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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

*City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
Minutes of the December 29, 2023 Special Executive Committee Meeting*

Trustee	Virtual Meeting Attendance
Terrell Carter, Chair	Zoom
Donna Schmitt, Vice Chair	Zoom
Rob Poirier, Secretary/Treasurer	Zoom

Others Attending:

Matt McBride, Lashly & Baer, General Counsel
Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
St. Louis Public Radio
KTVI Fox 2 News

1. Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman.

2. Northview Village Closure and Resident Relocation Update

Deputy Director Serena Muhammad provided an update on the sudden closure of the Northview Village Nursing Home December 15, 2023, relocation of its residents, and implications for the relocated residents with behavioral health diagnoses residing at Northview.

3. Request to Approve Up to \$20K from Community Mental Health Fund Emerging Needs

In partnership with the City of St. Louis Senior Fund, VOYCE (Long-Term Care Ombudsman), and the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services' Area Agency on Aging, MHB is working to address the immediate need for clothing and personal care items experienced by Northview Village nursing home residents relocated as a result of the facility's abrupt closure on December 15.

Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman recommended that up to \$20K from the Community Mental Health Emerging Needs Funding be approved to cover staff costs for wellness checks conducted by behavioral health case managers and to purchase clothing and personal care items up to \$100 per behavioral health resident relocated.

Board Chair Terrell Carter moved and Vice Chair Donna Schmitt seconded a motion to approve up to \$20K in Emerging Needs funding from the Community Mental Health Fund to conduct wellness checks and purchase up to \$100 of clothing and other personal care items for Northview Village nursing homes residents with behavioral health diagnoses relocated following the facility's abrupt closure. The motion was approved unanimously.

A report on this crisis response partnership will be provided at the Board's January 18, 2024 meeting.

4. Adjournment

There being no other business before the committee, Donna Schmitt moved and Terrell Carter seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee adjourned at 10:15 AM.