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

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*Minutes of the March 15, 2007, 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*

*Don Cuvo, Executive Director*

*The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.*

**Community Comments** - Judy Ryan, Expanding Human Potential, introduced several staff members and participants in the funded program they offer at Carnahan High School. The program is comprehensive in that students, parents and faculty all participate. Melvia Forniss, Fathers Support Center, spoke about her work as family therapist and the support provided to fathers as they attempt to rebuild their relationship with their children. Parents and children can participate in a camp experience at Camp Wyman. Dr. Marva Redd, Hopewell Center, introduced a participant in their funded Co-Occurring Disorders Program who shared her background and experiences in the program which contributed to her recovery.

**Announcements** - Trustee Marguerite Grandelious said that she was a guest on "What's Up", MHB cable TV show for teens. The topic was child abduction. Marguerite provided her perspective as an elementary school guidance counselor.

Mitchell Hults, the young man who reported the description of the truck involved in the abduction of Ben Ownby, shared how he got involved and why it is important for children and teens to inform adults of situations which may result in physical harm.

President Mary Calzaretta said she is serving on a committee planning a special event for St. Louis for Kids. Mary announced the resignation of Chrissie Barfield Campbell after many years of service. Chrissie is a career foster parent and provided a unique perspective while on the Board. Don Cuvo introduced his mother, who will be 95 years old.

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

**Monthly Grants Report** - Deputy Director Meg Renner reported all grants are within projected budgets. She handed out Year-to-Date results reports for the Mental Health Fund Grants as well as the Children's Services Grants. She outlined the process staff members are working on for making recommendations for 2nd year re-investment. Based on current data and interactions with programs there may be 2 or 3 that will not be recommended for re-investment, primarily, due to lack of performance and inability to define learning and/or make course corrections that have a positive impact on results achievement. Staffs will finalize the process and make re-investment recommendations to the board at the June meeting,

**Election of Officers** - Ruby Jones said that the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers: President - Marguerite Grandelious, Vice President - Melvin Tann and Secretary/Treasurer - Stephen Doss. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion that the proposed slate of officers be elected was unanimously approved.

**Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Community Mental Health Services** - Don Cuvo said that a Call for Co-Investors (RFP) had been issued for applications responding to MHB's Priority Outcomes promoting treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders, early screening and treatment for adults under 25 years old, the provision of safe stable housing and promotion of employment. He said that 31 applications totaling \$5,463,575 were received. He reviewed a resolution appropriating \$2,000,000 from the Mental Health Fund to be used for applications selected for investment. Trustees approved the \$2,000,000 appropriation.

**Resolution to Continue Partnership with United Way to Provide Child Care Scholarships** - Project Director Jan Ashbrook reviewed first year performance of this partnership which combines MHB funds with United Way funds to subsidize the cost of child care for low income families. She said the first year objectives were met and MHB's \$50,000 will be matched with \$104,000 from the United Way. Trustees approved a Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for this investment.