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

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*Minutes of the April 15, 2021, Virtual Board Meeting*

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Trustee	Web meeting	Trustee	Web meeting
Mary Calzaretta	X	Phil Minden	X
Terrell Carter	X	Cassandra Pinkston	X
Marguerite Grandelious	X	Robert Poirier	X
Linda Grayson	X	Carla Rose	X
Carolyn Jackson	X	Donna Schmitt	X
Julia López	X	Yusef Scoggin	X

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, MHB Counsel

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

**Call to Order** – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Linda Grayson.

**Community Comments** – Jessica Erling, CEO with Covenant House, addressed the Trustees regarding the *Clinical Services* and *Supportive Living* programs currently funded through MHB. She expressed gratitude to Trustees for the additional COVID-19 special funding and announced they are breaking ground to increase beds by 45%.

**Approval of the March 2021 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Yusef Scoggin and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the March 18, 2021 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Installation of the 2021-22 Officer Slate** – Linda Grayson, Board Chair announced the installation of the officers for the upcoming one-year term running April 15, 2021 through April 21, 2022 as follows:

Linda Grayson, Chair

Terrell Carter, Vice-Chair

Donna Schmitt, Secretary/Treasurer

## **Updates from Board Committees**

**Program Committee** – Rob Poirier provided an update from the MHB Program Committee on the status of the Sobering Center. The Sobering Center is expected to begin operations as of July 2021, located in the South City Preferred Family Healthcare facility. However, funding committed to date will allow just four consecutive days a week. It is hoped that after the initial phase and all goes well, that other funders will provide enough additional funding for a 24/7 operation.

**Finance/Investment Committee** – Donna Schmitt who provided an update on the CY2020 Investment Management Report as reviewed by the MHB Finance Committee. MHB investments are doing as well as they can be given the current interest rates and the limited options allowed by the state to protect the principle.

## **Resolution to Approve the PSH Funding to Horizon Housing Development Company**

Terrell Carter presented the Resolution authorizing a forgivable loan to Horizon for the Bates Apartment project development. The project will preserve 4 units in the Carondelet neighborhood that prioritize currently unhoused people with a preference for housing couples. Behavioral Health services are provided by partner organizations including: Places for People, St. Patrick Center, Queen of Peace. The motion was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Carolyn Jackson to approve the Resolution which passed unanimously.

## **Resolution to Authorize Additional MHB PSH Funding**

Phil Minden presented the Resolution to replenish the PSH Fund in an amount that increases the current balance to a total \$500K, with the understanding that would give MHB time to update and redesign the PSH allocation process. The motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the resolution to authorize additional PSH Funding which passed unanimously.

## **Vote to Authorize Legal Services Agreement with Bill Kuehling**

Jama Dodson introduced the item to authorize a service agreement between the MHB and Bill Kuehling since he has left Thompson Coburn and started his own firm: Bill Kuehling Law, LLC. The motion was made by Carla Rose, seconded by Mary Calzareatta, and passed unanimously.

## **Staff Report**

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period March 19, 2021 – April 15, 2021.

A written report was then distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- The Board now has 3 vacancies. Trustees are encouraged to identify prospective members for consideration. Needs include representatives from north city and individuals with marketing or program expertise.
- Interviews are being conducted this week for the new Early Childhood Project Coordinator position. The hope is to have the new staff person on board so that they can actively participate in the pre-planning and kick off implementation of the CCSF Early Childhood initiative.
- Mark your calendars for a reception celebrating Jama's retirement at the Piper Palm House in Tower Grove Park, on Wednesday, June 9 from 4-6 PM.
- MHB has been invited to submit a letter of inquiry (LOI) by the Kellogg Foundation for potential support for the early childhood (EC) initiative. Funds could be used to supplement the tax increase just passed for EC programs.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Terrell Carter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **May 20, 2021**.