



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the August 18, 2016, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Carla Rose
Donna Schmitt
Dr. Roy Wilson*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Carl Toler, Anders CPAs+Advisors*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – Stephanie Weinhaus, Development Associate with Employment Connections, spoke, thanking the MHB for the funding Employment Connections receives on behalf of their Board, Executive and Administrative staffs. The funding in part serves over 110 adults and youth within the city.

Approval of the June 2016 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Nina North Murphy and seconded by Linda Grayson to approve the June 16, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously with Mary Calzaretta abstaining.

Preliminary Year-End Financial Report

Carl Toler, CPA with Anders CPAs + Advisors presented the unaudited FY16 year-end financial report. This draft is awaiting pension and liability numbers before the final adjustments will be made. In it, Carl noted that investments are up including permanent supportive housing as well as general investments. He also noted the investment portfolio return is up over this time last year. The Trustees recognized Carl for his longstanding service to the MHB, as he and Anders will be transitioning to a more consultative role in future, due to the hiring of a CPA on the MHB staff. Phil Minden requested that the Finance-Investment Management Committee convene soon to review MHB reserves.

Staff Reports

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period June 17, 2016 – August 18, 2016. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- On July 11, MHB welcomed CPA and Accountant, Kathleen (Katie) Zitt, as the newest member of our team. As announced earlier, Katie is a licensed CPA, with a BA in Philosophy. She has over eight years of experience in general accounting, audit, tax and payroll for private and nonprofit organizations as well as stints in public accounting firms. She grew up in the St. Louis area but recently relocated from Cincinnati. In addition, she is also a recorded jazz vocalist! She has a part-time, four-day-a-week Monday-Thursday schedule. Serena Muhammad was presented with an award from the Ferguson Commission for her significant contributions and support for their work.
- The Youth Mini-Grant Showcase was held on July 23 at the Gateway Classic Sports Foundation. Participating youth groups gave presentations on their community service projects and hosted informational booths. Other activities included entertainment, pizza, and attendance prizes. Following the conclusion of the 10th year of funding, this Fall an ad hoc Committee has been appointed and will convene to review the initiative and make recommendations to the Board regarding continuation of the program.
- The System of Care will contract with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health to manage the ongoing workforce development and capacity building needs of organizations serving youth with serious emotional disturbance and their families. The training and workforce development program will also support training for the SOC Council members and partners to foster better understanding of the system of care framework and philosophy of service delivery; and capacity building on how to operationalize the SOC approach within their respective systems, to aid in cross systemic implementation of SOC-specific best and promising practices.

Racial Equity Institutional Quiz and Discussion

As part of its continuing work to become an organization that reflects racial equity in its principles and operations, the Trustees and Staff were asked to complete an Institutional Assessment Quiz adapted from the Annie E. Casey toolkit. The quiz was designed to assess the organization's practices along a racial equity continuum from "Color-Blind," "Diversity Only," "Race Tentative," to "Racial Equity." After completing the quiz individually, the group participated in a focused discussion aimed at identifying which level within the continuum best describes MHB's practices.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Steve Doss made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phil Minden. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **September 22, 2016**.