

THE COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCE BOARD
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

Roll Call and Guests:

Present: Ron Berrey, Molly Dempsey, Ken Dobbins, Cory Elliott, Pastor Raymond Horry, Larry Marty, Nancy Schneider, and Catherine Williams

Absent: Allison Onder

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Michelle McElfresh, and Jeanne Spencer

Guests: Karen Englert (Boys & Girls Club), Porscha Thorpe (The Child Center, Inc.), Dottie Kastigar (Community Council of St. Charles County), Sheri Wiltse (Community Living, Inc.), Katrina McDonald (Compass Health Network), Nicole Morris (Eleventh Circuit Family Court), Jennifer Vorachak (Epworth Children and Family Services), Laura Ojo (F.A.C.T.), Kathy Thompson (LINC St. Charles County), Steven Mishkin (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Laura Gregory (Megan Meier Foundation), Denise Fondren and Daria Winker (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker (Preferred Family Healthcare), Lauri Cross Fink (Saint Louis Counseling), Jack Lipin (Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service), Elisa Zieg (The Sparrow's Nest), and Denise Liebel (United Services for Children)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 25, 2019 Board Minutes. (M.S.P.: Dobbins/Marty) – Motion passed.

Report of the Auditor: The report of the auditor was rescheduled for the May Board meeting.

Partner Presentation: Denise Fondren, Program Manager, and Daria Winker, Child Advocate, of Our Lady's Inn presented on the Family Strengths program funded by the CCRB and how the program supports children in St. Charles County. Daria shared a recent success story from one of their families.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Report of the Chair: Nancy Schneider commended Bruce Sowatsky for being recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.

Report of the Treasurer: Cory Elliott reported on the three months statement ending March 31, 2019. The Services Fund balance is \$1,046,242 and Current Assets are \$2,268,400. Actual tax revenues collected were \$763,923 on a budget amount of \$622,006. Refund of Taxes for \$74,876 was for the City of St. Peters TIF. Total revenue for March is \$689,047 on a budget of \$616,256. Expenditure requests for March services totaled \$739,181 on a budget amount of \$660,090. Explanations of the 38 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: Behavioral Health Response (texting), Bethany Christian Services (respite), Big Brothers Big Sisters (mentoring), Boys & Girls Club (center-based services), The Child Center, Inc. (forensic interviews and advocacy), Compass Health Network (care coordination), Crisis

Nursery (respite), FamilyForward (counseling, psychological assessments, and respite), LINC St. Charles County (counseling and wraparound), Megan Meier Foundation (counseling), NAMI St. Louis (crisis intervention team training), Preferred Family Healthcare (Intensive Outpatient – individual counseling, case management, drug tests, intensive outpatient services), The Sparrow’s Nest (room & board), and Youth In Need (Counseling – group counseling and Temporary Shelter-room & board and counseling) were due to high demand. Behavioral Health Response (presentations), CHADS Coalition for Mental Health (prevention), The Child Center, Inc. (prevention), Compass Health Network (Pinocchio, prevention, and school-based mental health specialist), Kids Under Twenty One (ASIST), Preferred Family Healthcare (Team of Concern-intakes, school-based services, and prevention), ThriVe St. Louis (prevention), United Services for Children (intensive behavioral intervention classroom (IBIC), and Youth in Need (Crisis Interventions-presentations and Teen Parents-group counseling) were above the variance due to school-based usage. The Community Council of St. Charles County (Coordinated Entry) was above the variance due to multiple months of billing.

Bruce reported revenue is up 6.2% compared to the first quarter of 2018 and \$150,000 above 2018 overall.

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer for \$814,000 for the month of March. (M.S.P.: Elliott/Dempsey) – Motion passed.

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

Report of Standing Committees:

- Children’s Trust Fund: Bruce reported the reapplication for CTF partner is due in May. Final CTF checks for 2018 have been sent to the agencies.
- Finance: No Finance report.
- Personnel: No Personnel report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: No Executive – Policies and Procedures report.

Report of Executive Director: Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- Dr. Cyndi Berry distributed a survey to St. Charles County school district crisis counselors asking for feedback on the mental health needs of students. This information will be used to help determine funding priorities for 2020.
- Bruce attended his first meeting with the Regional Data Alliance.
- The CCRB-sponsored Shower of Love is scheduled for May 2 at ten grocery stores in St. Charles County. Additionally, approximately 50 community partners are hosting donation drives.
- Bruce received the United Way Needs Assessment survey and distributed it via email to the agency partners.
- CCRB agency partner training sessions will be scheduled for June to review changes to the Mid-Year and Year-End Clinical Outcomes Agreement Reports.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: The first reading of the Reserve Policy was tabled until the May Board meeting.

Announcements:

Jeanne Spencer announced “Brewing for Babies” to benefit Shower of Love at Good News Brewing and Alpha & Omega Roasting Company in O’Fallon, on April 27 during business hours.

Jack Lipin, from Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service announced Sleep Out on Saturday, June 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending June 2 at 7:00 a.m. at the Care Service, located at 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles.

Kelly Broeker, from Preferred Family Healthcare, announced a 5K Run to benefit the Bridgeway Domestic Violence programs on May 3 at Frontier Park in St. Charles, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Laura Gregory, from Megan Meier Foundation announced their trivia event on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Dominic High School.

Karen Engler, from Boys & Girls Club, announced their golf tournament on June 17 at the Bogey Hills Country Club.

Denise Fondren, from Our Lady’s Inn, invited the Board and agency partners to visit Our Lady’s Inn for a tour.

Molly Dempsey announced the Public Health Department will conduct the next St. Charles County Government Speaker Series on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. www.sccmo.org/.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. (M.S.P.: Berrey/Dobbins) – Motion passed.