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

Minutes of the September 15, 2011, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.

Mary Calzaretta

William Edwin Dodson, M.D.

Stephen F. Doss

Marguerite Grandelious

Linda Grayson

Ruby Jones

Caroline Korybut

Philip Minden

Nina R. North Murphy

Roy Wilson, M.D.

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.

Public Hearing — A public hearing was held to hear testimony on the tax rates for the Community Children’s Services Fund and the Community Mental Health Fund. Since there were no comments, Chair Phil Minden closed the hearing.

Community Comments — Sylvia Jackson, Women’s Safe House, thanked Trustees for the capital grant to establish a computer lab for the children of residents to do homework and other uses.

Don introduced Jamala Rogers who coordinates MHB’s Community Mini Grants program. She explained that 21 community organizations participated in this year’s program with 23 projects approved. Five hundred dollar mini grants are awarded to organizations for youth to plan and implement community services projects.

This year a number of projects focused on bullying prevention, distribution of personal hygiene kits to needy youth and adults, and growing and distributing vegetables to needy individuals. A showcase was conducted where youth groups displayed their projects and took turns explaining how they planned and conducted their projects to an audience of over 100 participants. Youth representing Stepping Stones to Success, Inc. described their mini grant project. *The So Fresh and So Clean Project* planned and distributed personal hygiene products to public school students. Youth representing Catholic Charities' Father Tolen Center described their gardening project.

Minutes — The Minutes of the August meeting were approved as mailed.

Tax Rate for Community Children's Services Fund — Board Counsel Bill Kuehling said that setting tax rates are an annual statutory responsibility. He said that the rates are determined by a formula which utilizes assessed property values. This year the assessed property values in the city decreased. A motion was passed approving the Resolution for the tax rate for the Children's Services Fund.

Tax Rate for Community Mental Health Fund — A motion was passed approving the Resolution for the tax rate for the Mental Health Fund.

Report on Listening Sessions & Trustee Survey — Don Cuvo said that part of the planning process for the new 3-year round of Children's Services grants was to gather input from MHB stakeholders. Don introduced Amy Rome with the Rome Group, who conducted a series of Listening Sessions and a survey of MHB Trustees. She said that she was asked to determine if children's needs have changed since the last planning process three years ago, given that there have been changes in the overall environment; if MHB's current Children's Fund goals are broad enough to encompass new needs, and; what, if any, are the implication for support to programs and services. Five listening sessions with 35 people representing funded agencies, public and private stakeholder groups, other grant makers and three groups of youth. She highlighted the following conclusions: the economy appears to be exacerbating already challenging needs; existing MHB goals are broad enough to encompass existing needs; there is overall endorsement of MHB's grant making processes now in place; MHB's approach encourages organizations to pursue higher achievement. MHB was encouraged to increase focus on children's mental health and early childhood programs/interventions. Trustees approved changes to two Community Investment (Funding) Policies. First, they approved increasing the maximum grant amount from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and also approved a limit of \$100,000 to grant applications proposing an intervention which is new to the organizations array of services.

Funding Partnership with Lutheran Foundation to Fund College Bound — Don introduced Lisa Zarin who described a proposal to imbed mental health services in College Bound's program. Participants will have access to assessment, counseling and referrals, when necessary, for mental and emotional problems. The project has already been approved for half of the costs by Lutheran Foundation. MHB Trustees approved a grant to College Bound for the remaining half.

Proposal by Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition —Don said that he had participated in a community wide assessment process conducted by MCFHC which concluded that maternal mental health interventions were the most pressing needs for women after birth. MCFHC and MHB have met several times to determine how the two organizations could partner to address the stated need. MCFHC prepared a concept paper proposing to extend MHB's reach to the population served by their member agencies by partnering with MHB to deliver services which would improve the mental status of women after birth. Trustees were interested in the concept and instructed MHB staff to work with MCFHC to develop a full application.

Dr. Ashford proposed a motion to close the meeting pursuant to section 610.012(1) and (3) RSMO 2000 to discuss legal action, litigation, personnel matters and attorney-client privileged communication. A roll call vote was taken which approved the motion.