

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 August 18, 2005, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Chrissie A. Barfield Campbell
Clement Cann, Jr.
Stephen F. Doss
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Mary Haberberger
Brooke Hatton
Ruby Jones
William L. Kincaid, M.D.
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Alva L. Smith*

The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.

President Mary Calzaretta convened the meeting by announcing a Public Hearing on setting the tax rates. She invited anyone who wished to comment, to come forward. There were no comments.

Community Comments - John Murphy, Employment Connection, highlighted the needs of children whose parents are in prison. He provided the percentages of men and women, in prison, who had children.

Dr. Marva Lloyd Redd, Hopewell Center, thanked the trustees for their support of Hopewell Center's Co-occurring Disorders program, where persons with both serious mental illness and substance abuse are treated. She said that a women's group had recently formed.

Announcements - Don Cuvo noted that the phone interviews planned by consultant Jim Moore had not yet occurred, as was announced, at last month's meeting. Jim has been traveling on business more frequently than expected, but, he will be calling trustees over the next week or so.

Don said that the new trustee orientation will be held on September 21, from noon - 1:30 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. An all day meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the MHB office.

Minutes - Don Cuvo corrected a statement in the minutes which said that services for youth may be funded up to the youth's 18th birthday. It should state "through the 18th year." The minutes were approved as corrected.

Monthly Grants Report - Randy Breese stated, as usual, for this time of the fiscal year, he will not be able to report on year-end financial status of grants until the September meeting.

Carter Whitson, Grants Manager, reported on the programmatic status of the grants as of the end of June. He distributed a spreadsheet which provided the names of the agency and project, investment priority, brief description and year end status. He reviewed each project indicating the strengths and weaknesses of each.

Deborah Deuster, board counsel, gave background on the rate setting process.

Resolution to Approve Tax Rate for Community Mental Health Fund - Trustees approved the resolution for the Community Mental Health Fund.

Resolution to Approve Tax Rate for Community Children's Services Fund - Trustees approved the tax rate for the Community Children's Services Fund.

Resolution To Adopt Conflict of Interest Statement - Deborah Deuster said that the Missouri Ethics Commission required public officials to disclose conflict of interest. MHB has a blanket statement which applied to all trustees. This statement is reaffirmed every two years. The trustees approved the conflict of interest statement.

Discussion of Organizational Name Change - At the last meeting, trustees selected St. Louis Mental Health and Children's Services Board to field test. Debra Shurn, Marketing Works, conducted structured interviews of MHB stakeholders and some who participated in last August's town hall meetings, to determine if the selected name would be an improvement over the current name. The new name did not test well. It was considered too long and bureaucratic sounding. Upon her recommendation, trustees decided to retain the current name for now, but to eliminate the prefix "City of" and the suffix "of Trustees. A motion was made and approved.

Establish Personnel Committee - At the August meeting, trustees discussed the usefulness of establishing a personnel committee. Trustees reviewed a "Charge" which listed the committee's responsibilities. They voted to approve the establishment of a personnel committee and adopted the "Charge".