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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the September 21, 2017, Board Meeting

Trustees Attending:

*Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Phil Minden*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Dr. Rob Poirier
Darrell Hudson, Ph.D.*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Rates

Board Chair, Carolyn Jackson, convened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2017 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 in several public locations throughout the City. No one present asked to speak on the tax rates. Chair Jackson then adjourned the public hearing.

Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:53 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

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

Approval of the August 2017 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Jennifer Matthew and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the August 17, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2017 Estimated Tax Rate of the Community Mental Health Fund –

A motion was made by David Laslo and seconded by Steve Doss to accept the 2017 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.0883 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Mental Health Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2017 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services Fund

– A motion was made by Steve Doss and seconded by Jennifer Matthew to accept the 2017 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.1865 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Children’s Services Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Supportive Housing Funding to the YWCA – Metro St. Louis

A motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the resolution for a Supportive Housing grant to the YWCA - Metro St. Louis to complete the renovation/conversion of the Phyllis Wheatley Center into a permanent supportive housing (PSH) facility with 13 PSH units.

Presentation of Initial Findings of the 2017 Youth Behavioral Health Needs Assessment

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis presented a summary of the findings from the recent youth needs assessment. Once finalized, the report will be posted on the MHB website and will be presented at the community meeting announcing the next three-year grant cycle of the Community Children’s Services Fund scheduled for October 24, 2017.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period August 18, 2017 – September 21, 2017. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- CCSF Project Director Kristin Cowart is attending the Emerging Professionals in Philanthropy (EPIP) National Conference in New Orleans this week. As the co-chair of the newly forming St. Louis Area EPIP Chapter, Kristin also had the opportunity to participate in pre-conference Leadership Training as a guest of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- The Director of Strategic Initiatives, Serena Muhammad, is working with the St. Louis County Department of Public Health to design a mini-grant process to be used to support community based organizations in the Promise Zoneⁱ addressing mental health, peer support, violence prevention, and youth engagement. This work is a part of the ReCAST (*Resilience in Communities after Stress and Trauma*) grant project.
- Connie Cunningham, Executive Director of the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund recently joined the SOC Executive Committee. Ms. Cunningham’s participation further strengthens the effort to align regional resources to support a coordinated system of children’s behavioral health.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Jennifer Matthew made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **October 19, 2017**.

ⁱ Federal designation given to a small geographic area including parts of north City and County to attract and capture federal and other resources.