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

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*Minutes of the May 25, 2006, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Mary Calzaretta*  
*Chrissie A. Barfield Campbell*  
*Clement Cann, Jr.*  
*Stephen F. Doss*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Philip Minden*  
*Brooke Sehy*  
*Alva L. Smith*  
*Melvin A. Tann*

*The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.*

**Community Comments** - President Mary Calzaretta asked if anyone wanted to speak on the Children's Services funding recommendations which will be voted on. No one came forth to specifically speak on that issue.

Rev. Robert Buckner introduced two young women who were participants in the school-based prevention program operated by Friends With a Better Plan, with MHB funding. The women explained how helpful the program was to them while in high school and how it helps them make better decisions now that they are older.

Kristi Sobbe, Covenant House Missouri, updated trustees on some of their activities. She was happy to see that Covenant House was among the organizations being recommended for funding.

John Murphy, Employment Connection, said that he will be attending graduate school, and he will not be able to attend board meetings regularly, during that time.

**Announcements** - Mary Calzaretta said that resolutions to provide continuation funding for currently awarded grants will be on the June agenda. She asked trustees to participate on a review committee. Phil Minden, Brooke Sehy and Alva Smith agreed to serve.

**Minutes** - Minutes of the April board meeting were approved as mailed.

**Monthly Grants Report** - Deputy Director Meg Renner stated all current grants are within a reasonable range in terms of expenses. There are none that are significantly over budget and only a few that are somewhat under budget. We expect that all will be on track by the end of the fiscal year.

**Resolution to Approve Funding for Children's Services** - Mary Calzaretta asked if trustees had any questions about the resolution. There were no questions. Mary then asked for approval of the resolution to award funds for children's services. The resolution was approved.

**Resolution to Approve Partnership with SLATE** - Don said that both SLATE and MHB have a shared interest in helping youth, who have already dropped out of school, gain meaningful employment. Both organizations have developed a demonstration project geared to improving the chances that youth enter into and complete job training. The project will address issues such as temporary housing, substance abuse, lack of parental support/involvement, incentives and marketable job skills. Trustees approved a resolution allocating \$300,000 for each of three years to the SLATE/MHB partnership.

**Resolution to Approve Partnership with Lutheran, Deaconess, Incarnate Word, Daughters of Charity & Trio Foundations, Missouri Foundation for Health, Commerce Bank and Express Scripts** - Don said that MHB was invited to join a Funders Group to participate in organizing and funding a demonstration program for youth aging out of foster care. State support for foster children ceases at age 18 (or 21). At that time, youth are on their own. Most, find the transition difficult, at best. Many become homeless and victims of crime. Some are imprisoned for crimes committed. The demonstration project seeks to prepare youth, beginning at age 16, for the inevitable transition to independence. The demonstration will be funded at \$200,000 a year for 3 years. MHB's share is \$30,000 per year. Trustees approved the partnership and allocated funds.

**Resolution authorizing Minor Changes to contracts** - Don said that this is a routine resolution presented once a year, which permits the President and Executive Director to make minor changes to board approved contracts which neither affect the approved amount of funds nor the approved scope of work. Changes in term, reporting and insurance are permitted with a written contract amendment.