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

Minutes of the September 17, 2015, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
Caroline Korybut
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Carla Rose
Dr. Roy Wilson*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Vice Chair, Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – Brenda Mahr, Executive Director of Employment Connection, addressed the Board. She announced that the Saint Louis Mental Health Board was the first recipient of their Thought Leadership Award and thanked MHB for encouraging the expansion of Employment Connection's reach. Katie O'Brien, a supervisor from Great Circle's, Fostering Futures program, thanked the Board for the support her organization receives and the children's therapeutic services they are able to provide as a result.

Approval of August 2015 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the August 20, 2015 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2015 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Mental

Health Fund – After some discussion, the resolution to accept the 2015 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.09 for the Community Mental Health Fund passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2015 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services Fund – After some discussion, the resolution to accept the 2015 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.19 for the Community Children’s Services passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Funding Framework and Priorities – Following a presentation by Deputy Director Cassandra Kaufman and general discussion, the motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the proposed resolution detailing the new Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) allocation framework and funding priorities with an additional priority stating, “Respond to emerging behavioral health needs.” The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Funding from the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) for Agencies Providing Direct Services Through the Care Access for New Americans (CANA) Initiative – The motion was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by David Laslo to approve the resolution for funding from the CMHF for agencies providing direct services through the CANA initiative. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period August 21– September 17, 2015. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- The racial equity learning exchange session led by Khatib Waheed, will be held this Saturday, September 19, 2015. The session will begin at 9 AM and will be held here at the MHB office. Coffee and pastry, box lunches and afternoon snacks will be served.
- Efforts to ensure greater effectiveness of school-based projects are underway beginning with MHB’s requirement that schools provide letters of support for projects proposing to offer services in their buildings. Additionally, an initiative will begin soon with the SLPS Foundation to coordinate the various school-based projects provided by community non-profits.
- The System of Care (SOC) has begun talks with both the St. Louis County Department of Public Health and the City of St. Louis Health Department to develop a data and information sharing platform to track public health data, including social determinants of health. The St. Louis County Department of Public Health plans to purchase software that meets the requirements of the

Affordable Care Act and the Public Health Department Accreditation Program to track population level data, including behavioral health and substance abuse. The SOC is working with both health departments to develop a shared data use agreement. Through this partnership, the SOC will be able to meet a required and important goal of the SAMHSA grant – to support a regional data sharing system...and the entire region can benefit by using this data platform.

Adjourn – There being no further business, Carla Rose made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Caroline Korybut. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:59 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **October 15, 2015**.