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***** MEETING MINUTES *****

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
Minutes of the November 21, 2024, Hybrid Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	In-person	Ronald Griffin	In-person
Robert Poirier, Vice Chair	In-person	Mario Hamell	Zoom
Julia López, Sec./Treas.	Zoom	Marcia Hayes-Harris	In-person
Andi Blaylock	Zoom	Carolyn Jackson	In-person
Terrell Carter	Zoom	Lisa Mulligan	In-person
Vander Corliss	In-person	Cassandra Pinkston	In-person
Linda Grayson	Absent	Janice Thomas	Absent

Others Attending:

Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel
Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director

Susan Kabat, Controller
MHB Staff

Call to Order – The regular 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 Donna Schmitt.

Community Comments – John McClellan of Harris House greeted the Board and staff and explained that he was interested in learning more about MHB.

Approval of the October 2024 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Rob Poirier, seconded by Vander Corliss, and passed unanimously.

Missouri Department of Mental Health GROW-STL Initiative – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad gave an update on the Missouri Department of Mental Health’s GROW-STL initiative. Board Secretary/Treasurer Julia López presented a resolution to accept \$800K in funding for MHB to serve as the pass through for state funding to support the GROW-STL network. This is intended to support the network through June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris and passed unanimously.

FY25 Contract Correction – Board Vice Chair Rob Poirier presented a correction to the FY25 CMHF board resolution to amend the FY25 contract for the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Legal Advocacy for Adults with Mental Illness Project to award up to \$296,886. The motion was seconded by Ronald Griffin and passed unanimously.

Early Childhood Care Rapid Response Grant – Program Committee member Marcia Hayes-Harris presented a resolution to repurpose \$150,000 of Early Childhood Emerging Needs funding. The motion was seconded by Lisa Mulligan and passed unanimously.

FY24 Preliminary Q4 Close – Controller Susan Kabat, CPA, presented the FY24 preliminary Q4 close report.

FY25 Q1 Financial Report – Controller Susan Kabat, CPA, presented the FY25 First Quarter Financial Statements.

Agency Presentation – Kelly Righton, LCSW, Director of SPOT Programs (Supporting Positive Opportunities with Teens) gave a presentation highlighting their Community Children’s Services Funded project.

Staff Report – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from October 18, 2024 – November 21, 2024. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, 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 6:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15th Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.