



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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* * * MEETING MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the May 15, 2014, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.

Terrell Carter

Mary Calzaretta

Stephen F. Doss

Linda Grayson

Carolyn Jackson

Caroline Korybut

Nina R. North Murphy

Carla Rose

Roy Wilson, M.D.

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

The Meeting was chaired by Chair Nina North Murphy.

Community Comments – Debbie Mackie, BJC Behavioral Health, spoke about efforts to collaborate with the federally qualified health care centers to better meet needs for mental health care.

Candice Bowman and three participants described Epworth's Character Development and Lifeskills Program.

Angela Jordan, along with several participants from Northside Youth And Senior Service Center's DREAMS program spoke about the importance of the program in the lives of participants.

Finally, Terrell Borum, with Safe Connections, talked about the program's positive effect on relationships of men participating in the men's support group.

Minutes – The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote on Resolution to Approve FY 15 Continuation Funding from the Community Children’s Services Fund – The motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing FY15 continuation funding for projects in the last year of the 3-year cycle of the Community Children’s Services Fund in accordance with the amounts in the spreadsheet attached. After some discussion, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Vote on Resolution to Approve FY 15 Continuation Funding from the Community Mental Health Fund – The motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing FY15 continuation funding for the second year of the 3-year cycle of the Community Mental Health Fund in accordance with the spreadsheet attached. Following the discussion, the vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Vote on Resolution to Approve FY 15 Continuation Funding for High Performing Projects -The motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing FY15 continuation funding for the last year of special funding through the Reserves of both the Community Mental Health Fund and Community Children’s Service Fund in accordance with the spreadsheet attached. Jama explained that the materials they received had missed adding the Cost of Living Adjustment to one of the programs. Thus the total funds to be allocated to high performing programs needed to increase by \$3,616 for a total of \$1,395,410. The resolution was then approved unanimously. All three resolutions combined have obligated \$8,838,312 for renewing grants in FY15.

Personnel Committee Report – Mary Calzaretta, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the committee met on May 8, at which time they discussed progress toward their goals for the year. One goal was to update the Employee Handbook. Three policies were identified by the executive director that were outdated or required some clarification. The Committee proposed language changes to the policies on Business Travel, Vacation and Computer and Email Usage. Handouts consisted of two columns, the left one with the current policy and the right with the proposed changes. On behalf of the Committee, Mary made the motion which was seconded, to authorize policy changes in the employee handbook. The resolution then passed unanimously. It was noted, that the entire handbook will be reviewed and the Computer/Email policy will require some additional changes to bring it up to today’s technical work environment.

Staff Report – Jama presented a written report and highlighted some of the major activities. One upcoming event is MHB’s 20 year anniversary. Invitations for an ice cream social to mark the agency’s anniversary have gone out to a wide audience. The party is being held at Sqwires Restaurant the Annex. We expect approximately 100 people to attend. Jama gave a brief update of major initiatives of the staff since the last meeting of the Trustees.

Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.