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Minutes of the August 19, 2010, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Stephen F. Doss
Robert Franken
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Allison Weaver
Roy Wilson, M.D.

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.

Community Comments – Latricia Buckner thanked trustees for support of IMPACT-St. Louis and presented the Chair with a framed photograph showing the faces of two smiling program participants.

Announcements – Chair Phil Minden welcomed new trustee Allison Weaver. Allison said that she works at St. Louis Regional Health Commission and has participated in the multi-year Eastern Region Behavioral Health Initiative. She is interested in participating on the MHB Board. Don Cuvo said that new regulations have moved the usual tax setting month from August to September. Don announced the resignation of Deputy Director Meg Monti and the appointment of Jan Ashbrook to Acting Senior Project Director. He said he has no plans to fill the Deputy Director position at this time. Don asked Administrative Assistant Sue Culli to review the Mini Grants Showcase. Sue said that 13 organizations, which were Mini Grants recipients, participated in a showcase where each gave demonstrations of their community service project. She displayed a representative series of photographs of the event.

Minutes – The Minutes of the June 2010, Board Meeting were approved as mailed.

Funding for After School Programs – Don referenced a Resolution approving 2nd year continuation funding for ARCHS to manage after school programs. ARCHS was awarded a management contract last year to comply with the Mayor’s After School for All (ASAP) initiative, which assigns after school program management to ARCHS. Acting Senior Project Director Jan Ashbrook provided additional background and reviewed the conditions of ARCHS contract and their Year 1 performance. There were questions about ARCHS contractual obligations and a request for more information. The Resolution was approved with Robert Franken abstaining.

Discussion of Capital Improvement Grants – Don said that no service grants were scheduled to begin next fiscal year. He asked if Trustees would be interested in conducting Capital Improvements grants. There was interest and Don said he would return next month with decision items for Trustees.

Update on Housing Acquisition Initiative – Don reviewed the activities which occurred since Trustees approved a housing initiative to increase the supply of safe affordable housing for persons with mental illness and/or in recovery from substance abuse. He reviewed the original proposal for MHB to allocate up to \$1,000,000 for rehab of properties supplied by the St. Louis Equity Fund. He said that it appears, at this time, 18 housing units in two buildings may move forward for contracts with two agencies.

Update on Changes in the Public Mental Health System – Phil Minden introduced Laurent Javois, Chief Executive Officer for DMH Eastern Region, who provided a review of the fiscal situation which led to the decision to close the emergency room and acute care hospital at Metropolitan Psychiatric Center (MPC). He said that a planning process was being conducted by Regional Health Commission who made recommendations to DMH for the development of an urgent care approach to provide quick appointments following psychiatric emergencies at community hospitals and stabilization units for short stays.

Update on Banking and Investments – Don said that the transfer of banking business from US Bank to PNC/National City was very rocky. He said that the experience was so poor that he lost confidence in PNC and resumed banking business with US Bank. He also said that Peoples National Bank was being considered for CDARS investments.