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

Minutes of the November 21, 2019, Saint Louis MHB Trustee Meeting

Trustee Attendance:

Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Linda Grayson (by phone)
Darrell Hudson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Chris Suda, CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order** – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.
2. **Community Comments** – There were no community members present who wished to address the Board.
3. **Approval of October 2019 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Robert Poirier to approve the October 17, 2019 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Nomination of Prospective Trustees** – After a motion from Mary Calzaretta and a second by Carla Rose, the Trustees voted to recommend Yusef Scoggin and Cassandra Pinkston to the Mayor for appointment to a three-year term as a MHB Trustee, subject to approval by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.
5. **Acceptance of FY18 Audited Financial Statement, Independent Auditor's Report and OMB Circular A-133** – Chris Suda, Principal with CliftonLarsonAllen, presented both the Audited Financial Statement and the Independent Auditor's report. Chris reported that MHB had an unmodified clean opinion – noting there were no material weaknesses or control deficiencies within either the financials or the single audit. A motion to approve the audited financial statement and the federal single audit was made by Terrell Carter and seconded by Phil Minden. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Overview of Homeless Coordinated Entry and Winter Operations** - Amy Bickford, Chief Program Manager, St. Louis Department of Human Services provided an overview of the city's homeless coordinated entry system and described the additional services

during winter operations.

7. **Staff Report** – After an overview of MHB’s FY19 Community Investment Results and new Impact Reporting from Cassandra Kaufman, Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period October 17 – November 21, 2019. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Serena participated in the Trauma Leadership Roundtable in Jefferson City to meet with Statewide leaders in the field of trauma informed care to discuss local and national policy trends that affect trauma informed mental health care.
- Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) met with St. Louis County Councilwoman Lisa Clancy to share the Action Plan. VPC has been invited back to present to the entire County Council as they consider formally adopting the VPC Action Plan.
- Serena is participating on a Pre-Implementation Work Group to help inform the implementation strategy for Cure Violence. The City of St. Louis has selected three neighborhoods to begin the pilot – (1) Walnut Park East/Walnut Park West; (2) Wells Goodfellow/Hamilton Heights; and (3) Dutchtown
- Kristin attended the Unity Summit in Seattle, Washington. The summit convenes over 800 participants from across the country working to expand their individual and institutional practice to advance equity across multiple groups.
- Program staff have been keeping apprised of the progress of a group exploring feasibility of a campaign and corresponding November 2020 ballot initiative to support the expansion of quality early childhood opportunities for all children from birth to age five in St. Louis City and County.
- Jama has been in discussion with strategic plan consultants, “Consilience Group.” They prepared the County Children’s Fund strategic plan and did an excellent job due to their significant experience and special expertise in youth development and behavioral health—important capabilities necessary for strategic planning consultants to an organization like MHB.

8. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Darrell Hudson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed, and the last Board meeting in 2019 of Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **January 16, 2020**.