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

Minutes of the April 15, 2011, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D
Mary Calzaretta
Robert Franken
Linda Grayson
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Nina R. North Murphy
Allison Weaver
Roy Wilson, M.D.

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.

Community Comments –Torrey Davie, Northside Community Center, spoke about the success of the MHB funded DREAMS program, which promotes high school graduation. He said that 38 program participants will graduate, many continuing on in college and technical school.

Darlene Sowell, Neighborhood Houses, described her organization’s early childhood centers at Caroline Mission.

Connie Neumann, Queen of Peace Center, thanked MHB for the recent closing on the property they acquired with an MHB Housing Acquisition grant/forgivable loan.

Minutes – Minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as mailed.

Resolution to Approve Grants for Capital Improvements – Linda Grayson said that a committee composed of Allison Weaver, Steve Doss and herself met to review proposals for Capital Improvement/Major Equipment Acquisition grants. The committee selected 26 projects totaling \$863,523 which merited MHB funding. The Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the funding of the capital projects attached to the resolution and recommended by the review committee.

Update on MHB's Housing Acquisition Initiative – Don Cuvo said that MHB has two initiatives promoting improved housing for persons with serious mental illness. The first is a major infusion of funds for agencies to acquire and improve properties. The second is the federal Mental Health and Housing Transformation grant which seeks to improve housing outcomes for persons who are mentally ill and homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Don said the goal of both initiatives is to bring about systematic improvements in policy, funding and service delivery outcomes over time. He said that MHB convened a meeting of major public housing funders in order to improve working relationships and for information sharing. Future goals may include policy development, braided funding and regulatory changes. Board Counsel Bill Kuehling reviewed the status of the three projects receiving MHB financial support to acquire and/or improve properties.