



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the August 17, 2017, Board Meeting

Trustees Attending:

Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Phil Minden
Carla Rose

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Dr. Rob Poirier
Darrell Hudson, Ph.D.

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Angie Dobyne, DREAMS Program Manager with Northside Youth and Senior Services, thanked the Trustees for their continued investment in the DREAMS Project funded by the Children’s Services Fund. Chris McNeil, a Principal at Sumner High School, addressed the Trustees regarding daily positive impact he sees as a direct result of the DREAMS Project.

Approval of the June 2017 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Jennifer Matthew to approve the June 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Prospective Trustee

Phil Minden, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented Dr. Darrell Hudson, to serve a three-year term as a MHB Trustee subject to approval by the St. Louis Board of Alderman. Phil then

made a motion to approve and David Laslo seconded the motion. The nomination passed unanimously.

MHB Marketing and Branding Plan

Jim Schnurbusch, President of OrgStory facilitated a discussion and presented recommendations regarding the MHB marketing and branding initiative. Volunteers were invited to participate in a one-time meeting to review and make final recommendation to the Board for the branding and marketing plan.

Juvenile Justice Initiative Presentation

Carter Whitson, Project Director, presented the Juvenile Justice Initiative update which traced this initiative back to its beginnings and how it has evolved over time.

Staff Reports

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period June 16, 2017 – August 17, 2017. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Children's Service Fund Project Director Kristin Cowart has been elected as Co-Chair (along with Megan Armentraut of the Incarnate Word Foundation) of the newly formed local chapter of Emerging Professionals in Philanthropy (EPIP). EPIP is a national network of foundation professionals, social entrepreneurs and other change makers who strive for excellence in the practice of philanthropy with the mission to develop emerging leaders committed to building a just, equitable, and sustainable society.
- Newly selected auditors, (Clifton, Larsen, Allen) began their engagement with MHB mid-July and will be presenting the audit report at the October Board meeting.
- A *Grantee Orientation and Reporting Refresher Training* was conducted August 10, 2017. A total of 19 staff, from a variety of funded agencies attended the two-hour workshop. Beginning in FY18, these trainings will be offered at least twice annually in addition to MHB's regularly scheduled trainings and on-going individual technical assistance.
- MHB has provided substantial support to the Participatory Budgeting process of the federally funded *St. Louis Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma* (ReCAST) project through a City/County Health Department partnership. The MHB Director of Strategic Initiatives conducted a series of proposal review trainings for Community Delegates (residents of the Promise Zone), assisted with reviewing all ReCAST proposals and facilitated reviewer meetings. Next, Promise Zone residents will vote on how they want to invest \$550,000 in ReCAST dollars to support projects that provide Mental Health, Peer Support, Violence Prevention, and Youth Engagement services in the Promise Zone. Selected projects are estimated to start in October 2017. In the next round of participatory budgeting, MHB is being asked to play an even greater role in the process expected to launch in fall 2017.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Jennifer Matthew 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 7:11 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **September 21, 2017**.