



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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* * * MEETING MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the February 15, 2018, Board Meeting

Attendance (by phone):

Terrell Carter

Steve Doss - present

Marguerite Grandelious

Linda Grayson

Darrell Hudson - present

Carolyn Jackson - present

David Laslo

Phil Minden

Nina North Murphy

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 – Gregory Tomlin, Facilitator & Educator with Fathers' Support Center thanked the Trustees for funding the Family Formation project teaching responsible fatherhood. For the most recent program, 6 of 7 registered, successfully completed and 5 are successfully employed while one is completing culinary training.

Carter Whitson, retiring Program Director came forward to thank the Trustees for the fulfillment of their ongoing mission. He encouraged the Board to continue to be bold and expansive in the types of grants awarded, and to look for impacts in building stronger, stable neighborhoods. Trustee Marguerite Grandelious expressed her thanks to Carter for his dedicated years of service on behalf of those in need of mental health services.

Approval of January 2018 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Steve Doss to approve the January 20, 2018 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize FY 2019 Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) Appropriation for Competitive Agency Grants – Jama Dodson presented the appropriation for Year One (FY2019) agency grant dollars from CCSF tax revenues in preparation for the start of the next three-year funding cycle. A motion was made by Steve Doss and seconded by Marguerite Grandelious to approve the resolution to authorize appropriation for the FY19 CCSF Competitive Agency Grants. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation on the St. Louis Youth Development Initiative – Serena Muhammad, Director, Strategic Initiatives, provided the Trustees with an overview of the St. Louis Youth Development Initiative and a tentative timeline.

Staff Report – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period January 19, 2018 – February 15, 2018. A written report was distributed as usual.

Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- From February 1 – March 2 project directors will be actively engaged in providing technical assistance to applicants. Each project submitting an application is offered the opportunity for a 90-minute in-person meeting. Although participation is highly encouraged, it is not mandatory. TA concludes one week prior to the March 9 application deadline.
- As part of our continuous quality improvement and integration of best practices, four external reviewers have been recruited to work in paired teams with MHB staff to review and score applications. Though Carter Whitson will be retired, he has agreed to serve as the fifth external reviewer.
- MHB has engaged the Behavioral Health Network to conduct the 2018 Community Mental Health Fund Needs Assessment in preparation for the opening of the CMHF FY20-22 grant cycle this fall.
- As a member of the Promise Zone Health and Wellness Subcommittee, the Director of Strategic Initiatives will help plan and coordinate a two-day Federal Partners Convening of agencies that fund projects in the Promise Zone. This includes HUD, HHS, DOJ, EPA, and more.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Steve Doss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Darrell Hudson and unanimously passed. The meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **March 15, 2018**.