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Michelle McElfresh, and Jeanne Spencer

Absent: Ron Berrey (vacation), Molly Dempsey (vacation), Linda Wilson Horn (business), and Allison Onder (injury)

Guests: Mandy Bowlin (Behavioral Health Response), Lauri Fink and Zane Maus (Catholic Family Services), Sissy Swift (The Child Center, Inc.), Katrina McDonald (Crider Health Center), DiAnne Mueller (Crisis Nursery), Jennifer Vorachack (Epworth Children and Family Services), Laura Ojo (F.A.C.T.), Kathy Thompson (LINC St. Charles County), Wendy Velicher (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Tina Meier (Megan Meier Foundation), Melinda Ohlemiller (Nurses for Newborns), Denise Fondren (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker (Preferred Family Healthcare), Elisa Zieg and Mark Hollander (The Sparrow's Nest), Jack Lipin (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Joy Maxwell and Shannon Gardner (ThriVe), Leeann Davenport (UMSL Center for Behavioral Health), Sally Hunt and Karen O'Hearn of Expose Thrive, Wendy Lumetta, and Cindy McMurtrey

**Approval of Minutes:** A quorum was not present; therefore the minutes were not approved.

**Partner Presentation – Catholic Family Services:** Lauri Fink and Zane Maus of Catholic Family Services thanked the Board for their partnership and gave an update on the impact their agency is having on youth in St. Charles County. Zane, a therapist at CFS, shared how counseling services have positively impacted a child receiving CFS services.

**Public Comment:** Cindy McMurtrey, a resident of St. Charles County, thanked the Board for supporting mental health services in St. Charles County and expressed her concerns about ThriVe.

Karen O'Hearn, a St. Charles city resident, shared that she feels ThriVe's Best Choice is not appropriate or adequate sexual education curriculum.

Wendy Lumetta, resident of St. Charles County, thanked the Board for providing mental health services in the community. Wendy expressed her concerns about the effectiveness of ThriVe's abstinence-based program, and urged the CCRB to cease funding ThriVe's Best Choice program.

Sally Hunt, a representative of Expose ThriVe, commented she is opposed to using taxpayer funds to support ThriVe's Best Choice program.

Joy Maxwell, of ThriVe, thanked the CCRB Board for supporting ThriVe's Best Choice programming.

Shannon Gardner, ThriVe Best Choice Facilitator and resident of St. Peters, thanked the Board for supporting Best Choice. She expressed that students in the school have responded positively to the curriculum.

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

**Report of the Treasurer:** Bruce Sowatsky reported on the two-month statement ending February 28, 2018. The Services Fund balance is \$1,026,231 and Current Assets are \$2,326,754. Actual tax revenues collected were \$618,603 on a budget amount of \$616,675. Investment Income was \$1,332. Total revenue for February was \$619,935 on a budget of \$610,775. Expenditure requests for February services totaled \$888,576 on a budget amount of \$637,541. Explanations of the 36 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: Behavioral Health Response (mobile outreach), Big Brothers Big Sisters (mentoring), Catholic Family Services (counseling-regular), CHADS (home-based services), The Child Center (forensic interviews and advocacy), Crider (testing, care coordination, and family assistance), Crisis Nursery (respite), FamilyForward (counseling), Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition (home-based services), LINC St. Charles County (counseling and wraparound), Lutheran Children and Family Services (counseling), Our Lady's Inn (unwed mothers), Preferred Family Healthcare (Intensive Outpatient), The Sparrow's Nest (room and board), and Youth In Need (counseling, crisis interventions, shelter room and board, shelter counseling, and transitional living) was due to high demand. Catholic Family Services (crisis intervention), The Child Center (prevention), Crider Health Center (Pinocchio, prevention, and school-based non-Medicaid), Kids Under Twenty One (prevention), Preferred Family Healthcare (Team of Concern-case management, intakes and school-based services), Thrive (prevention), and Youth In Need (shelter Safe Place) was above the variance due to school-based usage. Crider (family assistance, parent partner, and school-based mental health services Medicaid) was above the variance because CCRB processed the quarterly payment to the Department of Mental Health for local match.

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

**Report of Standing Committees:**

- Children's Trust Fund: No Children's Trust Fund report.
- Finance: No Finance Report.
- Personnel: No Personnel report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: Larry Marty reported the Policies and Procedures committee is in the process of drafting the CCRB Cash Handling policy and will present the first reading to the Board at the April Board meeting.
- Strategic Planning: No Strategic Planning report.

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

- Michelle McElfresh reported on the 2017 year-end report on partnering agency clinical outcome agreements. Michelle had emailed reports to Board members previously. Michelle reported that the year-end report included the 29 partnering agencies, 45 programs and 154 goals. Collectively, agencies reached 92.2% goal attainment on meeting clinical outcomes goals for year-end (from July 1 to December 31, 2017). The total served for 2017 include 79,836 children, 11,408 parents and 4,652 professionals.
- The CCRB's annual report is complete. Bruce commended Michelle McElfresh and Jeanne Spencer for their work on the annual report.
- Bruce distributed the CCRB audit to the Board. The auditor will present at the May board meeting. It was a clean audit.
- CCRB staff will attend Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on April 3, meet with state legislators, and distribute the CCRB Annual Report.
- CCRB is continuing to collect data for the 2018 Needs Assessment.
- Bruce has been invited to attend a United Way meeting in preparation for their needs assessment, which will include data from the CCRB Needs Assessment and other agencies.
- The Shower of Love collection drive to benefit Birthright of St. Charles, Birthright of Wentzville, Crisis Nursery, Mary Queen of Angels, Nurses for Newborns, Our Lady's Inn, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, Thrive St. Louis, and Youth In Need will begin this week and will culminate on April 26 at 17 grocery stores in St. Charles County.
- Bruce reported the CCRB partner agency's History and Statistical data documents are updated on the portal.
- Analysis of data for a multi-year application continues with input from agencies and Board members.
- Michelle McElfresh has started conducting agency spring site audits.
- In May, CCRB staff will conduct meetings for CCRB partner agencies on Sharepoint and the grant process.
- A Juvenile Justice follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 2 with Dr. Cyndi Berry. Invitations will be issued to previous participants, though all agencies are welcome to attend.
- Bruce announced he will be on vacation from April 5 through April 22.

**Old Business:** No Old Business.

**New Business:** No New Business.

**Announcements:** Nancy Schneider announced the United Services for Children gala on August 25 at Ameristar Casino.

Katrina McDonald of Crider Health Center commended Michelle McElfresh and Jeanne Spencer for their work at CCRB since the transition in September 2018.

Sissy Swift of the Child Center announced the Midwest Justice for Children Workshop on April 4 has reached maximum registration. She also announced their "One with Courage" gala on

April 28 at the Christy Banquet Center. The Child Center will recognize the Children's Trust Fund as Funder of the Year.

Kelly Broeker of Preferred Family Healthcare announced the Bridgeway Domestic Violence Program is hosting a 5K run on May 4 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Frontier Park in St. Charles.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.