

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

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*Minutes of the November 17, 2005, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Mary Calzaretta*  
*Clement Cann, Jr.*  
*Stephen F. Doss*  
*Marguerite E. Grandelious*  
*Mary Haberberger*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Caroline Korybut*  
*Philip Minden*  
*Nina R. North Murphy*  
*Brooke Sehy*  
*Alva L. Smith*  
*Melvin A. Tann*

*The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.*

**Community Comments** - Homer R. Shanks, Jr., The Gateway Archmen, introduced his organization's youth development program which involves performing arts. He distributed a fact sheet which describes the program, its purpose and activities.

Bert Emmons, SLPS, distributed the *Education Covenant* a strategic plan put forth by the superintendent. He said that SLPS is seeking comments on the Plan and he distributed forms for that purpose.

Rob Thurman, Places for People, updated trustees on their funded program.

John Murphy, Employment Connection, distributed a handout which provided a summary of an approach to services for children of incarcerated parents.

Richard L. King and Linda M. Young, Annie Malone Children and Family Services Center, introduced themselves and gave highlights of Annie Malone's services.

**Announcements** - Mary Calzaretta said that MHB had received a letter of resignation from Dr. William Kincaid, who was appointed Director of the St. Louis Health Department. Trustees expressed regrets and said that his well-grounded comments and good sense of direction will be missed. Don Cuvo said that Vision for Children at Risk (VCR) will be releasing the 2005 Children of Metropolitan St. Louis Report at an event being held at the History Museum on November 29, 2005. All trustees are invited to attend. Don Cuvo said that it will be necessary to have a December meeting. He will poll trustees to determine the best date.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the October meeting were approved as mailed.

**Monthly Grants Report** - Randy Breese reported on the status of the Mental Health Board's projects. Randy noted that reports from the prior fiscal year would no longer be presented in the packet. Randy reported that nearly all projects were progressing normally. Randy reported that he and Allyce Bullock, grants manager, are reviewing why several projects appear behind schedule on the Missouri Foundation for Health-Care Access for New Americans (CANA) project report. Randy will report on this in January.

**Financial Report** - Carl Toler, MHB's Financial Services Manager with Anders, Minker and Diehl distributed the Quarterly Report. He reviewed both the Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations for the period ending December 30, 2005. The Financial Report was approved.

**Investment Priorities for Community Children's Services Fund** - Don Cuvo said that the planning process is coming to an end as we focus in on the Investment Priorities. At the January meeting, trustees will appropriate funds for the RFP, partnerships and special initiatives. Don Cuvo reviewed for trustees some of the fundamental differences between "giving grants" and investing in the community. Giving grants is based on needs assessments, while investing is based on strategic direction. Grant making seeks to meet immediate needs and focus on short term change, while investing looks for longer term fundamental change. The Outcome Funding approach of The Rensselaerville Institute places the responsibility of succeeding in meeting investment objectives on the funder, rather than the grantee. It is the funder's responsibility to provide grantees with the resources they need to succeed, but if they are not meeting the milestones, continued funding should be reconsidered.

Consultants Jim Moore and Meg Renner presented 15 investment outcomes for the trustees to consider. Investment Outcomes address the question, "What does the St. Louis Mental Health Board hope to achieve with the new Children's Services Fund?" The Outcomes are grouped according to services for parents to improve youth outcomes; services for children and youth to improve youth outcomes; and, improvements to agency effectiveness. Given the fact that there will never be enough money to do everything that needs to be done, trustees participated in an exercise to prioritize the 15 outcomes. The following four outcomes scored the highest:

1. By June 30, 2009, at least 3000 parents and care-givers consistently use newly acquired skills to provide positive discipline and structure and effectively manage problem behaviors;
2. By June 30, 2009, 90% of all St. Louis 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will read at satisfactory or proficient levels as measured by the MAP test;
3. By June 30, 2011, at least 1,000 children and youth with serious emotional disturbance and/or substance abuse will be stabilized;
4. By June 30, 2008, all agencies in which MHB invests documents the effectiveness of a coordinated system for supporting families to connect to and use needed services across life domains.

There were no votes taken on the Investment Outcomes. Discussion will be continued at the special December meeting.