



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the May 18, 2017, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter (phone)
Steve Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Donna Schmitt*

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 5:53 p.m. by Vice Chair Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Katie O'Brien and Kelly Jones from Great Circle addressed the Trustees thanking them for the funding Great Circle receives and read a testimonial from a consumer who through the funded program has seen her life stabilize and rebound. Additionally, Executive Director Steve Moergen and Collen Polak from Voices for Children (VFC) cited the assistance MHB funding provides to foster care children in St. Louis and the evolution underway at VFC to enhance programming and Board leadership.

Remarks from MHB Vice Chair, Carolyn Jackson – Carolyn Jackson informed the Trustees that Dr. Wilson was not able to attend tonight and his status for the June meeting is not yet known. Nevertheless, the Trustees and staff are preparing a gift in recognition of his years of service with MHB and the indelible mark his commitment has made on behalf of the residents of the City of St. Louis. When Dr. Wilson moves, MHB will need to nominate a M.D. to serve on the Board—a requirement of one of MHB's guiding statutes. Dr. Rob Poirier, Clinical Chief of Emergency Medicine at BJC was introduced. Dr. Poirier was contacted by Dr. Wilson and met with Jama

Dodson and Dr. Wilson last week to learn about MHB and the Board of Trustees. He has expressed interest in serving and will be submitting application materials to begin the process.

Approval of the April 2017 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Steve Doss and seconded by David Laslo to approve the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY18 Continuation Grants from the Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) - Linda Grayson made a motion seconded by Phil Minden, to approve the FY18 CCSF continuation grants (third year of the three-year cycle). The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY18 Continuation Grants from the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) – Donna Schmitt made a motion seconded by Mary Calzaretta, to approve the resolution for FY18 CMHF grants (second year of the three-year cycle). The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY18 Funding Partnerships and Initiatives – David Laslo made a motion seconded by Marguerite Grandelious, to approve the Funding Partnerships and Initiatives for FY2018 from both the CCS and CMH funds. The resolution passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson, Executive Director, presented the MHB staff report covering the period from April 21st -May 18th. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- A RFP was issued to select an accounting firm to perform the FY18 MHB audit with option to renew for four years. Best practice recommends that audit principals and/or firms be changed from time to time. Since MHB has worked with the same firm for eight years, it was time to re-bid that work. The process is on track to select a firm by June 1, 2017.
- Behavioral Health Network has scheduled several stakeholder focus groups as part of the joint System of Care/Children’s Needs Assessment. Please see staff for information on upcoming sessions open for board members to observe.
- Several staff attended the St. Louis County Children’s Services Fund presentation of the County Children/Youth Needs Assessment. The needs assessment was very comprehensive and many of the findings were consistent with those in MHB’s prior needs assessments.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Steve Doss made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Linda Grayson. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **June 15, 2017**.