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**\*\*\* MEETING MINUTES \*\*\***

**City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees**  
 Minutes of the September 19, 2024, Hybrid Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	Absent	Ronald Griffin	Absent
Robert Poirier, Vice Chair	In-person	Mario Hamell	Zoom
Julia López, Sec./Treas.	In-person	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	Zoom
Linda Grayson	In-person	Janice Thomas	Zoom

*Others Attending:*

Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel  
 Cassandra Kaufman, Exec. Director

Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director  
 MHB Staff

**Public Hearing on the 2024 Tax Rates**

Board Secretary/Treasurer Julia Lopez convened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2024 tax rates for the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children’s Services Fund. It was noted that the proposed rates were publicized in the *St. Louis American*, as well as posted to the City of St. Louis’ website and the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees’ (MHB) website. No one present in-person or virtually through Zoom asked to speak on the tax rates. Trustee Carolyn Jackson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Linda Grayson to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was approved unanimously and the public hearing on the 2024 tax rates adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

**Regular Meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees**

**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 Secretary/Treasurer Julia López.

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

**Approval of the August 2024 Board Minutes** – The motion to approve the August 15, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Linda Grayson, seconded by Carolyn Jackson, and passed unanimously.

**Resolution to accept the 2024 estimated tax rate for the Community Mental Health Fund** –

Finance – Investment Committee Chair Vander Corliss presented the Resolution and made the motion to approve the 2024 Estimated Tax Rate of \$0.0895 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis for the Community Mental Health Fund. The motion was seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris and passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve the 2024 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services Fund** –

Finance – Investment Committee Chair Vander Corliss presented the Resolution and made the motion to approve the 2024 Estimated Tax Rate of \$0.2443 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis for the Community Children’s Services Fund. The motion was seconded by Terrell Carter and passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Accept Year 2 Federal Funding Award for SAMHSA SOC 4-Year Cooperative Agreement** –

Program Committee Member Lisa Mulligan presented the Resolution to accept the year two funding award for the FFY 2023 – 2027 SAMHSA System of Care Four-Year Cooperative Agreement for the project period September 30, 2024 - September 29, 2025. The focus of this SOC Cooperative Agreement is children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) or at risk for an SED that identify as LGBTQIA+ and/or are experiencing or at-risk for homelessness. The motion was seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve FY25 Out-of-School Time Funding Awards from the Community Children’s Services Fund** –

Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes-Harris presented the Resolution to approve FY25 Out-of-School Time Funding Awards for programs scheduled to begin October 2024. The motion was seconded by Rob Poirier with Lisa Mulligan abstaining. The motion passed.

**Resolution to Approve Carryforward of Unspent Funds within Grant Cycle** –

Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier presented the Resolution to approve the carryforward of unspent funds within a grant cycle by funded partners, from one fiscal year to the next. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson and passed unanimously.

**Agency Presentation** – In recognition of National Suicide Awareness Month in September, Ryan Lindsay, Professor of Clinical Practice at Washington University’s Brown School delivered an informational presentation on suicide awareness.

**Staff Report** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from August 16, 2024 – September 19, 2024. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Board, Julia López 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 7:03 p.m.

***The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.***