

City of St. Louis
Mental Health Board
of Trustees

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* * * MEETING MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 15, 2004, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D
Mary Calzaretta
Chrissie Barfield Campbell
Clement Cann, Jr.
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Mary Haberberger
Ruby Jones
William L. Kincaid, M.D.
Melvin A. Tann

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Dr. William Kincaid.

1. **Community Comments** - Nicole Delaney, Better Family Life, discussed her organization's Cultural Arts Department. She said that BFL will be submitting an application for funding in the upcoming new round of funding.

Announcements - Don Cuvo announced that trustee Deborah Simmons Wilson has resigned to accept an out of town job promotion.

Don introduced Melvin Tann, LCSW, who was recently appointed as trustee. Mr. Tann said that he is in private practice and is especially interested in mental health services for children. Trustees welcomed him to the Board.

Don distributed a videotape to each trustee of MHB's latest Channel 10 production of *How's Your Mental Health?* The show featured representatives of **St. Louis Leaders Advancing the Agenda for Children**, a coalition of more than 35 agencies seeking to improve services for children.

Don, also, distributed copies of the *Children of Metropolitan St. Louis* report, prepared biannually by Vision for Children at Risk, a leading policy and advocacy organization. As with past reports, MHB assisted with the cost of printing and distribution of the report. The report analyzes the status of children well-being in the Metropolitan area. The report is unique in that the statistics are reported on a zip code basis.

2. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as mailed.
3. **Financial Report** - Don Cuvo reviewed the December Financial Report. He pointed out that about 50% of grant payments had been expended.
4. **Update on 3-Year Grant Process to Date** - Carter Whitson updated trustees on the Request for Investors (formerly, Request for Proposals) activities. He said that all application materials were available for download on MHB's home page and for pick up at the office. In order to assist agencies in preparing applications according to the new Outcome Framework, MHB provided a 2 day workshop at Forest Park Community College, on December 15-16. Consultants from The Rensselaerville Institute conducted the seminar. Fifty nine agencies sent 123 personnel to the seminar.
5. **Trustee Orientation: The 3-Year Grant Process** - Randy Breese introduced Jim Moore, Consultant for The Rensselaerville Institute, a New York based educational institution with a St. Louis office. The Rensselaerville Institute has been retained to assist MHB and applicants move to selecting and funding proposals based on projected outcomes, rather than activities. Jim said that TRI has a long history of assisting government agencies, as well as private foundations, to regear their processes in order to gain greater accountability from those who receive grants or contracts. Jim said that the Outcome Framework is fundamentally different from the way most government agencies and private foundations do business. With this approach **less** emphasis is placed on accounting for the activities which take place and **more** on results attained. He explained and stressed the roles of milestones and performance targets.