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

Minutes of the June 18, 2015, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon Ashford, Ph.D

Mary Calzaretta

Terrell Carter

Marguerite Grandelious

Carolyn Jackson

David Laslo

Phil Minden

Nina North Murphy

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by Chair, Nina North Murphy. She additionally welcomed new Trustee David Laslo attending his first meeting since being appointed.

Community Comments – Sara Johnson-Cardona, Latino Outreach Coordinator, addressed the Trustees and expressed her appreciation of the funding MHB provided Saint Louis Crisis Nursery. When she began at the Crisis Nursery they served no Spanish speaking clients and now 44 individuals and 70 families with Spanish as their primary language are being served.

Approval of May 2015 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Leon Ashford and seconded by Marguerite Grandelious to approve the May 21, 2015 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Merger of Redevelopment Opportunities for Women

(ROW) and Family Resource Center - The motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by David Laslo to approve the merger resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the FY16 Saint Louis Mental Health Board Budget - Jama Dodson presented the FY 2016 budget. Jama explained that the budget is very conservative regarding revenue, assuming no federal grants; though there is a strong likelihood the ORR grant will be renewed. The motion was made by Terrell Carter and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the budget as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report –Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period May 22 – June 18, 2015. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Trustee appointments were approved at the recent Board of Aldermen meeting. The letters of appointment from the Mayor are forthcoming.
- Cassandra Kaufman has been selected to receive the **2015 University of Missouri-St. Louis Distinguished Alumni Award** by the UMSL Alumni Association. The award will be officially presented in September.
- Following the approval of the resolution by the Board at its May 2015 meeting to authorize new CCSF funding for FY16-18, staff began meeting with assigned projects to prepare contracts for execution.
- The Office of Refugee Resettlement three-year grant application is under development for submission this month. The proposed budget will be approximately \$500,000 per year.
- MHB is awaiting a response from SAMHSA on the System of Care expansion grant application submitted in April. Regardless of the response SOC expects to have unspent funds that should be able to convert to a “no-cost extension” that would extend the SOC planning project for another six months into FY16.

Special Recognition – Tonight is the last meeting Dr. Leon Ashford will attend. Dr. Ashford was a founding MHB Trustee and is stepping down after more than 21 years of service, Nina and Jama made a special presentation of gratitude to Leon for his years of service including a Mayoral Proclamation naming today, June 18, 2015, as ‘Leon Ashford Day’ in the City of St. Louis. In addition, a handmade plaque created and donated by Bridget McDermott Flood, Executive Director of the Incarnate Word Foundation was presented.

Adjourn - There being no further business, Phil Minden made a motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Mary Calzaretta. The motion passed and the meeting of the St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:30 p.m. As there will be no meeting in July, the next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **August 20, 2015**.