

City of St. Louis
Mental Health Board
of Trustees

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*** * * MEETING MINUTES * * ***

Minutes of the August 21, 2003, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.

Mary Calzaretta

Chrissie Barfield Campbell

Clement Cann, Jr.

Neil Duncan

Flint W. Fowler, Ph.D.

Marguerite Grandelious

Mary Haberberger

Ruby Jones

William Kincaid, M.D.

Deborah M. Simmons Wilson

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Dr. William Kincaid.

1. **Community Comments** - Anna Damalas, St. Patrick Center, said that their funded substance abuse program has consistently exceeded their stated goals. During this contract year, they have served over 400 more clients than contracted for. She said that as a full service center, St. Patrick Center is able to place program participants into housing and employment.

Brian Korhammer reviewed the Clean Start program at MERS/Goodwill. This program takes clients directly from treatment at Archway Communities and provides job training placement and retention services.

Nicole Delaney, Better Family Life, apprized the trustees of the Cultural Services Training and Urban Rhythms programs they provide in the SLPS.

2. **Announcements** - Don Cuvo said that he has reported at a previous meeting that the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) has announced that it was temporarily curtailing Requests for Applications (RFAs) for the funding category MHB would most likely apply for. While still looking for other opportunities for federal funding, MHB is looking more closely at local possibilities for funding. He asked Carter Whitson to describe an application to the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Carter said that the funds would be used to provide case management services as part of MHB's ongoing Juvenile Justice Initiative. Don said that they have, also, been in discussions with the Missouri Foundation for Health to create funding partnerships and joint initiatives. He said the mental health services for immigrants and refugees and mental health services for children (specifically school-based services) are currently under discussion. We are also talking with them about cosponsoring the Youth Development/Prevention Conference to be scheduled next year. Don said that Dr. Kincaid, Bill Kuehling, Randy and he are meeting with the Department of Mental Health Director to discuss a new interpretation of DMH's role vis a vis county mental health boards. He said that a number of months ago he alerted the trustees to the settlement of a suit originating in St. Genevieve County which could give DMH greater control over county mental health boards. There was a great deal of curiosity of this issue by trustees. Don said it was better not to over react since, he said, DMH was not interested in confrontations.

Neil Duncan announced that Depressive Manic Depressive Association has changed its name to Depressive Bipolar Support Alliance. He distributed a flyer promoting a Dinner theater fund raiser.

3. **Minutes** - Trustees approved the minutes of the June Board Meeting as mailed.
4. **Financial Report** - Don reviewed the July Financial Report. He said that since the report was for the first month of the new fiscal year there was little to report. Trustees approved the July Financial Report.
5. **Monthly Grants Report** - Randy Breese presented the monthly grants reports. Randy noted that new budgets were not appearing on the reports. Randy reported that he cannot fix this problem in the system without the accountants coming out. This is because of the new segregation of duties adopted in the new accounting policies we recently adopted. Randy reported that he would have them out before the next board meeting. Randy also noted that the Hopewell Center contract on the MHB Juvenile Justice Initiative showed that it was overspent. This is due to the fact that the budget was projected prior to the actual contract being awarded, and the actual award was more than anticipated for this contract. Flint Fowler asked if the budgets could be revised to reflect actual contract amounts. Randy advised that he would consult with the accountants and report back to the board. Randy also noted that there were several new line items on the Multi-Cultural Training Grant report. These items also had no budgeted entries. Randy reported that the total budget for this project had not changed, and that the line items would be updated when the accountant comes in to adjust the other budget items. Other items are usual and customary.

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. Bill said that overall property tax's revenue for the city will increase this year due to the recent property reassessments. But, state statutes and the Hancock Amendment prevent taxing districts from benefitting from such increases. Consequently, MHB must reduce its tax rate to eight 3/4 cents. We will still receive an overall increase since we can allow for a cost of living increases. A motion was passed to approve the Resolution Setting Tax Rate.
7. **Resolution to Adopt Biannual Conflict of Interest Statement** - The Missouri Ethics Commission requires trustees, as public officials, to disclose conflict of interests with MHB and to keep such statements on file. In addition, Trustees re-adopted a Conflict of Interest Resolution.
8. **Trustees Orientation: Introduction to MHB's 3-Year Grants Process** - Don advised Trustees that, over the next several months, staff will prepare a series of presentations designed to gear Trustees up for the next round of funding. Randy Breese presented "Fiscal Year 2005 Grants: Introduction." Randy noted that the presentations would be available on our website at a later date.
9. **Public Awareness Update** - Debra Shurn introduced Kris Rosser who works at her agency. She reviewed the upcoming issue of MHB's e-mail e-zine. The topic will be on the prevention and detection of child and elderly abuse.