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***** MEETING MINUTES *****

Minutes of the May 17, 2018, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Terrell Carter (by phone)
Marguerite Grandelious (by phone)
Linda Grayson
Darrell Hudson (by phone)
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew (by phone)
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose
Donna Schmitt (by phone)

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 5:43 p.m. by Chair Caroline Jackson.

Community Comments – There were no community members present who wished to address the Trustees.

Approval of the April 2018 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by David Laslo to approve the April 19, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY19 Continuation Grants from the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) - David Laslo made a motion seconded by Linda Grayson, to approve the FY19 CMHF continuation grants (third year of the three-year cycle). The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve New Grants from the Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) for the FY19-21 Cycle

– Carla Rose made a motion seconded by Robert Poirier, to approve the resolution funding projects selected by Trustee committees for the next three-year cycle of CCSF competitive grants beginning July 1, 2018. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY19 Funding Partnerships and Initiatives –David Laslo made a motion seconded by Robert Poirier, to approve the Funding Partnerships and Initiatives for FY19 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 20th-May 17th. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- **SAVE THE DATE...JULY 19, 2018 3:30 - 5:30 PM** for an event to announce the next cohort of Children’s Fund 3-year grants, in concert with the public launch of MHB’s new brand/logo. The event will be held at SLATE, (1015 Locust). Since there is no board meeting in July, the event will provide an opportunity for recognizing grantees and celebrating MHB and the completion of the FY19-21 grant selection process. We have invited the Mayor and also hope to secure some media attention.
- The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission will host its first community engagement event on June 9 in the Walnut Park neighborhood to pilot a new approach to connecting families to social supports aimed at reducing community level violence. This will be the first in a series of events this summer done in partnership with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.
- Though MHB was somehow omitted from the original media coverage released a few weeks ago on the establishment of DePaul USA’s St. Lazare House for permanent supportive housing of transition-age youth, Jama was invited to give remarks at the facility’s Open House on May 2. Following that, St. Louis Public Radio reporter, Marissanne Lewis -Thompson requested an interview about MHB’s investment in permanent supportive housing for transition-age youth. That interview was taped and initially aired on Wednesday, May 9. Follow this link to see the entire article: <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/st-louis-gets-2nd-housing-program-homeless-young-adults>

Adjournment – There being no further business, Robert Poirier 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 6:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **June 21, 2018**.