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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the September 20, 2018, Board Meeting

Trustees Attending:

*Terrell Carter
Linda Grayson
Darrell Hudson (by phone)
Carolyn Jackson
Phil Minden (by phone)
Nina North Murphy
Robert Poirier
Donna Schmitt*

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Public Hearing on the 2018 Tax Rates

Board Chair, Carolyn Jackson, convened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2018 tax rates for the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children's Services Fund. It was noted that the proposed rates were publicized in the *St. Louis American* as well as posted in several public locations throughout the City. No one present asked to speak on the tax rates. Chair Jackson then adjourned the public hearing.

Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – No community members present requested to address the Board.

Approval of the August 2018 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Linda Grayson to approve the August 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2018 Estimated Tax Rate of the Community Mental Health Fund –

A motion was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by Nina North Murphy to accept the 2018 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.0891 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Mental Health Fund. The motion passed unanimously. *[N.B. Due to an error by preparers of our tax form, the CMHF rate should have been \$0.0893. An electronic meeting of the Executive Committee was held September 27, 2018 to approve the correct rate, which passed unanimously. The corrected documents were submitted to the City Assessor on 9/28/18.]*

Resolution to Approve the 2018 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services

Fund – A motion was made by Nina North Murphy and seconded by Donna Schmitt to accept the 2018 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.1886 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Children’s Services Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Initial Findings of the 2018 Adult Behavioral Health Needs Assessment

Behavioral Health Network (BHN) of Greater St. Louis presented a summary of the findings from the recent adult behavioral health needs assessment. Once finalized, the full report will be posted on the MHB website and will be presented at the community meeting announcing the next three-year grant cycle of the Community Mental Health Fund scheduled for November 1, 2018.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period August 24, 2018 – September 20, 2018. A written report was distributed, that among other items, included the following highlights:

- Several Trustees terms will be/or have concluded and Tom is working to get their re-appointments on the agendas of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- Serena, as Convener and Manager of the Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), has raised funds from several sources, for MHB to engage a full time VPC Coordinator who will report to Serena and lead the Commission. The individual hired will be full time but with the understanding that the position is funded by a special partnership that will continue for only two years.
- Justin Lorenz joined the team on August 28 for a two-semester practicum through St. Louis University.
- A community meeting for potential grantees, other funders, and community members is planned for Thursday, November 1 from 10 – 11:30 AM in the Trolley Room at the Forest Park Visitor’s Center. Needs assessment findings will be shared and funding priorities for the upcoming cycle will be announced.
- The Deaconess Foundation, Incarnate Word Foundation, and Missouri Foundation for Health are conducting an inventory of Black-led organizations in the St. Louis region. Serena is supporting this initiative and will help co-facilitate a session for funders to identify ways in which Foundations can implement strategies that advance racial-equity in grantmaking practices.

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 7:09 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **October 18, 2018**.