



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the April 19, 2018, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson (by phone)
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose
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 5:45 p.m. by Chair Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Dan Underwood, Managing Attorney with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, thanked the Trustees for the ongoing support to their two programs: Improving Educational Outcomes for Children and Legal Advocacy for Adults with Mental Illness. He then introduced staff who presented examples of how their advocacy on behalf of City residents makes a real difference in their lives.

Approval of the March 2018 Board Minutes – The motion was made by David Laslo and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the March 15, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Installation of the 2018-19 Officer Slate—2018-19 MHB officers elected last month for one-year terms were officially installed. Their terms begin today and run through April 18, 2019.

Officers are:

Carolyn Jackson, Chair
Linda Grayson, Vice-Chair
David Laslo, Secretary/Treasurer

Updated Supportive Housing Resolution to Horizon Housing Development Company -

Jama Dodson presented the updated Resolution for Supportive Housing funding to the Horizon Housing Development Company. After some discussion, Phil Minden made a motion to approve the Resolution and Donna Schmitt seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Update and Refresher from MHB Legal Counsel – William Kuehling, MHB legal counsel with Thompson Coburn LLC, provided the Trustees an overview and refresher on the major legal issues with which MHB must comply including, Sunshine Laws, conflict of interest disclosures, and recusal guidance.

Staff Reports - Jama Dodson distributed three reports highlighting activities since the last Board meeting including the following:

Quarterly Financial Report –This compilation report highlighted both the statement of net position and the statement of revenue and expenses with budget comparisons. Among other items, Jama touched on the following:

- Overall, at the end of Quarter 3, projected revenues are at 85% of budget—tax revenues were at 94%. Total Expenses were at 68% of budget, reflecting timing issues for some items that will fall in the 4th quarter.
- Tax receipts from the City are greatest in December and the first quarter of each calendar year. The accumulated surplus that results, is depleted over the remainder of the year to cover community investments and operating expenses both of which tend to be consistent month to month.
- Total investment balance with Renaissance was just under \$15 million as of March 31, 2018, with the Children’s Services Fund at approximately \$5.2 million and the Mental Health Fund at approximately \$9.7 million.

FY19-21 Community Children’s Services Fund Selection Overview –Jama presented an overview to the Trustees on the entire CCSF application and selection process, the current status, and their roles between now and the May Board meeting when the final resolution is approved.

Executive Director Report – This report provided highlights of activities since the last Board meeting including:

- Jennifer Matthew in her new role on the Nominating Committee recommended a prospective candidate for the Board. She and Jama met with Sarah Demezier on

April 16. She is a kindergarten teacher in the City and very committed to the well-being of children. Follow up will be done to identify her interest and ability to serve.

- SAMHSA conducted a site visit for the System of Care on March 27-29. This three-day visit allowed us to showcase the many partnerships we have built over the past three years to advance the System of Care Approach. The site visit team commented that their visit with us was “refreshing and delightful” and that they believe our approach of embedding our work in the community is noteworthy and should be replicated. The SAMHSA team plans to invite our SOC staff to present our work at a national conference this year.
- Jama Dodson and Serena Muhammad met with Judge Jimmie Edwards to discuss the goals and strategy of the Violence Prevention Commission (VPC). There is considerable alignment between the goals of the VPC and the vision of the Public Safety Director. As a result of the meeting, Judge Edwards appointed Chief Hayden, Fire Chief Jenkerson, and Corrections Commissioner Glass to the VPC Leadership Council.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Phil Minden 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 6:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **May 17, 2017**.