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

Minutes of the March 16, 2006 Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Mary Calzaretta
Chrissie A. Barfield Campbell
Clement Cann, Jr.
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Nina R. North Murphy
Alva L. Smith*

The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.

Community Comments - There were no Community Comments.

Minutes - Minutes of the February Meeting were approved as mailed.

Monthly Grants Report - Deputy Director Meg Renner reported that Carl Toler and his accounting firm were reviewing the monthly grants report in order to provide recommendations on alternative methods of preparing the report. They are also looking into the issue of the negative numbers which was pointed out at the February Meeting. They will report their findings at the April meeting.

Meg gave trustees a summary of the Request for Co-Investors (RFP), so far. A training workshop on how to prepare the application was conducted in January. One hundred thirty-five persons from 79 organizations attended. Staff have been and will continue to provide face-to-face and telephone technical assistance. Sixty-eight organizations have taken advantage of that opportunity. At the deadline, MHB received 94 proposals from 79 organizations, requesting more than \$17 million.

Nomination and Election of Officers - Phil Minden said that the Nominating Committee nominates the current officers to serve a second term as follows: President - Marylou Calzaretta; Vice President - Marguerite Grandelious; Secretary Treasurer - Melvin Tann. He asked if there were any other nominations. Having heard none, a motion was approved to elect the slate of officers.

Resolution to Terminate Contract with La Clinica - Don Cuvo said that MHB has a contract with La Clinica to provide mental health counseling to Hispanic individuals at their medical clinic. The new management at the clinic is not interested in continuing the service. This service is funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health, as part of the CANA- Care Access for New Americans grant. Don said that the service will be assumed by another organization. Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Termination of Contract to La Clinica.

Approval of Review and Decision Making Steps for Selecting Applications to Fund - Trustees engaged in discussion of the eight step decision making process proposed at the March meeting. Staff proposed that the applications initially be reviewed by staff and sorted into three categories: High, Medium and Low. Staff would review for the following: how compelling, how clear, how convincing and how strongly does it contribute to the Priority Investment Outcome. Staff proposed that applications be eliminated if they are so unclear ½ the application would need to be rewritten or does not meet eligibility criteria. Staff also recommended that only those applications determined to be High and Medium be routed to board committees. The rationale was that Low applications would be non competitive and should not consume time on a very tight schedule. There was considerable discussion about staff eliminating applications and staff withholding applications in the Low category. One point of view was that trustees should review all proposals; that it is their responsibility as trustees. Another point of view was that the review process is very time consuming and trustees should not review Low applications, if they will never be funded over those in the High and Medium categories. It was agreed that staff may eliminate applications if they do not meet eligibility requirements or were so unclear that they cannot be reviewed. There was less agreement on allowing staff to withhold applications in the Low category. A motion was made to accept the eight step review process, but, all applications High, Medium, and Low be included in the packet. The vote on this motion was a tie. It was then noted that, according to Robert's Rules, the Chair does not vote, except to break a tie. The motion was placed on the floor a 2nd time. The motion passed by one vote.