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**\*\*\* MEETING MINUTES \*\*\***

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*Minutes of the January 21, 2010, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Mary Calzaretta*  
*Robert Franken*  
*Marguerite E. Grandelious*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Caroline Korybut*  
*Nina R. North Murphy*  
*Roy Wilson, M.D.*

*Don Cuvo, Executive Director*

*The meeting was chaired by Chairperson Marguerite E. Grandelious.*

**Community Comments** – Denny Bram, representing the Nonpublic School Consortium, reviewed results of several programs which receive MHB support. The After School Program served 1250 students in 15 city schools; Youth Development Mini Grants were used by 15 schools to deliver community service projects; Bullying Prevention programs were conducted in 21 schools, benefiting 2500 students; and, Parent Support workshops were conducted for 9500 participating parents. Ms. Bram introduced principals and students from St. Raphael and St. Frances Cabrini Schools. The children gave presentations on their Mini Grant community service projects.

**Announcements** – Chair Marguerite Grandelious announced that Trustee Brooke Sehy gave birth to a son. She introduced new Trustee Roy Wilson, M.D. Dr. Wilson said that he was one of the original MHB board members after the Mental Health Fund had been approved by voters over 15 years ago. He went on to become Director of the Department of Mental Health and is now Medical Director of St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the November 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee** – The following trustees were appointed to recommend a slate of officers at the March meeting: Leon Ashford, Mary Calzaretta and Caroline Korybut.

**Appointment of Banking Committee** – A Request for Proposals (RFP) for banking services has been issued. The following were appointed to the review committee: Phil Minden, Robert Franken and Dr. Roy Wilson.

**Recommendation for Consumer Housing Initiative** – Don Cuvo asked trustees to consider designating a part of reserve funds for one time expenditure in housing acquisition for persons with mental or addictive disorders. Insufficient housing is an ongoing issue and a priority on Needs Assessments. He said that interest rates are so low that reserve funds can not be considered a revenue source for the foreseeable future. Trustee Phil Minden has identified a possible partnership with an organization looking to transfer residential properties to non profit providers and has positioned MHB as an intermediary for the exchange of properties. Don said that MHB could identify agencies that could put the properties into use and sustain ongoing upkeep and client services expenses. MHB funds can be used to modernize the buildings. The trustees favored the idea and authorized Don and Phil to develop a plan.

**Appropriation of Funds for Community Mental Health Fund Grants** – Trustees approved an appropriation of \$2,100,000 for grants to be selected from the projects invited to submit full applications.

**Selection of Bids to Invite Full Applications** – Don said that 45 bids or pre-applications were received requesting over \$7,000,000. They were available for trustees to review on- line. Trustees reviewed lists of projects recommended to submit full proposals and those which were not. Trustees approved the list of those projects recommended to go forward to the next step.

**Renewal of Office Lease** – Don reviewed the terms of a new 3-year office lease. Trustees approved the terms of the lease and authorized the Chair and Executive Director to execute a new lease amendment with the Landlord.

**Conflict of Interest Policy** – Trustees approved the Conflict of Interest Policy for employees with the addition of two amendments. The first amendment added language which clarifies that failure to disclose real conflict may lead to termination of employment. The second amendment required the Executive Director to report to the Personnel Committee, in executive session, instances of real conflict of interest and actions taken.