



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BRIEFING

July 2022

No Board of Trustees meeting held in July 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Forward Thru Ferguson Philanthropic Racial Equity Roundtable

- Terrell and I will attend the first session virtually this Friday from 9 AM – 12 PM.

\$1M ARPA Youth Violence Prevention Funding

- We are still waiting for the City Health Department to approve the change in the project's implementation period from November 2022 to April 2022 – March 2023.
- Zenique Gardner-Perry began her employment officially on July 18.

\$2M ARPA Early Childhood Funding

- MHB received the fully executed agreement on July 12. Planning has been underway for several weeks. I will have an update for the Committee at the August 9 meeting.

SAMHSA Community Project Funding for VPC Gun Violence Response Network

- Staff are responding to questions from SAMHSA regarding our June 14 submission.

Staff

- Dave Haasis, LCSW has accepted the Director of Clinical Partnerships position replacing Kristin Cowart who left MHB the end of June to start her own philanthropic and nonprofit consulting practice. Dave's first day at MHB will be August 8.

Allocations

- Q4 reporting was received July 15. Staff are presently in the process of closing out FY19-22 CCSF projects and preparing to release their final June 2022 payments. FY20-23 CMHF contract amendments are being prepared based on Q4 reporting and will be executed the last week in July. Payments to funded partners via ACH are paid on the last Friday in July each year. This allows time for any cycle closeout activities, end-of-cycle financial reconciliations, and the preparation and execution of contract amendments for competitive projects in the 2nd or 3rd year of their 3-year cycle.

- A reporting training will be conducted virtually on July 29 from 9 AM – 12 PM. This is a mandatory training for all funded partners. United Way’s Community Information Exchange will demonstrate their system during the final hour of the session. Beginning in FY23 funded partners, for whom it is appropriate are expected to participate in the Community Information Exchange.

Finance Committee

- We anticipate the funding award announcement for the SAMHSA Community Project funding in the amount of \$600K for VPC’s Gun Violence Response Network in mid-September. Based on this timing and having received the fully executed ARPA EC CDA contract, staff anticipate presenting a budget revision to the Executive Committee in early September for approval by the full Board at the September 15 meeting.

Nominating Committee

- The Committee will interview 4 potential candidates in July. Another application and resume were received July 13. I have reached out to schedule an introductory meeting before the end of July with the newest applicant.

Program Committee

- Rob, Terrell, and Bill met briefly following the June 16 Board meeting to discuss a request from Wil Pinkney, the newly appointed Director of the City’s Office of Violence Prevention, requesting MHB to serve as a pass-through entity for \$700K in funding over 2 years from the National League of Cities. The participating officers agreed that Mr. Pinkney could submit a request to be reviewed by both the Program and Finance Committees. Should the Committees recommend moving forward with the request to serve as a pass-through entity, the resolution would likely be presented to the full Board at the August 18 meeting.
- At the May 19 Board meeting the Trustees approved \$39,575 in CMHF Unanticipated Funding to support the Aging & Behavioral Health Council’s Community Outreach pilot in partnership with the City of St. Louis Senior Fund. Following an RFP process conducted by the Senior Fund, Independence Center was chosen to implement the pilot over a 12-month period.

Additionally, Behavioral Health Network (BHN), on behalf of the Aging & Behavioral Health Council jointly sponsored by MHB, Senior Fund, and BHN, applied to the Missouri Foundation for Health for a 3-year grant to address systems change needed to address the behavioral health needs of older adults. The “**Systems Change for Aging and Behavioral Health Care**” (Systems ABC) was awarded a 3-year grant in the amount of \$645,934 from August 2022 – July 2025. The initiative will reduce fragmentation, fill service gaps, and facilitate integration between aging and behavioral health agencies to foster a system of community care that positively impacts health outcomes for older adults. Systems ABC envisions:

1. A connected system of care that can consistently identify clients’ aging and BH needs, respond to those needs by including improved linkage/referral and access to services, and deliver services responsive to older adults with BH needs
2. Inter-agency, cross-sector collaboration; structured pathways for appropriate referrals and effective communication among participating agencies, especially when serving shared clients

3. Institutionalized and sustained new practices and workflows and strengthened advocacy capacity via regional data, shared insights, and collaboration

Housing Committee

- The Committee will meet July 19 to discuss a letter of intent for permanent supportive housing received from Doorways for the 2nd phase of their new Jefferson Avenue campus. Doorways was approved for a \$250 PSH 10-year forgivable loan in January 2020. Currently \$500K is budgeted for PSH projects in FY23.

Personnel Committee

- No update

August 18, 2022, Board Agenda Preview

1. Strategic Plan update
2. Resolution to approve nomination of one or more potential Trustees
3. Resolution to Approve Committee Chair Responsibilities and Committee Charters
4. Resolution to Approve the Adoption of a New Board Manual
5. Demonstration of the Trustee web portal (accessed via MHB's website)
6. *Tentative – Resolution to serve as Pass-Through Entity for City's Office of Violence Prevention for funding from the National League of Cities*
7. Sunshine Law compliance – discuss any recommended changes based on recent City trainings
8. Educational Presentation – New National 988 Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Line
9. Staff Report