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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
Minutes of the August 17, 2023, Hybrid Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Terrell Carter	Absent	Julia López	Absent
Donna Schmitt	In-person	Linda Grayson	Absent
Robert Poirier	In-person	Lisa Mulligan	Zoom
Andi Blaylock	In-person	Mario Hamell	Zoom
Carolyn Jackson	In-person	Ronald Griffin	In-person
Cassandra Pinkston	Zoom	Vander Corliss	In-person

Others Attending:

Matthew McBride, Board General Counsel
Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
MHB Staff

Call to Order – The meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees (MHB) was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Board Vice Chair, Donna Schmitt.

Community Comments – There were no community members present who wished to address the Board.

Approval of the June 2023 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes was made by Donna Schmitt, seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.

Amend April 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – The Trustees voted to amend the April 20, 2023, Board meeting minutes to include an amended Resolution approving funding for five projects that was approved following discussion at the meeting. The Amended Resolution was made, seconded, and approved, but not recorded in the meeting minutes. The motion to amend the April 2023 meeting minutes was made by Donna Schmitt, seconded by Rob Poirier and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Amend the Resolution for FY24 Funding for Out-of-School Time Programming Approved at the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting

– Program Committee Member Ronald Griffin presented the Resolution to amend the FY24 Out-of-School Time Programming Resolution approved at the June 15, 2023, Board Meeting to include the names and funding awards for the three parochial school afterschool/summer sites. Only the neighborhoods were included in the original Resolution. The last WHEREAS, clause of the Resolution will now read,

“WHEREAS, the \$500,000.00 appropriation (\$390,000 budgeted in FY23 to be used in FY24 and \$110,000 budgeted in FY24 totaling \$500,000) will support three afterschool sites at River Roads Lutheran School \$40,000 (Baden), St. Cecilia School and Academy \$55,000 (Carondelet), and St. Louis Catholic Academy \$50,000 (Penrose), as well as additional community-based sites yet to be identified.” The motion was made by Ronald Griffin, seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY24 Funding for Out-of-School Time Programming – Program Committee Member Ronald Griffin presented the Resolution to appropriate \$340,482 to six community-based organizations in FY24 from the Community Children’s Services Fund for MHB’s investment in Out-of-School Time (formerly Afterschool) Programming. The motion was made by Ronald Griffin, seconded by Rob Poirier and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Consultants for Capacity-Building Initiative – Program Committee Member Ronald Griffin presented the Resolution to approve two consultants with which funded partners participating in the Capacity-Building Initiative may choose to work. Ronald Griffin moved to approve Limitless Horizons and PreventEd as consultants to provide Capacity Building Technical Assistance up to the maximum of \$80K allocated for this purpose comprised of \$20K from the Community Mental Health Fund, \$30K from the Community Children’s Services Fund and \$30K from the Community Children’s Services Fund – Early Childhood Fund. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Development of an Organizational Racial Equity Plan – *The Resolution to approve the development of an Organizational Racial Equity Plan in FY24 was postponed until the September 2023 board meeting.*

Agency Presentation – Emily Koenig, Executive Director of the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund provided an overview of their work and partnerships with MHB.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a brief update on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from June 16 – August 17, 2023. The full report and presentation were emailed to the Board and posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM. in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15th Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.