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

Minutes of the March 21, 2013, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon Ashford, Ph.D.
Kirby Burkholder
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Philip Minden
Nina R. North Murphy
Carla Rose
Roy Wilson, M.D.

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Phil Minden.

Community Comments – Dennis Lane, representing the Salvation Army, described the new Veterans Residence and the services that veterans who reside there will receive. He invited those present to visit anytime to see for themselves.

Matt Broom, SLU physician with the Happy Mothers, Healthy Families program spoke about the good work of the program. Amy Ladley also spoke about the program and gave a case example of a participant that faced post-partum depression who made significant improvement through her program participation.

Jerri Michael, with Maternal, Child, Family Health Coalition, coordinator of the Happy Mothers, Healthy Families project, spoke about how MCFHC is building capacity of the service providers in using Motivational Interviewing in their work which is an evidence-based practice, which has yielded long-term benefits to consumer outcomes.

David Kessel with Employment Connection thanked MHB for the past 6 years of funding which has resulted in clear improvements to their project and outcomes. He also shared a case example of a participant in the project.

Michelle Tibbs with Places for People, talked about her own experience as a peer specialist with the Independence Center for the past 2 years. She described the many things she has learned and offered her services to speak on peer mentoring to an organization who might wish to have her.

Minutes – The Minutes of the January 2013, Board Meeting were approved as mailed. There was no February meeting due to inclement weather.

Resolution Authorizing Maximum Amount Allocated for FY14 Mental Health Fund

Grants – Jama introduced the Resolution to establish the maximum amount to be made available for grants in Year One of the next three year Mental Health Fund grant cycle (from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). Based on anticipated tax revenue and estimated requests for funding, the resolution sets forth an amount of up to **\$2,800,000** to be allocated for FY14 grants from MHF tax revenue collected.

Phil asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing up to \$2,800,000 for grants from the Mental Health Fund in FY14. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Election of Officers – Phil reminded the Trustees that in January he had appointed a Nominating Committee (composed of Leon Ashford, Marguerite Grandelious and Marylou Calzaretta) charged with recommending a slate of Officers for a one year term to commence in April 2013 and end March 2014.

Leon Ashford, representing the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee met together after the January Board meeting and identified a slate of officer prospects that were then contacted and agreed to serve if elected. Before the vote was called, Leon asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations so the following Officer slate was presented for a vote:

Kirby Burkholder – Chair
Nina North Murphy – Vice Chair
Roy Wilson – Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made and seconded and the slate was approved unanimously. The committee was thanked and the new officers congratulated.

Resolution to Revise MHB By-Laws – Jama introduced the resolution explaining that MHB By-Laws specify a principal office from which business is transacted. Since the agency has moved to the new office the Board needs to authorize insertion of our new office address in the *Section IV, Offices* to reflect the change.

Phil called for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a revision to section IV of the Bylaws and any other official documents requiring the address of MHB to be “...333 S. 18th Street, Ste. 200, The Annex at Union Station, St. Louis, Mo 63103...” The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY14 Funding Partnerships and Initiatives – Jama introduced the resolution, explaining that each year at this time Trustees approve new or continuing Funding Partnerships and Initiatives so that they can be included in the preparation of the coming year’s budget. Last year in March when the Board approved the Funding Partnerships and Initiatives projects, Jama was asked that the list be reviewed to ensure that the Funding Partnerships and Initiatives recommended for FY 2014 were still needed and performing well. In response to that request, the staff completed a thorough review reducing by six, the number of projects from last year with one Funding Partnership being recommended for reclassified from a Partnership to an Initiative. The list before the Board are ones that the staff has determined meet critical needs, are of high quality and accountable for their results.

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed so to allow Trustees to disclose any conflicts with any of the organizations recommended for funding. No conflicts were disclosed. Phil called for motion and it was made and seconded. Discussion followed with questions as to how projects were recommended or not. The chair then called for a vote and the Funding Partnerships and Initiatives presented were approved to receive funding in FY14 in an amount not to exceed \$1,046,053. The resolution passed unanimously.

Staff Report – Jama presented a slide show with the Mid-Year Outcome Report. As one of her first responsibilities as the Senior Project Director of Information Services, Jennifer Rogers (who could not be present), compiled the report highlighting performance of funded projects for the six months from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Trustees had some questions followed the presentation. Jama then distributed the written staff report for their review.

Leon Ashford and Jama Dodson presented thank you cards and a small token of appreciation to Phil Minden who served the past two years as Board Chair and whose term as Chair is up tonight. Phil thanked everyone and reminded the group that he will remain on the Board.

Adjourn – There being no other business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made and seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.