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

Minutes of the February 18, 2016, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Carla Rose*

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chair Nina North Murphy.

Community Comments – There were no community members present who wished to address the Board.

Approval of the January 2016 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Carolyn Jackson to approve the January 21, 2016 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the Merger of Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Inc. (BHH) and Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. (PFH) – Jama Dodson introduced the resolution to approve the merger of BHH and PFH. A motion to approve the merger was made by David Laslo and seconded by Linda Grayson. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize FY 2017 Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Appropriation for Competitive Agency Grants – Jama Dodson introduced the resolution calling for \$2,500,000 to be made available for the Community Mental Health Fund for FY17 for competitive grant expenses. This is for the first year of the three year competitive cycle. Years two and three assume a possible COLA adjustment. A motion to approve the CMHF Appropriation Resolution was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by David Laslo. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of Funding for Investment Management Partnership – Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition (MCFHC) – Cassandra Kaufman, Deputy Director, presented the resolution to continue funding MCFHC through the Investment Management Partnership. She outlined the three main objectives each with targeted numbers to achieve:

- Screen and refer pregnant and post-partum women to case management, brief intervention/therapeutic treatment and other supportive services
- Develop a network of primary and behavioral health and social service organizations to conduct universal screening, case management, brief intervention and referral to treatment/treatment
- Develop a workforce of trained providers better prepared to serve perinatal women with behavioral health concerns through training and professional development

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Phil Minden. After a lengthy discussion the motion passed as follows:

Yea's: Mary Calzaretta, Terrell Carter, Steve Doss, Marguerite Grandelious, David Laslo, Carolyn Jackson, Nina North Murphy

Nay's: Linda Grayson, Phil Minden, Carla Rose

A motion to form a Trustee Sub-committee to review all future Investment Management Partnerships prior to bringing before all Trustees was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by Marguerite Grandelious. The motion passed unanimously. The Trustee Investment Management Sub-Committee will be comprised of Linda Grayson, Marguerite Grandelious, Carla Rose, and David Laslo.

Report on Federal Grant Accomplishments and Investments from October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015 – Serena Muhammad, Director of Strategic Initiatives, presented a report covering the milestones and investments made for the Federal Grants. This report covered among other things:

- SAMHSA Mental Health & Housing Transformation, 2010-2015
- Office of Refugee Resettlement Survivors of Torture, 2012-2015

- SAMHSA Children’s Mental Health System of Care Planning Grant 2015

Staff Report – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period January 22, 2016 – February 18, 2016. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- On January 22, 2016, Serena Muhammad was presented with the “Emerging Leader in Philanthropy” award at the annual meeting of the Gateway Center for Giving (GCG). Over 250 members and friends were in attendance. At the same meeting, Jama Dodson was elected Vice President of the GCG Board.
- Staff conducted two different orientation sessions at which invited projects for the Community Mental Health Fund FY17 Grant Cycle were required to choose one to attend. Attendance at one of the orientation sessions was necessary to ensure all were instructed on the application process and submission procedures of the new system.
- RFPs are under development and soon to be released for sub-awards to provide consulting and direct services as part of the SAMHSA System of Care federal grant. \$450K of sub-awards are mandated by the terms of the cooperative agreement.
- The Children’s Service Fund Executives were invited to a meeting hosted by the Missouri Foundation for Health, the Missouri Department of Mental Health, and the Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare to get an update on Missouri’s Excellence in Mental Health Act planning grant that was awarded in FY16. This grant also opens the possibility of being one of eight states selected for subsequent two-year “Demonstration” grant. If successful, the program would expand the Medicaid payment system to include more organizations that can be paid for behavioral health services (“collaborative organizations”) and improved quality through a pay-for-performance system. The Excellence Act will increase Americans’ access to community mental health and substance use treatment services while improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. When fully implemented, the Excellence Act will infuse over \$1 billion into the behavioral health system, making it the biggest federal investment in mental health and addiction services in generations.

Adjourn – There being no further business, Steve Doss made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mary Calzaretta. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **March 17, 2016**.