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

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*Minutes of the November 19, 2006, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

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

*Don Cuvo, Executive Director*

*The meeting was chaired by President Mary Calzaretta.*

**Community Comments** - Francie Broderick, Places for People, updated trustees on their funded program. Francie explained that ACTION teams locate homeless mentally ill and secure shelter and care for their immediate needs. She said that their quick response to their most pressing needs build trust, which later can lead to the person accepting psychiatric care.

**Discussion with SLPS Chief Academic Officer** - President Mary Calzaretta said that MHB has substantial investments in support services to SLPS students, provided by community agencies. A SLPS representative was invited to update the trustees on school improvement activities, as they relate to community agencies offering services in the schools. She introduced Mulugheta Teferi, chief academic officer, who recounted some early successes, such as good attendance at the beginning of school. He said that SLPS has many partnerships with community organizations and there continues to be interest in working with the schools. He described the current MHB/SLPS partnership is to increase school-based after school programs. He answered a number of questions, including, one which inferred instability in school

administration. He replied that there are always challenges and he is confident that stressors will not impede teaching and learning.

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

**Quarterly Financial Report** - Dennis Purkis, accountant with Anders, Minkler and Diehl, reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statement and Fund Balances. Grant payments for the 3 month period were about \$730,000 each month. Income and expenses are unremarkable during this period.

**Monthly Grants Report** - Meg Renner provided the monthly grants report. Copies of Investment Portfolio Reports for both the Mental Health Fund, as well as the Children's Services Fund were handed out to each board member. Overall, most grants are performing at a reasonable pace toward projected results. All of the grants that were required to submit a plan of course correction have done so, and have implemented the changes they proposed. Most of them have already demonstrated improved performance. There is only one that may need more serious intervention and staff will continue to monitor them and make any necessary recommendations to the board.

**Approve Revised and Restated Bylaws** - Board Counsel Bill Kuehling presented the revised and restated bylaws. This is the first revision since the current bylaws were approved over 12 years ago. Bill said that this version contains greater detail and is compatible with policies which were since promulgated. The revision was unanimously approved.

**Resolution to Approve Funding for Provident to Conduct Job Training for Out of School Youths** - Don Cuvo said that one of MHB's investment priorities is to improve job prospects for out of school youths. Over 2000 youths drop out of SLPS each year. Many of these men and women are not able to earn a living due to lack of school completion and job skills. Over 50% of those who currently complete job training can't pass drug screens. MHB and SLATE have developed an innovative demonstration project to improve outcomes. Provident was selected by a competitive process to be the lead agency. Trustees approved a resolution to award a grant to Provident for 8 months, until July 2007, when a 12 month budget will be approved.

**Approve Priority Investment Outcomes and Allocation for Community Mental Health Fund** - A Request for Co-Investors will be issued in January with funding from the Community Mental Health Fund. Over the past months, trustees have been working to identify which outcomes for adults will be funded. A Vision and Desired Results (goals) have been identified. Trustees were asked to select their priorities from among 13 proposed outcomes.

**Approve Policies for Capital Improvements** - At a previous meeting, trustees allocated \$500,000 for a Capital Improvements/Major Equipment Purchase RFP. At the last two meetings, the issues of eligibility and prioritization were discussed. Don presented what he believed was the consensus arrived at, during the October meeting, as well as general policies to govern this type of investment. Trustees approved the resolution.

**Resolution to Approve Funding for Vision for Children at Risk to Conduct "A Public**

**Dialog on Public Education”** – VCR submitted a proposal for funding to offset expenses associated with the Forums held every other week to promote dialog about public education in St. Louis. Phase II of the project is to facilitate the development of citizen coalitions to advocate for quality public education. There was considerable discussion about VCR’s proposal with opinions ranging from **fund** full amount to **not fund** at all. Trustees questioned what outcomes were expected and whether this was an appropriate use of funds. Don suggested that trustees think of this proposal as supporting their considerable investments in services to public school children through grants to local agencies. A motion was offered and approved which funds the proposal in the full amount with the condition that VCR develop a plan for parent involvement.

**Resolution To Approve Funding for the Addictions Academy** – Trustees approved a resolution to provide \$5,500 to Committed Caring Faith Communities to support participation of City clergy and church workers in the Addictions Academy, which prepare faith-based organizations to offer support services to persons recovering from substance abuse.