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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Board Meeting

Trustees Attending

(By Phone):

Mary Calzaretta

Marguerite Grandelious

Linda Grayson

Darrell Hudson

David Laslo

Phil Minden

Nina North Murphy

Donna Schmitt

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

In Person

Carolyn Jackson, Board Chair

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

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

Approval of the September 2019 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Phil Minden to approve the September 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Briefing on Violence Prevention Commission (VPC)/ and Cure Violence - Serena Muhammad provided a briefing on the current status of the VPC, as well as an update on the City's efforts to engage a contractor to assist with the implementation of an evidence based practice "Cure Violence" to respond to the rash of gun and other types of violence being experienced in the City this year.

Nomination of Prospective Trustee

Trustee Dr. Darrell Hudson presented credentials of Dr. Julia López to the Trustees who then unanimously voted to nominate her for appointment to a three-year term concluding April 2022 as an MHB Trustee, subject to approval by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.

Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of a new Federal SAMSHA Cooperative Agreement

Award – A motion was made by Marguerite Grandelious and seconded by Linda Grayson to accept a new four year Federal Award recently approved by SAMHSA to continue development of the System of Care (SOC). The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period September 20, 2019 – October 17, 2019. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Another Trustee prospect has been identified for a preliminary interview. There are currently three vacancies on the board with one nominee and one prospect.
- Planning for the new federal SOC cooperative agreement is underway. The project will be hiring a new Project Director to manage the federal program. The person hired will be full time and will report to Serena. This position makes a total of eleven in the agency.
- Staff have begun an in-depth planning process to examine all facets of MHB's grant selection and allocation processes. Planning will continue into the spring incorporating Trustee recommendations as well.
- Serena was invited by the Rand Corporation to present gun violence research and describe the work of VPC at their headquarters in Washington, D.C. this week.

Adjournment – There being no further business, David Laslo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Donna Schmitt. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **November 21, 2019**.