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

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*Minutes of the November 19, 2009, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Mary Calzaretta*  
*William Edwin Dodson, M.D.*  
*Stephen F. Doss*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Philip Minden*  
*Nina R. North Murphy*  
*Brooke Sehy*

*Don Cuvo, Executive Director*

*The Meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Brooke Sehy.*

**Community Comments** – Brenda Mahr and Ryan Hooper, Employment Connection and Dr. Chammie Austin, St. Louis University spoke about the success of the *Back to Health Back to Work* program which provides counseling and support for persons with mental health issues, interfering with successful employment.

Kyle Freels, Empowerment Center, thanked trustees for their 13 years of support for the consumer run self help center. Consumers, at the center, participate in the *Guidance for Goals* program in which they work toward achieving certain self selected improvement goals.

Howard McAuliffe and several young people from North Grand Neighborhood Services explained how baking and selling Angel Baked Cookies assist them to understand work issues and expose them to entrepreneurship and career choices.

**Minutes** – The Minutes of the October 2009, meeting were approved as mailed.

**Presentation of Audit** – Auditor James Schmersahl with Schmersahl, Treloar & Co. reviewed the year end audited financial statements and reviewed the key elements of the audit. MHB received an unqualified “clean” audit. Trustees accepted the audit.

**Quarterly Financial Statement** – Dennis Purkis with Anders, Minkler & Diehl reviewed the Quarterly Financial Statement for the period ending September 2009. He said that income and expenses were usual and on target for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

**Resolution to Provide Continuation Funds for CANA** – Don Cuvo reviewed a Resolution appropriating funds from the new HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement grant. This federal grant allows for the continuation of services for survivors of state sponsored torture. Additional funding was approved for interpretation services.

**Community Mental Health Fund** – Brooke Sehy said that Trustees should decide which Goals to fund in the upcoming rebid of the Mental Health Fund. She introduced Jim Moore, Director of Government Programs for the Rensselaerville Institute, who conducted three Listening Sessions, building on the four conducted two years ago. The Listening Sessions were conducted to determine if the needs underlying current funding priorities are still valid and to assess the impact on needs of current external conditions, such as the state’s budget crisis and the overall economy. The conclusions were that the needs continue to require MHB attention, but, co-occurring disorders is now more frequently funded by DMH; that the uninsured should be a priority population; and, that collaboration for efficiency and for systems improvements should be encouraged. Trustees approved three broad goals which incorporate the six more specific goals currently in place. Trustees also distributed percentages of available funds to the three goals. The actual dollar amount will be appropriated at the January meeting.

**Conflict of Interest Policy** – Bill Kuehling requested that this item, which was tabled at the last meeting, continue to be tabled.

