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

Minutes of the November 20, 2008, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Mary Calzaretta
Stephen F. Doss
Robert Franken
Ruby Jones
Philip Minden
Nina R. North Murphy
Brooke Sehy
Jason Spaeti

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by Secretary-Treasurer Stephen F. Doss.

Community Comments – Gary Bell, Stray Dog Theater, introduced several youth and the Principal at Hodgen Elementary School. All spoke highly of the value of after school programs, and specifically of the cooperation exhibited at Hodgen between day school and after school provider.

Jim Wallis and Matthew Haverstick, Preferred Family Healthcare, introduced 4 young participants in the MHB funded Substance Abuse Treatment Program. The youth presented MHB Trustees with a framed wall mosaic depicting the MHB logo.

David Kessel, Employment Connection, reported on the progress of the MHB funded *Back to Health, Back to Work* program, which provides special supports for persons with behavioral health issues, in order to sustain them in employment.

Maureen Hill, Family Resource Center, and Courtney Everson, YWCA, discussed *RISE*, a

comprehensive after school program designed to increase children's motivation to learn, while simultaneously enhancing literacy and social skills.

Anne Farina, Center for Survivors of Torture & War Trauma, introduced two youth from Somalia, who participate in the Center's program activities for international youth. The youth shared their experiences.

Minutes – Minutes of the October 16, 2008, meeting was approved as mailed.

Presentation & Acceptance of Audit – Carl Toler reviewed the Financial Statements for the Years Ending June 30, 2008 and 2007 and the Management Discussion and Analysis. He pointed out that MHB's net equity increased 6.8%; revenues exceeded budget by 12.4% and that actual expenses slightly exceeded budget. Property taxes, federal and foundation grants are MHB's sources of revenue. Looking forward, revenues are expected to decrease based on anticipated decreases in assessed property valuations. Auditor Jeffrey Randle said that MHB received an unqualified "clean" audit, as it has in all past years, and that the federal grant Compliance Report indicated that MHB adhered to all applicable laws and regulations. He pointed out that 83.64% of all revenue was tax revenue; that MHB's overhead was only 3.34%. There were questions about Unrestricted Fund Equity, which resulted in a request for a Committee to review issues related to the Reserve.

Quarterly Financial Report – Carl Toler reviewed the Balance Sheet & Financial Statement for the Quarter ending September 30, 2008. While revenue and overall expenses slightly lagging behind the same period last year, major expense categories (grants & partnerships) were running about equal.

Discussion of After School Program – Don Cuvo reviewed MHB's involvement with funding Comprehensive After School Programs. He said that there has always been strong support, both among the public (as ascertained through surveys) and Trustees. In 2005 Trustees approved a 3-year funding partnership with St. Louis Public Schools. This partnership funded 7 providers to conduct 10 after school programs in elementary schools. Although the logistics of working with SLPS administration has been trying, the programs are well functioning and children are making anticipated improvements. In the 2nd year of the partnership, Mayor Slay established the After School for All Partnership (ASAP), with the goal of making after school programs available for all children who needed them. St. Louis for Kids and ARCHS were designated leads and operate after school programs funded with state local and private sources. Now that the 3-year SLPS partnership will terminate at the end of this school year, Don requested that discussions begin with ARCHS to merge MHB's 10 funded programs in under the management of ARCHS. He felt that this was important in order to support and encourage this city-wide initiative. A motion was approved to begin discussions with ARCHS to define issues leading to the consolidation of MHB and ARCHS after school programs, upon Board approval.

Update on Bid to Apply – Don updated Trustees on MHB's new two-step grant application process. He said that the upcoming availability of funding for new grants was widely

announced, including paid ads in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and St. Louis American. A Bid to Apply Workshop was conducted on November 18, 2008, which was attended by 177 representatives of 98 organizations. The Bid to Apply is a pre-application process. Applicants submit brief applications, which will be reviewed by staff, using criteria approved by Trustees. Certain applicants, with approval at the January Board Meeting, will be invited to submit a full application. Don explained that the entire process will be electronic, using MHB's intranet. All pre applications and staff ratings will be posted for Board review and comment. After the meeting, a demonstration of the intranet was conducted for trustees who wish to review documentation prior to the January meeting.

Don emphasized that there is no requirement for Trustees to review the Bids, since they have already determined the criteria staff will use to recommend which applications to invite for full proposals. But, all information will be electronically available for those Trustees who wish to personally review Bids.

Motion and Roll Call Vote to Move to Closed Meeting – Leon Ashford moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 610.021(1) and (3) RSMO. to discuss privileged communications with counsel and certain personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken with all trustees voting in the affirmative.