

Lamoille Family Center
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Marilyn May, Chair	Sandy Paquette, Treasurer	Eileen Paus, Secretary
Reeva Murphy	Pixie Loomis	
Dean Burnell, Business Manager	Carol Lang-Godin, ED	

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Absent Board Members: Adam Lory, Brenda Christie, Kerrie Johnson, Kathleen James. Meeting held with a quorum of 5 Board Members.

The Lamoille Family Center (LFC) Meeting called to order by Marilyn May at 5:16 PM.

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of April 26, 2023 Board Meeting

Sandy moved to accept the April 26,, 2023 Board Meeting minutes, Reeva seconded the motion. The Board voted to accept the meeting minutes of April 26, 2023.

2. FY '24 Budget-vote, Dean Burnell, Business Manager

The LRC FY2024 Operational Budget (Draft 5-19-2023) was presented to the Board.

- A Grant that was previously not confirmed is now confirmed, i.e.VDH HLV grant funds increase, reducing the deficit to 0.3%.

- Fine-tuning the Salary Schedule increases, and increasing the new admin assistant help to 1.2FTE
- Fine-tuning budget numbers resulted in less than previously expected increases to program expenses for HLV

Discussion: other funding sources are not included in the budget until certain; DULCE BluePrint funds, funding increase would cover the deficit. Additional funding sources include: An integrated grant would provide extra funding and it has the ability to be applied to other areas in the budget. Another funding source that is fairly new, the stabilization grant, has not been confirmed and is also not included in the budget presented at this meeting. The max for the stabilization grant is \$31,000 with planned application of funds toward education and database upgrades.

Explanation of reductions in Fee for Service budgeted amount provided to members.

The deficit will be resolved through solidifying the discussed grants into the budget. The reserves/investments are capable of absorbing expenses to assure the overhealth of the Lamoille Family Center.

Pixie thanked the leadership team for the work put into this budget and efforts to improve staff salary scheduling.

Pixie moved to approve the FY'24 budget as presented. Reeva seconded the motion. The Board voted to accept FY '24.

3. Development Report

- Thanks to those who have volunteered to help write thank you letters to Appeal donors. The bundles were prepared for volunteers.
- Kid to Camp Program has now given out over 100 scholarships!
- Thanks to all who supported the Mother's Day book drive, bringing in over 200 books. Staff will bring them on home visits over the next few weeks.
- We are delighted to announce that we received a recent grant for \$55K from a private donor that has been a loyal annual supporter for many years. \$50K will be unrestricted funding and \$5K will be for Concrete Supports (supplement our Emergency Outreach.) This donor has also offered to match up to \$5K in increased donations next Appeal.

- A Stowe HS student is running a Diaper Drive this month and next. She set up collection boxes at Bishop Marshall and Blessed Sacrament. She is collecting diapers and wipes.
- We are looking for one or two people to table at Smuggs Wellness Fair on 6/2 from 12-2 PM. Please let me know if you can help!
- Save the Date: Annual Meeting in person 9-13-23
- Thanks from Julia to the Board for our important work.

Discussion: Sandy reports communication with Julia to schedule a Development Committee meeting. Julia will reach committee members to determine a date to meet in person. (Committee members; Brenda, Sandy, Pixie, Kathleen, Julia)

4. Report/Discussion, Carol Lang-Godin, ED

Highlights/Summary from the last month:

Staffing:

- Kate Donnally will be providing clinical supervision for CIS and YAYA staff starting in June.
- Debbie Alexander who worked in the business office until she retired in 2019 passed away on 5/9. There is no service planned at Debbie's request but the family will hold a small get together at LFC in June. Debbie will be missed by many.

Parent Child Center Network (PCCN)

- Attended May monthly meeting: Contract reviews, Quality and Standards committee provided updates, conference planning, and continued collaboration (Help Me Grow, 211, and more).
- Attended Executive Committee meeting and several 2023 PCC Innovations Conference planning meetings. Conference will take place 5/23 and 5/24 in Lake Morey. Carol attended Monday-Wednesday, 10 staff signed up to attend. The conference evaluations returned provided excellent feedback.
- Spent the morning of 5/3 at the Statehouse connecting with legislators.

Discussion: Pixie reviews Results Based Accountability (RBA) and asks what are the data points being collected to evaluate outcomes. Carol states RBA format used

in the evaluation form for the conference. The LFC web site includes RBA data for the CIS scorecard.

Building Maintenance Projects/Bridge St. Property

- Have a signed agreement in place with United Way for Bridge St. property. Storage shed is in place.
- Spring clean-up at LFC 6/5 with a staff lunch get together at Elmore State Park in the afternoon.
- Driveway should be graded this weekend.

Legislative Updates

BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- PCC +\$2m base increase is still intact.
- The committee decided NOT to fund CIS IT this year.
- The committee agreed to allocate \$100k in one time funding to the Foodbank for the diaper bank, a decision made without input from PCCs. PCC's will work with the Foodbank and others in early June to sort out the next steps. Diaper Bank language: *\$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Food Bank in consultation with the Junior League of Vermont for the statewide distribution of diapers to families in need.*

BLUEPRINT:

- \$8,834,000 General Fund and \$11,483,302 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic investments with community partners. This would include DULCE for us. Still unclear what this will look like in terms of contracting or \$ amount.

S.56 / H.217 - CHILD CARE BILL:

- S.56 almost didn't make it to the finish line over strong disagreement between the House and Senate on how to pay for it (House wanted income and corporate tax while Senate fought for payroll tax), and H.217 became

the new vehicle for the childcare package. H.217 was originally a bill related to Worker's Compensation, but it has become a vehicle for several bills that were in contention, including the childcare bill.

- The childcare portion of H.217 still includes the decoupling of STARS from reimbursement rates; paying all childcare centers at 5-STAR level; 35% bump in payments to childcare providers; new Special Fund for childcare; same afterschool and summer program sections; expanded child tax credit; and more.
- H.217 passed the senate Thursday 5/11 with a vote of 24-6.
- H.217: As Passed the Senate (close to final version - there were a few technical amendments):
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/WorkGroups/House%20Ways%20and%20Means/Bills/H.217/H.217~Damien%20Leonad~As%20Passed%20by%20Senate~5-11-2023.pdf>
- H.217: Fiscal Note, Senate Proposal of Amendment - this is a good summary of the childcare portion of the bill:
https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Publications/2023-2024-House-Bills/4bda3b1278/GENERAL-370513-v1-2023_H_217_Child_care_and_unemployment-SENATE-AMEND-v2.pdf
- Policy Timeline for Childcare Rollout:
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/WorkGroups/House%20Appropriations/Bills/H.217/Drafts,%20Amendments,%20and%20Legal%20Documents/H.217~Joyce%20Manchester~FY%202024-2025%20Policy%20Timeline~5-12-2023.pdf>
- Breaking their impasse over funding, House and Senate make child care deal - VTDigger:
<https://vtdigger.org/2023/05/11/breaking-their-impasse-over-funding-house-and-senate-make-child-care-deal/>
- With the House and Senate at odds on financing, child care bill teeters on the brink - VTDigger:
<https://vtdigger.org/2023/05/09/with-the-house-and-senate-at-odds-on-financing-child-care-bill-teeters-on-the-brink/>

Reeva states there will be additional funding for the LFC (the community childcare support agency) for case management/referrals with the increase in the number of

families qualifying for financial assistance through the upcoming State of Vermont funding. Exact amount to be determined in July 2023, these additional funds to be added to the FY '24 budget.

Other

- Meeting scheduled for early June with Blue Heron Nonprofit Consulting around the strategic planning process and possible facilitation of that process. The owner is a former PCC Director and very familiar with our work.

Sandy requested clarification; Carol is continuing to meet with prospective people for the best fit for lead of the Strategic Planning. Carol would like input from the Board Members, staff, Leadership Team, and community partners in the strategic planning process.

- The backlog of contracts still includes CY '23 Integrated grant, DULCE and a Reach-up amendment. Hold up continues to be in the state business offices.
- Carol provided Board Members with her vacation schedule and possible jury duty.

Programmatic Updates

Health Lamoille Valley (HLV)

- HLV Community Survey data is in and results can be found on their website.
- The best way to receive updates on HLV is to sign up for the newsletter. Email Jessica (jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org) to be put on the list.

Youth & Young Adult Services (YAYA).

- We received word that the Reach Up contract will go out to bid. We're keeping an eye out for the RFP and will determine how to proceed once we see it. We have one full-time employee under this contract plus some of the Program Managers time.

Early Childhood Programs

- Continuing to navigate the start of Parents As Teachers. Met with the state around our proposed budget. No contracts yet BUT services started (in theory) April 1, 2023. Ashley will be able to present to the Board this work in the Fall.
- Carol attended the Blueprint Mental Health Integration Council meeting to answer questions about DULCE on 5/9 along with VDH staff and one other PCC Director.

Parent Education

- Offered *Nurturing and Safe Environments for Children with Disabilities*

Discussion: Sandy asks what resources are utilized by the LFC for emergency funding/financial assistance. Emergency funding of \$12,000 is budgeted a year with the additional funds as they are received by donors with instructions for use in outreach programs. At this time gas cards, food cards, help with electric shutoff, mattresses (Resource recycling center), shoes for school, etc... are provided.

5. Old Business; The childcare center project by Copley has been withdrawn.
6. New Business;
 - Marilyn reports the tabling event at Smuggs, June 2, 2023, is in need of people to volunteer. Reeva volunteered to attend the booth and will follow up with Julia.
 - Bylaws reviewed for Board size. Document to be shared with Board Members. Discussed outreach to find new Board Members; perhaps an announcement on Front Porch Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 5:00 to 7:00 PM