



Executive Director's Staff Report
September 21, 2023
(For the period August 18 – September 21, 2023)

BOARD / STAFF

Personnel Committee

- The Committee met September 14 to review the addition of HIPAA policies and practices to the Employee Handbook, revisions to program staff job descriptions, an update to the organizational chart, and FY24 staff workplans/performance goals, etc.

Staff

- Digital Director Sue Culli celebrated her 17th work anniversary on September 1.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS / ALLOCATIONS
(CCSF, CMHF, Funding Partnerships & Initiatives)

- A second in-person FY24 Reporting Training for Cohort B, which includes the 12 new CMHF partners, was conducted at the St. Louis Public Library's Carpenter Branch August 31.
- Program Staff have met with the five hybrid CCSF/CMHF Funded Partners to adjust their FY24 Contracted Outcomes to align with available CCSF and CMHF funding, based on FY23 participant data.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS / STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Violence Prevention Commission

- The *New Opportunities for Wellness Partnership* conducted its first Healing House for residents of Baden and Walnut Park on September 16. The event featured activities designed to help individuals recognize and recover from stress and trauma. This initiative is funded by the SAMHSA Community Projects Gun Violence Response Network (GVRN) grant.

System of Care St. Louis

- **MHB was awarded a third SAMHSA System of Care Cooperative Agreement for 9/2023 – 9/2027. The focus of the new SOC grant will be children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance or at risk for an SED, that identify as LGBTQIA+ and/or are experiencing or at-risk for homelessness.**
- A 12-month No-Cost Extension for the current SAMHSA SOC grant due to end 9/29/23 is pending.

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ADMINISTRATION

- The Finance Team is preparing for FY23 audit fieldwork to be conducted by MHB's audit firm CliftonLarsonAllen September 25 – October 6.
- January 2024 is MHB's 30th Anniversary. Planning will begin for an event to be conducted in 2024. Staff are exploring the possibility of hosting the anniversary celebration on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at the Piper Palm House in Tower Grove Park, since the Board typically does not meet in July and December.

OTHER

- A Youth Mental Health First Aid Initiative Planning Meeting was held August 25 at Delmar DeVine in partnership with the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund, MHB Funded Partners, and CSF Funded partners that provide YMHFA trainings. The purpose of the meeting was to learn about Funded Partners' YMHFA training efforts and to coordinate future trainings to increase the number of teachers/school staff and community members able to participate in FY24.
- Deputy Director Serena Muhammad participated as a panelist for the BJC Community Benefit Committee to discuss children's mental health priorities and trends in the St. Louis region.
- Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman and Deputy Director Serena Muhammad attended the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund (CSF) *Zest for the Best* event August 24 at the Normandy Country Club, celebrating CSF's Grassroots Funded Partners.
- Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman was certified as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor following participation in training August 28 – 30. Director of Clinical Partnerships Dave Haasis was certified as a Mental Health First Aid instructor this week. To date, three of MHB's seven program staff have been certified in either Youth Mental Health First Aid or Mental Health First Aid.
- Director of Clinical Partnerships Dave Haasis participated in the St. Louis City Continuum of Care application review for the 2023 HUD NOFO. This process selects and ranks homeless service providers' applications for transitional housing/rapid rehousing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing funding available through a national HUD competition. Dave serves as MHB's representative to the City CoC and serves on the Program Performance Committee replacing Cassandra.
- MHB is partnering with the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund to offer the Well Educator event for teachers, school staff, and early childhood providers on Saturday, October 14 at St. Louis Community College's Forest Park Campus. Director of Youth Development Partnerships Poli Rijos and STL Area VPC Director Jessica Meyers are serving on the planning committee and coordinating MHB's support of and participation in the event.
- Director of Clinical Partnerships Dave Haasis is participating in The Washington University Brown School's Advanced Certificate Program in Program Evaluation this fall as part of his FY24 professional development.