

City of St. Louis  
*Mental Health Board*  
of Trustees

4144 Lindell Blvd. • Suite 300 • St. Louis, MO 63108  
(314)535-6964 • Fax (314)535-6584

---

**\* \* \* MEETING MINUTES \* \* \***

---

*Minutes of the November 18, 2004, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.  
Chrissie Barfield Campbell  
Marguerite E. Grandelious  
Mary Haberberger  
Ruby Jones  
William L. Kincaid, M.D.*

*The meeting was chaired by President Dr. Kincaid.*

1. **Community Comments** - Kay Rittenhouse, Sharon Lyons and Barbara Morrow, NAMI, reported on the partnership agreement it reached with St. Louis Connect Care to provide assistance to families of Connect Care patients with mental illness. Sharon Lyons, the family outreach specialist, will conduct phone outreach. This outreach program will have office space at the Lillian E. Courtney Health Center. Funding for the initial development of the new services was provided by MHB.

Mike Lamping and Joris Miller, Community Alternatives, updated trustees on the Homeless Mentally Ill federal grant and on the Multisystemic Training they are providing to children, referred by the Juvenile Court. They provided statistical reports showing significant improvements in client outcomes.

2. **Announcements** - Dr. Kincaid announced that Proposition K was passed by the voters. Now, the responsibility for implementing the Community Children's Services Fund rests with MHB. The tax will first be collected in 2005 and made available to MHB in the 1st quarter of 2006. This provides a window of opportunity to plan for the increased responsibility. Dr. Kincaid acknowledged the hard work of many community agency representatives and a dedicated Campaign Committee, which was composed of a broad cross section of community leadership.
3. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as mailed.

4. **Monthly Grants Report** - Randy Breese presented the monthly grants report. Randy noted that Dennis Purkis and he had made the entries into the system to correct the missing budget items on the Federal Homeless MI Project, but, it would not appear until the November report. Randy noted that these amounts had been entered by hand on the October report for the Trustees. Randy noted that all other items were usual and customary.
5. **Presentation and Approval of Audit** - Jeffrey Randle, CPA reported that MHB received an Unqualified Opinion on the FY 2004 Independent Auditor's Report and Compliance Report. Mr. Randle said that the format of the Audit looks different this year as a result of MHB adopting GASB 34, a new audit standard intended to make the audit easier to read and understand. He reported that MHB has achieved a favorable financial condition with revenue exceeding expenses.

This increased revenue allowed MHB to fund additional projects during the audit period. The Compliance Report provides an independent opinion about MHB's compliance with laws, rules and regulations. The auditor's tests of MHB's financial records disclosed no instances of noncompliance. The trustees accepted the Independent Auditor's Report.

6. **Discussion of Planning Process to Implement Children's Fund** - Don Cuvo said now that the voters have approved Proposition K, the ball is now in MHB's court. He acknowledged all the support provided by community agencies and distributed a Children's Services Plan, prepared under the leadership of Vision for Children at Risk and St. Louis for Kids. Dozens of other agencies provided input. The new tax revenue will not become available until 2006. This provides a window of opportunity for MHB to conduct an organizational assessment to determine how best to prepare to meet this new responsibility.