

Minutes of the October 17, 2002 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.

Chrissie A. Barfield

Mary Calzaretta

Neil Duncan

Mary Haberberger

Ruby Jones

William Kincaid, M.D.

Derek C. Mays

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Kincaid, President.

1. **Announcements** - Don Cuvo distributed a copy of a commentary written after the death of Al Kirth. The Commentary was published by the Journals. He also distributed an October 28, 2002, Time Magazine article which highlighted the Citizens for Missouri's Children report on parents needing to relinquish their children in order to get certain publically supported residential mental health services. The report has receive wide national attention. He said that MHB has received a request from Committed Caring Faith Communities to, again, provide support for the second Addictions Academy, which prepares clergy and church workers to develop faith-based recovery programs. Two churches have already begun such services as a result of the first training session.
Don said that Melvia has been developing plans to transition services for public school children after the end of the Safe Schools grant in June. A large meeting was held with representatives of the MC+ program, the public insurance program for low income families, and about 40 mental health services providers. Don said that he will be going to Tulsa to participate as a reviewer in the federal mental health block grants review process.
2. **Community Comments** - Kim Carter, NAMI Multicultural Outreach Program, updated the trustees on their program. She introduced Rhoda Stewart who is the Project Director.

Chris Huber, Project Director of The War Trauma Recovery Project, gave a progress report on the project. He distributed a report on the history, performance and accomplishments of the funded project to date. He cited an important Swedish study on war trauma recovery and said that the outcomes attained at WTR were similar to the Swedish study.

3. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the August Meeting were approved as mailed.
4. **Financial Report** - Don reviewed the September Financial Report. He said that all expenses were customary and usual. He responded to questions about the report. A motion was approved to accept the September Financial Report.
5. **Monthly Grants Report** - Randy Breese presented the monthly grant reports to the board. Randy noted that there were no unusual expenditures. Carter Whitson updated the board on progress which had been made by Aid for Victims of Crime and the Mental Health Association (in partnership with DMDA) on their corrective action plans. Carter noted that both projects were meeting the goals identified in their corrective action plans. Carter also noted that he and Randy would be conducting site visits to these organizations prior to the next board meeting to finalize recommendations on the two grants' continuation for the January board meeting.
6. **Resolution to Participate in the City Employees Retirement System** - Bill Kuehling reviewed the Boards desire to enroll in the city's defined pension plan. Bill said that MHB, as a public entity, meets the eligibility requirements. The trustees approved the resolution.
7. **Resolution to Approve Continuation Funding for Grants With Federal Funding** - Don said that the federal fiscal year begins in October, which is different from MHB's usual fiscal start date of July 1. Continuation funds were approved for Community Alternatives and to UMSL for evaluation services. The federal agencies are SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Center for Mental Health Services.
8. **Resolution to Provide Continuation Funding for Safe School Agencies** - Don reminded everyone that the 3-year federal grant supporting the Safe Schools project has ended, but an extension was granted to continue services until June 2003, when funds already collected have run out. The Trustees approved a resolution to receive funds from the St. Louis Public Schools, which is the federal grant recipient, and to provide continuation funding for Family Support Network and Provident Counseling to provide school-based mental health services.
9. **Resolution to Provide Continuation Funding for Department of Public Safety Funded Agencies** - The trustees approved continuation funding to Urban Behavioral Healthcare for The Home Project and new funding for the Multicultural Training Project.