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

Minutes of the June 19, 2008, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
William Edwin Dodson, M.D.
Stephen F. Doss
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Nina R. North Murphy
Jason Spaetti
Melvin A. Tann

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Marguerite Grandelious.

Community Comments – Larry Allen, thanked Hopewell Center for helping him make improvements in his life and circumstances.

Will Hildebrandt, Queen of Peace Center, introduced Stacie Coleman and Samia Mark, participants in the TREM (Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model), who expressed their appreciation for MHB's support of Queen of Peace Center. They each shared their experiences and how their lives have improved as a result of their involvement with Queen of Peace Center.

Meg Feely, Voices for Children, distributed a newsletter. She shared stories of the experiences youth have aging out of foster care.

Dianne Robinson-Nichols, Creating Change, Inc., said that their new program is ready to receive children for respite care. They serve teen males between 13-17 years.

Minutes – The Minutes of the March 2008 meeting were approved as mailed.

Resolution to Approve FY '09 Budget – Carl Toler distributed a revised budget which included some last minute revisions, after the Board mailing. He pointed out the changes. He explained that revenues were based on historical experience and current year's collections. Grants and federal revenue includes confirmed federal contracts. Interest income reflects expected rate of return applied to anticipated cash and investments throughout the upcoming year. Grant and partnership expenses on contracts and agreements, which the trustees are approving at that meeting. Funded organizations were provided with a cost of living increases. No new staff positions are budgeted. Operating costs based on known costs. Dr. Dodson said that the balance of the long term reserve needs to be revisited. It was stated that historically the Reserve was considered necessary to fund a mental health response to a natural disaster and other unanticipated emergencies. Trustees approved the FY'09 Budget.

Approval of Continuation Funding – Don Cuvo distributed Disclosure of Conflict of Interest forms for trustees to disclose any conflict with organizations listed to receive continuation funding in FY '09. No conflicts were disclosed. One agency, funded in the first year, but not in the second, was brought back on board. Two agencies voluntarily withdrew. Trustees approved continuation funding for 55 projects in 39 organizations totaling approximately \$9,000,000.

Proposal to Designate New Initiative – IMPACT Northeast is a proposal to provide staff resources and seed funding to improve access and increase availability of services in North Pointe, Walnut Park East and Walnut Park West, which have fewer local agencies and historically have received disproportionately fewer services. Don said Initiatives are rarely proposed and only considered when the probability of attracting longer term non MHB funding is high. MHB funds are used primarily for program development/initiation and collaboration, rather than ongoing programs, which is anticipated to be funded by other sources. Don explained that MHB had been meeting with local leaders for about a year to develop a service plan and to organize around the provision of wraparound services for children, beginning in the 3rd grade and continuing through high school. He asked that the Board approve \$90,000 for program development and bridge funding, while a proposed foundation grant application is under review. Dr. Dodson strongly protested that the documentation provided to trustees was inadequate to make a decision. Other trustees responded that the documentation was sufficient. Support was expressed for the proposed program concept and the use of funds for program development and bridge funding. There was discussion about the use of a common form, containing elements suggested by Dr. Dodson, for all future funding proposals before the Board. It was stated by other trustees that there is a common form, which is used for our major funding programs. Trustees present voted to approve the IMPACT Northeast Initiative, with Dr. Dodson voting no.

Strategic Planning Update – Jason Spaetti, representing the Strategic Planning Committee, said that the Plan is not at the stage to be presented to the Board at this meeting, as scheduled. He said that more time is needed and that the new completion date will be the September meeting.

New Business – Dr. Dodson asked that the Board make a policy requiring a standard form, containing certain elements, for all future funding requests to the Board. The trustees deliberated on the subject, stating some of the same positions put forth in the IMPACT-Northeast discussion. The meeting was adjourned without a consensus on the subject.