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

Minutes of the June 18, 2009, 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
Brooke Sehy
Jason Spaetti

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Marguerite E. Grandelious.

Community Comments – Rich Hennicke, Nurses for Newborns, introduced himself and thanked trustees for grant support of a new program in conjunction with Community Alternatives.

Minutes – The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as mailed.

Announcements – Jason Spaetti told trustees that he will resign from the board effective July 1, 2009. He said that he is required to resign since his employer, MERS/Goodwill, had been approved for a grant. Chair Marguerite Grandelious thanked Jason for his service on the Board and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Resolution to Approve FY'10 Continuation Funding – Don Cuvo reviewed a resolution to approve FY '10 continuation funding for organizations currently funded. They included 7 projects funded by the Children's Services Fund and 12 projects funded by the Community Mental Health Fund totaling over \$3,500,000.

Resolution to Approve FY'10 Budget – Don Cuvo reviewed the proposed *FY'10 Budget Resolution, Budget by Funding Source, Comparison of the Proposed Budget with '09 Estimated Annual Actual and Budget Narrative*. Don said that projected tax revenues were based on historical experience, although he warned that we were entering into a period of uncertainty. Bill Kuehling added that corporations protesting their real estate and personal property taxes may increase and result in delayed distribution of funds from the city. Don said that interest income is expected to drop significantly due to the very low interest rates. Federal grant revenue was budgeted for the one federal grant which we know will be continued, although MHB has three new federal grant application pending. As for expenses, Don said that grant payments constitute the bulk of the expenses. They consist of new Children's Services grants approved at the May meeting, continuation funding for ongoing grant commitments, leveraged funds with other funders and federal grants. Personnel cost remained level with no new positions or COLA budgeted. Questions were asked and responded to. One question was not answered to the satisfaction of the questioner. Trustees approved the FY'10 budget with Dr. Dodson abstaining.

Report from Legal Counsel – Board Counsel Bill Kuehling provided a legal opinion as to whether the community Children's Services fund could be used to sponsor a grant to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri for their Improved Educational Outcomes for Children project. The LSEM project was reviewed by a committee for a Children's Services Fund grant, but a question was raised if legal services were intended by the statute. The legal opinion stated that legal services were permitted. Based on that determination, a motion was made to approve funding for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri application, presented as part of the Children's Services Fund application process.

Demonstration of New CANA Web Site – Don said that MHB has fostered the development of a service system for immigrants and refugees. A number of years ago, a printed Resource Guide was developed and later revised to assist in identifying culturally and linguistically competent services. The guide also contained information about the geographic and cultural characteristics of the over 50 countries represented in St. Louis. Project Director Carter Whitson demonstrated a new web site MHB developed for an updated version of the Guide.