



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the March 16, 2017, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Dr. Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
Dr. David Laslo
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Carla Rose
Donna Schmitt
Dr. Roy Wilson*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Dave Obedin, Renaissance Financial
Jim Schnurbusch, OrgStory*

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 Vice-Chair Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – David Kessel, Chief Operating Officer from Employment Connection thanked the Trustees and Carter Whitson for the years of support to Employment Connection. He introduced a former consumer, now volunteer, Harold Taylor, who shared with the Trustees his background and the assistance he had received as a result of the MHB funding to Employment Connection.

Daniel Glazer, Executive Director and General Counsel for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM), 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.

Mary Ellen Pennick from the St. Louis City Family Court, also spoke to the Trustees expressing thanks for the funding they receive and providing testimony to the work and assistance the funding provides.

Approval of the February 2017 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the February 16, 2017 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2017-18 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 20, 2017 through April 19, 2018 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.

2016 Investment Performance Report – David Obedin of Renaissance Financial, reported to the Trustees the 2016 year-end results of the investment portfolio. MHB investment policies are very strict with respect to limiting risk - and returns reflect those policies. 98.3% of investments are in CD's, the remainder are in government bonds. The 2016 return on investments for the Mental Health Fund was 0.67% and was 0.46% for the Children's Services Fund.

Update on MHB Marketing/Branding Initiative – Jim Schnurbusch, President of OrgStory, provided the Trustees with an update on a possible direction the branding initiative is taking. Included in the update were some potential updates to the MHB logo.

Update on the Prevention Symposium – Jama Dodson provided the Trustees a brief update on the preparations underway for the Prevention Symposium to be conducted next Wednesday, March 22nd.

Staff Report

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

- Ad hoc Committee appointed by Board Chair, Roy Wilson, to oversee the development of the agreement with Seniors Count. The Committee will consist of members of the Finance/Investment Committee (Phil Minden, Linda Grayson, Donna Schmitt) and Nina North-Murphy (advised and staffed by Bill Kuehling and Jama Dodson).

- For FY18, projects may request a maximum 1.5% COLA. Recommendations for FY18 CCSF and MHF competitive grant renewals and FY18 partnerships and initiatives will be presented for Trustee approval at the May 18, 2017 Board meeting.
- In preparation for the Children’s Fund announcement, MHB has engaged Behavioral Health Network to conduct a needs assessment that will mine information from other recent area children’s needs assessments supplemented with information gleaned from several focus groups throughout the City to hear directly the concerns of residents.
- After viewing a number of properties, soliciting lease estimates and conducting a cost analysis, it was determined that our current office space was determined to be best suited to our needs at the most affordable cost. A 5-year lease amendment was successfully negotiated with the owners in Texas at very favorable rate.
- **Seniors Count** has changed the timing of their public announcement to sometime in April. They want to announce the agreement with MHB after that. This gives us more time to plan than originally envisioned. The ad hoc committee will oversee creation of the Letter of Intent and Agreement with Seniors Count.

Fiscal Year 2017 Mid-Year Community Investment Report – Staff presented to the Trustees the Mid-Year Community Investment Report. The report detailed the investments made for FY17 and the tools employed to monitor the health of the portfolio. Overall, at mid-year, 91% of the portfolio is at or above targets, 9% are receiving supplemental technical assistance and no projects are currently in corrective action status.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Terrell Carter 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 7:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **April 20, 2017**.