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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Board Meeting

Trustees Attending:

Terrell Carter
Mary Calzaretta
Linda Grayson
Darrell Hudson
Phil Minden
Rob Poirier
Carla Rose
Donna Schmitt

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Vice Chair, Linda Grayson.

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

Approval of the September 2018 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Terrell Carter and seconded by Phil Minden to approve the September 20, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of Continuation Funding of Approved FY 2019 Federal Award– A motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Donna Schmitt to accept the FY19 Federal Award recently approved by SAMHSA. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Resolution to Approve Revised Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Investment Framework and Funding Priorities for FY20-22 - Deputy Director Cassandra Kaufman presented the FY20-22 CMHF Investment Framework and Funding Priorities, after which, the Trustees engaged in a lengthy discussion. One of the major issues was the desire by a number of the Trustees to have more impact with the funding and that possibly narrowing the focus might accomplish that. Several Trustees expressed the desire for a more comprehensive

understanding of the full range of proposals coming before the Board—not just the ones that were reviewed by their small work groups. It was felt that “themes” might emerge that could provide direction to MHB in achieving greater community level impact—even with a fund the size of the CMHF. Jama stated that she and Cassandra would work with the staff to develop some responses to the Board’s discussion by the next Board meeting. Subsequently a motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Donna Schmitt to approve the proposed outcomes and investment framework as well as the funding priorities for the FY20-22 CMHF funding cycle with one adjustment – the removal from ‘Key Priorities’ the item, “Prioritize services and supports for vulnerable populations and communities.”

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period September 21, 2018 – October 18, 2018. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Jessica Meyers joined the MHB staff on October 15 in the position of Violence Prevention Commission Coordinator. The position is funded for two years through a partnership with United Way, ReCAST and the Episcopal Trust.
- In September, staff conducted three additional community feedback sessions with 78 participants, to augment the Adult Needs Assessment. The additional feedback sessions provided an opportunity for community members to identify any needs and gaps they felt were missing or not addressed in the report and to prioritize their top two recommendations. This feedback was used by staff in the process of revising the investment framework and developing recommendations for funding priorities and priority populations to be approved by Trustees at the October meeting.
- On November 1 from 10-11:30 AM, at the Forest Park Visitor’s Center, MHB will hold a Community Meeting to announce the opening of the FY20-22 CMHF Grant Cycle and share the findings from the recently completed Adult Behavioral Health Needs Assessment. Trustees are also invited and encouraged to attend.
- Serena Muhammad presented a workshop titled, “Community Based Research from the Community Perspective” at the Washington University Institute of Public Health’s First Annual Center for Community Health Partnership and Research. The presentation was well received, and she has been invited back to do a collaborative project that also includes the Gephardt Institute.
- Nathaniel Rivers permanent, supportive housing facility held its grand opening on Friday, September 21, 2018. The facility is a new building has 32 one-bedroom units. The event generated a good turnout from both neighborhood residents as well as elected officials and representatives from the larger community.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Terrell Carter 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 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **November 15, 2018.**