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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
 Minutes of the May 18, 2023, Hybrid Board Meeting

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

Others Attending:

Matthew McBride, Board General Counsel
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 MHB Staff
 Marcia Hayes-Harris, Trustee Candidate
 Janice Thomas, Trustee Candidate
 Melanie Scheetz, Agency Presenter, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition

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 Chair, Terrell Carter.

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

Approval of the April 2023 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes was made by Terrell Carter, seconded by Julia López, and passed unanimously. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.

Approve Nomination of Prospective Trustees – Nominating Committee Chair Carolyn Jackson presented two candidates, Marcia Hayes-Harris and Janice Thomas who were recommended by the Committee to the Board for nomination as new MHB Trustees. Candidates nominated by the MHB Board are then sent to the Mayor for appointment and are subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen. Julia López made the motion, Andi Blaylock seconded the motion and the two candidates

recommended by the Nominating Committee were unanimously approved for nomination by a vote of the Board.

Quarterly Financial Report – Presentation of the FY23 3rd quarter financial report was deferred to a future meeting.

Resolution to Approve FY24 Continuation Grants from the Community Children’s Services

Fund – Julia López, Program Committee Chair, presented the Resolution to approve FY24 continuation funding for year two of the Community Children’s Services Fund three-year grant cycle. Julia López made the motion, seconded by Cassandra Pinkston, which passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY24 Community Children’s Services Fund and Community Mental Health Fund Hybrid Grants

– Program Committee Chair Julia López presented the Resolution to approve FY24 continuation funding for four hybrid projects that provide intergenerational and/or family support services from Community Children’s Services Fund (for children and youth from birth to age 18) and from the Community Mental Health Fund (for adults ages 18 and older). Julia López made the motion, seconded by Carolyn Jackson, which passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Intermediary Organization to Manage Early Childhood Facility Improvement Funding and to Increase the Amount of Funding Committed for FY24

– Julia López, Program Committee Chair, presented the Resolution to approve the Gateway Early Childhood Alliance as the intermediary organization to manage MHB’s investment in early childhood facility improvements and to increase the amount of funding available in FY24 for facility improvement grants through a pooled fund. The Resolution increased the \$200,000 originally approved by the Board at their January 14, 2023 Retreat to the maximum \$575,000 set-aside for early childhood emerging needs in FY23. Julia López made the motion, seconded by Andi Blaylock, which passed unanimously.

Resolution to Continue and to Increase the Amount of Funding from the Community Children’s Services Fund for the Family Court’s Family Subcontracted Services

– Program Committee Member Rob Poirier presented the Resolution to continue and increase the amount of funding for the Family Court’s Family Subcontracted Services Program to \$150,000 in FY24 and FY25 from the Community Children’s Services Fund. The request for increased funding was due to an unanticipated significant increase in the demand for services. Rob Poirier made the motion, seconded by Carolyn Jackson, which passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Braided Funding in FY24 for the St. Louis Region System of Care’s Family Support Partners Program

– Deputy Director Serena Muhammad, presented the Resolution on behalf of Program Committee Member Ronald Griffin who was unable to attend. The Resolution proposed the creation of a braided fund in partnership with the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund, to increase the number of non-Medicaid eligible city children and families served in FY24. Board Chair Terrell Carter made the motion, seconded by Julia López, which passed unanimously.

Agency Presentation – Melanie Scheetz, Executive Director of the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition presented on two of the agency’s Community Children’s Services Fund Programs: 30 Days to Family and Family Connections, in recognition of National Foster Care Month.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided an update on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff since the Trustees’ April 2023 meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Board Chair Terrell Carter 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 6:39 p.m.

The Board’s next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, 15th Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.