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

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*Minutes of the March 15, 2012, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*

*Mary Calzaretta*

*Linda Grayson*

*Caroline Korybut*

*Philip Minden*

*Nina R. North Murphy*

*Roy Wilson, M. D.*

*Jama Dodson, Executive Director*

*The meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.*

**Community Comments** — Rachel Wethers representing Great Circles' Fostering Futures Program, expressed her gratitude for MHB funding for their program that meets the needs of children who have faced trauma and which neither insurance nor Medicaid covers all their needs. The project reported that 60 (81%) have improved educational outcomes and gave three case examples of how they have been able to support children receiving the necessary services from schools through Legal Services advocacy.

Dan Glazer, Executive Director of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, thanked MHB for our past support.

**Minutes** — Minutes of the February 2012, Board of Trustees meeting were approved as mailed.

**Election of Officers** — On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Leon Ashford, Committee Chair, nominated the following slate of current officers for a one-year term.

- Phil Minden, Chair
- Steve Doss, Vice Chair
- Nina Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Ashford then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Trustees voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to continue the current MHB officers for another term. All current officers expressed their willingness to serve.

**Resolution to Authorize FY13 Funding Partnerships** – Jama Dodson presented the proposed Resolution authorizing up to **\$963,236** to fund partnerships (list appended) for FY 13. She noted that the definition of funding partners is a collaboration in which MHB, along with other funders possessing independent sources of income, commit resources—including capital or other tangible investments—to the same project. Decisions on proposals are reached by joint planning and negotiation among the partners. The responsibilities of all parties are detailed in written Memoranda of Understanding. Partners have high levels of fiscal accountability and are typically other units of government (city, school district, workforce development agency) or local and national foundations. Several process questions focused on how partners determine their levels of investment as well as how partnership-funded projects are held accountable for outcomes. The motion was made and seconded that the proposed FY13 Partnerships be approved on the condition that funding partnerships next year would strive for more equitable levels of investment of the partners and would present a more consistent approach to outcome accountability. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Mid-Year Outcome Report** — Senior Project Director, Jan Ashbrook, gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the outputs and outcomes of the first six months of the Community Children’s Services Fund and the Mental Health Fund grant funded projects in FY 2012. Most funded projects are meeting or exceeding their goals and those few that fell short were not significantly low. Overall, at mid-year accomplishment look very good.

**Staff Report** — Jama Dodson gave a brief report including an overview of the work of the staff that included review of CSF grant proposals and current grantee site visits, as well as preparation of a new application for the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement Housing Transition grant. Staff are also gearing up for the next cycle of Mental Health grant proposals due in early Fall.

**Adjournment** — There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.