

THE COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCE BOARD
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021

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

Roll Call and Guests:

Present: Paul Boschert, Molly Dempsey, Ken Dobbins, Pastor Raymond Horry, Larry Marty, and Catherine Williams

Absent: Cory Elliott (vacation), Allison Onder, and Nancy Schneider (vacation)

Staff: Bruce Sowatsky, Michelle McElfresh, and Jeanne Spencer

Guests: Karen Englert and Jacquelynne McClelland (Boys & Girls Club), Ben Chambers (CHADS Coalition for Mental Health), Christine TenEyck and Andrea Vent (The Child Center, Inc.), Todd Barnes (Community Council of St. Charles County), Sheri Wiltse (Community Living), Katrina McDonald Fuller (Compass Health Network), DiAnne Mueller (Crisis Nursery), Stephanie Klopner (Epworth Children & Family Services), Heather Lytle and Rachel Svejkosky (F.A.C.T. – Family Advocacy & Community Training), Anne Zink (Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition), Shima Rostami (Gateway Human Trafficking), Kathy Thompson (LINC St. Charles County), Gayla Gibson (Lutheran Family & Children's Services), Tina Meier (Megan Meier Foundation), Angela Berra, Kyle Dooley, and Christine Patterson (NAMI St. Louis), Melinda Monroe (Nurses for Newborns), Denise Fondren and Kaitlyn Ashen (Our Lady's Inn), Kelly Broeker, and Megan Payton (Preferred Family Healthcare), Sandra Barker (Saint Louis Counseling), Katie Roam and Kirk Kasicki (The Sparrow's Nest), Brittany Morgan (Saints Joachim & Ann Care Service), Felicia Linear and Madronica Malone (ThriVe St. Louis), Amy Willard (TREE House of Greater St. Louis), Denise Liebel (United Services for Children), Cara Merritt (Youth In Need), Jennifer Patterson (Francis Howell School District), and Cheri Thurman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the February 22, 2021 Board Minutes. (M.S.P.: Boschert/Marty) – Motion passed.

Partner Presentation:

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County:** Karen Englert, Executive Director, presented an overview of the programs funded by the CCRB and the impact the programs have for youth members. She reported their average annual cost per member is \$1,400, which is covered by CCRB funding. Karen shared the Clubs have experienced an increase in child abuse and neglect incidents since June 2020, based on the number of reports made by staff. Membership has decreased due to the impact of COVID-19, but they believe there will be an increase in membership in 2021.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Report of the Chair: Molly Dempsey, acting as Chair in the absence of Nancy Schneider reported St. Charles County's Public Health Department needs volunteers for the COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Email Molly at mtdempsey@sccmo.org for further information.

Report of the Treasurer: Bruce Sowatsky gave the Report of the Treasurer for Cory Elliott and reported on the financial statement ending February 28, 2021. The following balances were reported:

Balance	Amount	Budget for Month
Services Fund	\$2,590,110.71	
Current Assets	\$3,826,892.42	
Actual tax revenues	\$641,731.58	\$684,741.00
Investment Income	\$991.44	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$16.41	
Total Revenue	\$642,739.43	\$684,665.00
Services Requests	\$565,937.90	\$719,382.02

Explanation of the 23 line items that were over the 5% variance and over \$1,000 included: The Child Center (advocacy and forensic interviews), Community Council (coordinated entry), Compass Health Network (psychiatry and care coordination), Eleventh Circuit Family Court (supervised visitation), FamilyForward (counseling and psychological assessments), Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition (30 Days to Family and Family Works), Lutheran Family & Children's Services (counseling), Saint Louis Counseling (counseling), and UMSL Center for Behavioral Health (psychological assessments) were due to high demand. The Child Center (prevention), Compass Health Network (School-Based Prevention and School-Based Mental Health Specialists), Crisis Nursery (home-based), Kids Under Twenty One (school-based prevention), NAMI St. Louis (school-based prevention), Saint Louis Counseling (crisis interventions), Thrive St. Louis (school-based prevention), and United Services for Children (specialized classroom) were over the variance due to school-based usage. Gateway Human Trafficking (presentations) was over due to multiple months of billing.

A motion was made to approve a wire-transfer for \$566,000.00 for the month of February. (M.S.P.: Boschert/Horry) – Motion passed.

Bruce reported revenues had increased 1.7% over 2020.

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 Committee report.
- Personnel: No Personnel Committee report.
- Executive – Policies and Procedures: Larry Marty reported the Executive Committee will review Section 1: Governance in the summer of 2021.

Report of Executive Director: Bruce Sowatsky reported:

- Michelle McElfresh reported on the 2020 Year-End Clinical Outcomes Goals for July to December 2021. CCRB-funded programs achieved 86.9% of their outcome goals and served 22,263 children, 1,247 parents/caregivers, and 1,749 professionals in this

reporting period. Additionally, the CCRB funded services for a total of 64,084 children, 2,092 parents/caregivers, and 2,498 professionals for 2020.

- Kids Under Twenty One has repaid their emergency advance for 2020 and CHADS will complete repayment by April 30 as agreed in their contract.
- The Ad Hoc Application Committee met to begin reviewing the CCRB's application process and will meet again in April. They will present their recommendations to the Board and conduct a First Reading at the April 26 Board meeting.
- The initial draft of the 2020 CCRB audit was received and the results showed no internal issues to be addressed. The auditor will present to the Board at the April 26 Board meeting.
- A survey was sent to the five public school districts to gather feedback on the mental health needs of the students and the school districts' investments in state-mandated suicide and sexual abuse prevention programs. The results of the surveys will be shared with the Board in April.
- The 2020 CCRB Annual Report is available and will be mailed to agency partners, Board members, and state and local legislators. A digital copy is available on the CCRB's internal website and at www.stcharlescountykids.org.
- Board member Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest forms are due May 1.
- Dr. Cyndi Berry submitted her report on Racial Differences in child welfare services and she will present her findings to the Board in April.
- Doug Raines, Cory Elliott, Bruce, and Michelle McElfresh met to discuss next steps in addressing racial differences in mental health services in our county in order to make these services more accessible to all youth.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: Compass Health Network – Emergency Request: Bruce reported Compass Health Network is requesting emergency funds of \$2,250 to address increased psychiatric needs for students in the Francis Howell School District (FHSD). The request was initiated by FHSD to Compass. The funds will be used for a pilot program in which FHSD staff and a Compass Psychiatrist consult weekly in regards to high-risk students who are in need of additional mental health supports. The services will be a new line item within the Partnership with Families program. Katrina McDonald Fuller, Compass Health Network and Dr. Jennifer Patterson, FHSD Director of Student Services, provided additional information about the request.

A motion was made to approve Compass Health Network's emergency Partnership with Families' Psychiatry Consultation request for \$2,250 (10 units at \$225.00 per hour) as presented. (M.S.P.: Boschert/Horry) – Motion passed. Ken Dobbins abstained from the discussion and vote.

Announcements:

DiAnne Mueller, Crisis Nursery announced their annual conference on April 30, from 9:00 to 12:30 p.m., featuring speakers who are experts in their field and topics relevant to Counselors and Social Workers' work. Topics include suicide prevention, trauma, and self-care. Register at www.crisisnurserykids.org.

Karen Englert, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County, announced they will provide their Summer Blast program at both club locations for youth 6-18 years old. Information is available at www.bgcstc.org/summer. She also announced they have cloth face masks to share thanks to a large donation from Old Navy.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.
(M.S.P.: Boschert/Dobbins) – Motion passed.