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Minutes of May 17, 2007, Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Marguerite Grandelious.

Community Comments - Megan Wolf and Charmaine Smith, Discovering Options, updated trustees on their two funded programs. PREP offers life skills based on an evidence-based program aimed on improving decision making, stress reduction, assertiveness training and communication, etc. They distributed their latest newsletter and a copy of an external evaluation.

Charlie Skaer, Development, St. Patrick Center, introduced himself.

Mary Beth Wolff and Mary Beth Bussen shared some stories about the persons helped by Voices for Children.

President Marguerite Grandelious presented outgoing President Mary Calzaretta with a gift to express MHB's appreciation for her two years as President.

Minutes - The resubmitted Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Monthly Grants Report - Meg presented the monthly grants report. She addressed the appearance of so many projects being below expected performance by explaining that the reporting system that we use can only look at data from a quarterly perspective. Since we review data monthly, in the first two months of the quarter the report is identifying performance based on totals for the quarter, so the performance will often look to be low. Meg and Sue will be working on either re-adjusting the current system we are using – or build a new reporting system – that will provide accurate monthly data. We intend to focus on this once the FY 2008 contracting process is completed.

Meg indicated that she and all project directors did a deep level look at projects - manually using monthly data - and have identified that nearly all are performing well. Meg and the staff have created a ranking system for projects using both results and learning as indicators of performance. At the next board meeting, Meg will present this framework as well as provide recommendations for re-investment based on these rankings. At this time, it appears that there are only one, and possibly two, projects that will not be recommended for re-investment. Almost all appear to be making adequate or better progress with both results and learning.

Quarterly Financial Report - Carl Toler, MHB's consulting Business Manager, presented the Quarterly Financial Statement. Tax revenues, which are invested in CDs, mature monthly to fund operations and grants. Expenditures are on target for the 3rd quarter.

Resolution to Approve Continuation Funding - Trustees approved contract amendments to provide continuation funding for projects funded by external resources. A federal grant provides substance abuse services for persons at risk of HIV/AIDS and Missouri Foundation for Health provides an array of services for immigrants/refugees.

Resolution to Approve Investment for Services Funded with the Community Mental Health Fund - With the end of the 3-year funding cycle for the Mental Health Fund, a new Call for Co-Investors was issued in January. Agencies submitted applications in response to six priority outcomes: improve treatment outcomes for co-occurring disorders, engaging young adults in treatment, providing safe stable housing, securing and maintaining employment, managing and avoiding crisis and emergency room visits and providing holistic care. After a careful review of applications by staff and trustees, organizations were selected for investment. Trustees approved the resolution funding 10 agencies for \$1,705,573.

Resolution to Approve Investments for Capital Improvements/Equipment Purchases - Trustees allocated \$750,000 from the Children's Services Fund to assist agencies with needed equipment or property improvements. After committee reviews, trustees selected 24 organizations to receive a total of \$743, 632.