

City of St. Louis
Mental Health Board
of Trustees

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

Minutes of the August 19, 2004, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Mary Calzaretta
Clement Cann
Neil Duncan
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Mary Haberberger
Ruby Jones
William L. Kincaid, M.D.

The meeting was chaired by President Dr. Kincaid.

1. **Community Comments** - Ed Tasch, NCADA-St. Louis, presented the trustees with a plaque acknowledging MHB's participation in the annual TREND Conference. He described some of the conference content and stated 200 youths were in attendance.

Alicia Conway, Places for People, introduced Mitch West, their new Development Officer.

Dr. Kincaid said that we would start with the Public Hearing on Setting the Tax Rate. No one came forward to speak.
2. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as mailed.
3. **Financial Report** - The Financial Report was deferred.
4. **Resolution To Approve Tax Rate** - Board Counsel, Bill Kuehling, described the process used in setting the annual tax rate. The trustees approved a rate of \$0.0894 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
5. **Resolution Amending Consulting Agreement with The Rensselaerville Institute** - Don Cuvo reviewed the consulting relationship MHB has with The Rensselaerville Institute.

He said that the Institute was retained to assist MHB and the grantees transition to outcome based funding. Consultant Jim Moore provided extensive training before and during the Request for Co-Investors process. Now that the first Quarterly Reports are due, grantees will be provided assistance. Trustees approved the amendment adding \$7350 to their consulting agreement.

6. **Feedback & Observations about 3-Year Request for Co-Investors Process** - Jim Moore, consultant from The Rensselaerville Institute, asked each trustee to give feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of the new outcome based funding process. Everyone felt it was an improvement, but, most felt that the scoring process could be improved. The suggestions that were made involved the application of the scoring process at the committee meetings, and, not the substance of the scoring. He will also be reviewing the questionnaires sent to applicants, funded or not, to ascertain their opinions about the process.