



CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the May 4, 2026 Special Executive Committee Virtual Meeting

Board Officers	Attendance
Rob Poirier, Chair	Zoom
Julia López, Vice-Chair	Zoom
Vander Corliss, Secretary/Treasurer	Zoom

Others Attending:

Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 Brian Phillips, Housing Committee Chair
 Phil Minden, Housing Committee
 Matt McBride, General Counsel,
 Lashly & Baer

David Haasis, Director of Clinical Partnerships
 Alicia Lee, Executive Assistant
 Anthony D’Agostino, CEO of Peter & Paul
 Community Services
 Shanna Nieweg, Executive Director of Horizon
 Housing Development Company

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Meeting Purpose

The Special Executive Committee virtual meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Board Chair Rob Poirier with brief introductions. Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman explained that the meeting was a special executive committee session to discuss an emergency funding request submitted by Peter & Paul Community Services and Horizon Housing Development Company.

2. Review Emergency Gap Funding Request from Permanent Supportive Housing Providers, Peter & Paul Community Services and Horizon Housing Development Company

Cassandra explained that Horizon Housing and Peter & Paul created a transitional living program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in July 2025, with first year operational costs of approximately \$767,000. Due to (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) HUD’s recent policy changes and litigation, no new funding was available for FFY 2027, leaving the new program without operational funding beginning July 2026. The organizations are seeking \$307,000 in gap funding from MHB, with the remaining \$167,000 to be split between the providers.

Anthony D’Agostino, CEO of Peter & Paul Community Services and Shanna Nieweg, Executive Director of Horizon Housing Development Company were invited to join a portion of the meeting to answer questions from the committee. Both organizations shared their understanding of what will happen with federal Continuum of Care (CoC) funding beginning in FFY 2-27 and are actively looking for funding to cover the new program’s operational costs during the funding gap year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. The discussion focused on funding and operations of housing programs serving individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and co-occurring mental health conditions. Shanna explained that while the program is primarily funded in FY 2026 through the St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources, they are actively seeking additional grants and private funding for long-term sustainability, including applications for 2027 funding cycles through various organizations. Anthony further confirmed that both floors of the housing program serve clients with co-occurring disorders. The program is currently at full occupancy and maintaining a waiting list. Shanna reported a 50% success rate in permanently housing

clients from shelter within the first year of operation. After hearing responses to their questions, the committee decided to bring the request to the full Board for funding consideration at the May 21, 2026 Board.

The committee determined that it would recommend rescinding Peter & Paul's \$500K funding award approved in October 2025 for new PSH construction and recommend using a portion of the funds for an emergency gap funding one-year grant of \$307K toward offsetting the programs operating costs. Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss moved that, "the Executive Committee recommend to the Board the rescission of the \$500K PSH funding awarded and assign \$307K of the rescinded funds to support the transitional housing proposal by Peter & Paul Community Services and Horizon Housing Development Company to be used over the course of one year beginning July 1, 2026." Rob Poirier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The committee will put forth a this resolution at the May Board Meeting and let the Board ask questions and vote.

3. Other business

There was no other business to discuss.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Rob Poirier made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Vander Corliss, which passed unanimously. The MHB Special Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.