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

Minutes of the August 17, 2006, Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.

Resolution of the Community Children's Services Fund Designating Funds for Services and Long Term Reserves

- President Mary Calzaretta said that there were unspent funds at fiscal year end. This was expected, since grant expenditures didn't begin until July with the initiation of contracts with funded organizations. The Executive Committee met to discuss recommendations to be made to the full board. Options for uses of the funds are constrained because they are one-time funds, which will not be available in future years. She also said that, at this time, trustees were not required to decide on specific uses, but rather funding categories. The specific best uses of the funds could be decided at a later time. Trustees approved the Executive Committee's recommendation that the unexpended funds be designated for grants and long term reserves.

Public Hearing on Community Mental Health Fund Tax Rate

- Mary Calzaretta noted that fixing the rate is an important annual function for the trustees. A notice of public hearing was published in the newspaper. Board Counsel Bill Kuehling explained how tax rates are determined and the importance of determining the rates before the September 1, 2006, deadline. Mary asked that anyone wishing to address the trustees on the Mental Health Fund tax rate should come forward. No one came forward to provide testimony.

Public Hearing on Community Children's Fund Tax Rate - The President asked that anyone

wishing to address the trustees on the tax rate should come forward. No one came forward to provide testimony.

Community Comments - Kristi Sobbe, Covenant House, updated trustees on the services provided by Covenant House. She thanked trustees for investing in their expansion and move to a new location on North Kingshighway.

Minutes - The Minutes of the June meeting were approved as mailed.

Monthly Grants Report - Meg reported that all contracts were on track with projected spending. Additionally, Meg presented a format for reporting both the budget information as well as the results information for all MHB funded projects. The reports are divided by fund; one for Mental Health Fund and one for Community Children's Services Fund. Given that there was only one month of data to report, it was difficult to discern exact performance, but in general, all projects appeared to be in-line with expectations.

Resolution to Adopt Tax Rate for Community Mental Health Fund - Bill Kuehling reviewed the tax rate setting resolution. Trustees approved setting the tax rate at \$0.0832 on each \$100.00 assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property.

Resolution to Approve Funding for West End Mt. Carmel Community Outreach Services - Don Cuvo said that this organization's application for funding was not included in the Committee's recommendations at the May board meeting, when other grant awards were determined, due to some discrepancies which couldn't be resolved prior to the meeting. The committee is satisfied with the information received and is recommending that MHB invest in this organization's program.

Resolution to Adopt Tax Rate for Community Children's Services Fund - Trustees approved setting the tax rate for the Community Children's Services Fund at \$0.19 on each \$100.00 of real, personal or tangible property.

Resolution to Enter into Contracts or Contract Amendments with Agencies Funded by Missouri Foundation for Health - MHB received approval for certain budget adjustments to their grant to partially fund CANA-Care Access for New Americans. Trustees authorized changes to existing contracts as follows: International Institute for interpretation services, BIAS for interpretation services, BIAS for mental health counseling, CIC Planning Group for external project evaluation.

Update on Partnerships - For MHB, partnerships are funding relationships between two or more funders to combine funds in support of a program/service of mutual interest.

Don Cuvo reviewed that status on the partnerships as follows:

- **Child Care Scholarships** - MHB supplemented United Way's ongoing scholarship fund for low income families needing childcare with \$50,000. This partnership is completed.
- **Aging Out of Foster Care** - MHB is one of nine funders underwriting a demonstration project to increase positive outcomes for youth aging-out of foster

care. Epworth Children's Center was awarded \$200,000 per year over 3 years. MHB's share will be \$90,000 over three years.

- **Faith Based Mini Grants** - MHB provided \$500.00 mini grants to 41 youth groups to plan and conduct a community service activity. The youth groups have until September 30, 2006, to complete the project and report on their activity.
- **Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment** - MHB provided a \$300,000 Medicaid match to the Department of Mental Health to draw down sufficient funds to open a new treatment center in St. Louis. Preferred Family Healthcare was awarded the contract through a competitive process.
- **After School Programs** - This partnership with St. Louis Public Schools will open 10 new after school programs in elementary schools. MHB's \$400,000 will be matched by an equal amount by SLPS. Don acknowledged the disruption with the school board, but said that MHB has no money at risk with this partnership at this time.
- **After School Programs/ Parochial Schools** - MHB is at the beginning state of planning for expansion/enhancement of programs at Catholic and Lutheran schools.
- **Bullying Prevention Programs** - \$50,000 matched by the Incarnate Word and Lutheran Foundations to continue and expand bullying prevention and drug resistance programs in Catholic and Lutheran Schools.
- **Jobs for Youth** - \$300,000 will be matched by SLATE to develop a pilot youth program for youth who have dropped out of school to get their GED and job skills training. Provident Counseling has been selected through competitive process to run the program.

Lastly, Don read one of many thank-you letters he received from parochial school principals gratefully acknowledging our funding of the bullying prevention program. Don said that in all the years MHB has been funding programs in SLPS, he has never received any acknowledgment from principals, verbal or written.