

Minutes of the August 15, 2002 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.

Chrissie A. Barfield

Mary Calzaretta

Flint W. Fowler, Ph.D.

Mary Haberberger

Ruby Jones

William L. Kincaid, M.D.

Lois M. Tegethoff

Deborah M. Simmons Wilson

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Kincaid, President.

1. **Community Comments** - Fred Marquard and Peg Franklin, Aid for Victims of Crime, updated trustees on progress being made on their Corrective Action Plan. They described marketing strategies to generate additional clients for MHB funded Services.

Dorothy Heltibrand, Executive Director Family Support Network, thanked trustees for the two grants from MHB. They have the “Young Families Can’t Wait” program, as well as the Safe Schools grant to provide School-based mental health services.

2. **Announcements** - Don Cuvo said that Melvia Forniss had been appointed to the National Review Committee to review new applications for federal Safe Schools funds. He has been appointed by the federal Center for Mental Health Services to be a reviewer of state Mental Health Block Grant applications. As the Chair of the DMH State Advisory Committee he participates in the development of the Missouri application. He was also appointed to the new Department of Mental Health Council on Quality Improvement. He hopes to make new contact to benefit MHB in the future.

Don said that staff is working on two federal grant applications for the September 10th deadline. One is to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to test a new model of relapse prevention. The other to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to conduct a regional Youth Development conference.

Don said that efforts are being made to find ways to continue school mental health services after the federal Safe School funds are depleted. He said the remaining funds will allow the continuation of services for the next school year, but at a greatly reduced level. He said that contacts were made with the MC+ HMOs and their behavioral health subcontractors. He said that due to initiatives at the state level (DMS) the HMO's are interested in working with us to gain access to schools. Don said that he is establishing a committee to provide guidance in the development of a plan. Dr. Kincaid and Flint Fowler will participate on the committee.

3. **Minutes** - The trustees approved revised Minutes of the June meeting. Joan Nicholson's comments about Family Support Network's school-based mental health services were inadvertently omitted.
4. **Financial Report** - Don said that income and expenses for July were usual and customary. He did point out a new category which was added to this year's chart of accounts. "Intergovernmental Carryover" was added in order to identify unspent funds already committed by contract in the previous fiscal year, which are carried over to the current budget. He said that this category was not needed until MHB began receiving federal and state funds.
5. **Monthly Grants Reports** - Randy Breese presented the monthly grants reports to trustees. Randy noted that the prior format of having each grants manager present information seemed to take an inordinate amount of time. For this reason, the grants reports will be presented by Randy for all MHB and Federal Grants and by Melvia for the Safe Schools & HOME project grants. Carter & Lisa will only present when there are specific issues relating to their grants which merit special reporting to the board. Randy & Melvia noted that the transactions for the month were usual and customary. Carter Whitson updated the board on his recent visit to the joint committee of the Mental Health Association and DMDA which is overseeing their efforts to comply with the Corrective Action Plan for the Empowerment Center. Carter noted that the group had met each milestone to date, and that the group seemed very serious and focused on the task at hand. Lisa reported that both of the federal grants which she oversees were renewed. Melvia noted that SafeSchools continues to work on a continuation budget with the schools. She also reported on progress with the MC+ plan providers. Melvia also reported that applications for renewal of the HOME Project and a new Multicultural training grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety had been submitted.

6. **Resolution to Approve Tax Rate** - Bill Kuehling provided background on setting the tax rate. He pointed out that a notice of a public meeting was placed in the paper. He asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the topic of our tax rate. There were no comments. A motion was passed to approve the Resolution Setting Tax Rate.

7. **Motion to Approve Strategic Plan** - Les Landes, distributed copies of the strategic plan developed with the assistance of Leadership by Design, Inc. A draft copy had been distributed at the previous meeting so that trustees would have an opportunity to comment before the final draft. He reviewed the Values Statement and the 4 strategic goals. He said that there are 30 strategies. Trustees passed a motion to approve the strategic plan.

8. **Public Awareness Update** - Debra Shurn said that Marketing Works was working on the design and content for the new annual report, the TV cable show and the e-zine.