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

Minutes of April 19, 2012, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Kirby Burkholder
Stephen F. Doss
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Roy Wilson

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.

Community Comments –J. Hammonds from Epworth introduced three young people who are participating in their Life Skills program. Each spoke about their program activities and accomplishments. Ms. Hammonds described the program which includes mentoring, advocacy, peer leadership, employment, character development and transitional living or foster care.

David Kessell and Marilyn Brown from Employment Connection thanked MHB for past support. Ms. Brown talked about her experiences in the Back to Health/Back to work program and how her hope had been restored after her incarceration.

Jesús Figueroa from North Grand Neighborhood Services (Angel Baked) thanked MHB for the opportunity to work with the program stating that it had helped him as much as the youth who participated. He announced that he will be leaving St. Louis to pursue his MBA in Atlanta, a decision he made because of his experience with Angel Baked.

Minutes – Minutes of the March 2012, Board of Trustees meeting were approved as mailed.

Presentation by Maternal, Child & Family Health Coalition Investment Management

Project – Kendra Kopanas, Executive Director and Jeri Michael, Project Director gave a status report on their Investment Management project with MHB. They explained that they had learned much as they began implementation, including the lack of local data on maternal perinatal depression and the limited availability of Brief Intervention Therapy. There is greater capacity of more traditional therapy. They have the services of a CORO Fellow who is helping with the environmental scan of services. They praised their Steering Committee as a group of knowledgeable, committed professionals who have been a great help in getting the project off the ground.

Approval of Resolution to Designate Reserve Funds for Previously Approved Projects –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution designating from which of the two unappropriated reserve funds the seven projects (six programs selected for automatic renewal plus the MCFHC investment management project) will be made. Three projects were designated to the Children's Service Fund Reserve and four projects were designated to the Mental Health Fund Reserve. The motion was approved with one abstention (Marguerite Grandelious).

Staff Report – Jama Dodson gave a brief report on the status of:

- a. Children's Services Fund application review by staff and Trustee review teams and meeting schedule.
- b. Federal grant applications and activities
- c. Strategic Plan Request for Proposals
- d. Public relations and community outreach activities
- e. Trustee reappointment process and new Trustee prospect

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM