



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the March 17, 2016, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Carla Rose
Dr. Roy Wilson*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Carl Toler, Anders CPAs+Advisors
Dave Obedin, Renaissance Financial
Gary Orf, Renaissance Financial*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Vice-Chair Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – Felicia Spratt, Youth Social Worker with Employment Connection thanked the Trustees for funding the *To Health and To Work* project.

Daniel Glazer, Executive Director and General Counsel for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri also thanked the Trustees for the 7 years of funding to LSEM. He stated that over these years, 430 children have been helped to gain access to education through their *Improving Educational Outcomes for Children* program. His team members also thanked the Trustees and gave highlights of cases for which they provided legal advocacy or support.

Approval of the February 2016 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Linda Grayson to approve the February 18, 2016 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2016-17 Officer Slate As Presented by the Officer

Nominating Committee – Phil Minden, Chair of the Officer’s Nominating Committee

presented the officer’s slate for the upcoming one-year term running from April 21, 2016 through April 20, 2017 as follows:

- Roy Wilson, Chair
- Carolyn Jackson, Vice-Chair
- Linda Grayson, Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Steve Doss and seconded by David Laslo. The motion passed unanimously. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board Officers will be installed during the April meeting.

2015 Investment Performance Report – Gary Orf of Renaissance Financial, reported to the Trustees the 2015 year-end results of the investment portfolio. MHB investment policies are very strict in not allowing investment risk and returns reflect those policies. 98.3% of investments are in CD’s, the remainder are in governmental bonds. Overall in 2015 the return on investments combined was 1.02%. This represents an increase from the previous year’s return of 0.81%. It is a significant improvement on CDRS which earned 0.25% last year. Dave Obedin, also in attendance from Renaissance Financial, commented that he expects the pace of federal interest rate changes to slow but believes we will see better returns in the future. He is confident the budgeted return is achievable.

Resolution to Authorize Sub-Award Projects to be Funded by Federal SAMHSA System of Care (SOC) Cooperative Agreement – Serena Muhammad, Director of Strategic Initiatives, presented the Trustees the resolution to authorize funding for sub-award projects proposed for funding by the Federal SOC Cooperative Agreement for behavioral health services from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Marguerite Grandelious. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Rogers, Senior Project Director, Information Services, presented the FY16 Mid-Year Community Investment Report. This report highlighted results from July 1-December 31, 2015 as we near the final months of the CMHF funding cycle and begin the final phase of the CCSF funding cycle. The report also showcased MHB’s efforts to incorporate findings from the CCSF Needs Assessment into the grant cycle application process and the enhanced data collection and reporting capabilities the new grants management system has been able to provide.

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period February 19, 2016 – March 17, 2016. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- The Community Mental Health Fund application phase closed to submissions Friday,

March 11. Final recommendations will come before the Board at its May 19, 2016 meeting, according to our standard grantmaking procedures summarized as follows:

- Having received the applications and supporting documentation, staff will execute their multi step review process and will make their recommendations to the Trustees by April 21.
 - Applications with staff recommendations will be delivered to Trustees on April 22.
 - Trustees will be divided into small review teams to meet with staff and make final recommendations by May 8 for dissemination to the full Board in time for the May 19, 2016 meeting.
- The region's seven Children's Service Funds agencies are planning to jointly engage a researcher to collect data on key indicators of child well-being and perform a separate trend analysis for each county, from the first year each fund was created, through the end of FY15. This study is proposed so that it can be determined what measurable, community-level results can be attributed to the Children's Funds.
 - As a result of the 02-21-2016 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Special Report: The Crisis Within on toxic stress in children, Carter Whitson was invited to participate in a panel discussion on Nine Network's *Stay Tuned* television program that aired at 8:00 PM on Friday, March 4. Fellow panelists were Post-Dispatch reporter, Nancy Cambria and pediatric psychiatrist Dr. John Constantino.
 - Jama and Bill Kuehling will be meeting with Alderman Dionne Flowers to provide her with a briefing on the mission of MHB and the benefits that MHB provides to City residents.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Carolyn Jackson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **April 21, 2016**.