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

Minutes of the February 21, 2019, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Linda Grayson – by phone
Darrell Hudson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Samantha Stangl, Clark-Fox Family Foundation
Marcel Hagens, Clark-Fox Family Foundation*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Molly K. Brown, Senior Clinical Director with Saint Louis Crises Nursery addressed the Trustees thanking them for supporting the *Keeping Kids Safe* project providing respite care services. She indicated the Crisis Nursery has moved to the old Vision for Children at Risk location (2433 N. Grand) and invited all to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 14th between 3-5PM.

Approval of January 2019 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Robert Poirier and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the January 17, 2019 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize FY 2020 Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF)

Appropriation for Competitive Agency Grants – Jama Dodson presented the proposed appropriation for Year One (FY2020) Mental Health grant investments from CMHF tax revenues in preparation for the start of the next three-year funding cycle. A motion was made by Darrell Hudson and seconded by David Laslo to approve the

resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize Appropriation for MHB Permanent Supportive Housing

Fund – Jama Dodson presented the proposed resolution to appropriate funds from the Mental Health Fund reserves into the MHB Permanent Supportive Housing Fund to address the housing needs of people with mental health or substance use conditions. A motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Nina North Murphy to approve the resolution to authorize appropriation. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from Clark-Fox Family Foundation regarding Criminal Justice

Reform –Samantha Stangl, Program Manager with the Clark-Fox Family Foundation gave a well-supported presentation on Criminal Justice Reform. A Q&A followed.

Staff Report – Jama Dodson distributed the Executive Director’s report to the Board for the period January 18, 2019 – February 21, 2019. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- The FY19 2nd Quarter Financials were distributed to the Trustees as part of the report
 - Operating revenue was at 65% of the annual budget. Tax revenue is roughly 70% of the annual budget. Tax receipts are highest December through February. Miscellaneous income consists primarily of receipts for the Violence Prevention Commission.
 - Community Investment expenditures (Grants, Partnerships, Initiatives, Federal and other) through December 31, 2018 represent approximately 47% of the annual budget; underspending is primarily related to Federal subrecipient awards.
 - Operating expenses were at approximately 49% of the annual budget.
- In January, Kristin Cowart and Megan Armentrout of the Incarnate Word Foundation, co-chairs of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP) St. Louis, accepted the 2018 Emerging Leader in Philanthropy Award from the Gateway Center for Giving on behalf of the local EPIP chapter. This recognition is for an individual or organization demonstrating generosity of spirit and a commitment to social impact both professionally and personally, showing creativity and determination to improve the philanthropic sector, as well as demonstrating great potential for leading the sector in the future. Established in 2017, EPIP St. Louis is a community of emerging professionals, all of whom are newer to the philanthropic sector and are committed to cultivating a diverse field of practitioners equipped with the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to create a thriving, socially just and racially equitable St. Louis.
- MHB along with Daughters of Charity and Lutheran Foundation received the Gateway Center for Giving 2018 Excellence in Collaboration in Philanthropy award for working together to establish the Immigrant Services Provider Network (ISPN). The ISPN was created to help organizations network, share resources

and information, and strengthen partnerships needed to improve the quality of social services for New Americans in the St. Louis region. By leveraging our Care Access for New Americans investment over the last few years, MHB supported the communications and strategic planning infrastructure of the ISPN.

- From January 31 – February 22 program staff have been actively engaged in providing technical assistance (TA) to applicants. Each project applying is offered the opportunity for a 90-minute in-person TA session. Although highly encouraged, participation in TA is not mandatory. TA ceases one week prior to the March 1 application deadline.
- On January 31 the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission hosted its first public meeting on the future of regional community policing to a capacity crowd. There will be a series of listening sessions throughout the year to begin to build an understanding of how community and police can work together to improve policing practices and public safety.
- Serena Muhammad met with U.S. Attorney for the Eastern Dist. Of MO, Jeff Jensen, to discuss ways in which the Violence Prevention Commission can support the crime reduction efforts being led by his office. The U.S. Attorney has invited Serena to serve on a social services coordination and planning workgroup to discuss the strategy for expanding Chief Hayden's Violence Reduction Zone to neighborhoods in South St. Louis.

Adjournment – There being no further business, David Laslo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Matthew and unanimously passed. The meeting of the Trustees for the Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **March 21, 2019**.