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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the September 19, 2019, Board Meeting

Trustees Attending:

*Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Darrell Hudson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose*

Others Attending:

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Angela Tate, VP Operations, BHR
Mandy Bowlin, Clinical Manager, BHR*

Cassandra Kaufman, Deputy Director

Public Hearing on the 2019 Tax Rates

Board Chair, Carolyn Jackson, convened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2019 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 MHB Trustees

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Anthony D'Agostino, Executive Director with Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM) explained how CJM operates in helping the recently incarcerated and thanked the Trustees for the funding for the *Release to Rent* project as well as the permanent supportive housing loan for the recently purchased Dunnica avenue apartments. Lindsay Kyonka, Program Quality Manager with Saint Louis Crisis Nursery then spoke and described the trauma informed care provided to some of the most vulnerable children--often homeless--within the City. The trauma informed care is partially funded by MHB as part of the project, *Keeping Kids Safe*.

Presentation from Behavioral Health Response (BHR) – Angela Tate, Vice President of Operations and Mandy Bowlin, Clinical Manager with Behavioral Health Response, presented an overview of BHR and the project funded by MHB.

Approval of the August 2019 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the August 15, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2019 Estimated Tax Rate of the Community Mental Health Fund – A motion was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Marguerite Grandelious to accept the 2019 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.0870 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Mental Health Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2019 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services Fund – A motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to accept the 2019 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.1838 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Children’s Services Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Revisions to MHB’s Employee Handbook – Mary Calzaretta, Trustee and Chair of the MHB Personnel Committee, presented the Resolution for revisions to MHB’s Employee Handbook. After some discussion a motion was made by Darrell Hudson and seconded by David Laslo to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Supportive Housing Funding to Horizon Housing Development Corporation – Phil Minden, Trustee and MHB Housing Committee member, presented the Resolution for Supportive Housing funding to the Horizon Housing Development Company. After some discussion, Terrell Carter made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Unaudited FY19 Year End Financials – Tom Giles, Operation Director with MHB presented the unaudited FY19 YE Financials.

Staff Report

Cassandra Kaufman presented the Executive Director’s report for the period August 15, 2019 – September 19, 2019. A written report was distributed, that among other items, included the following highlights:

- Thanks to Board members, Darrell and Carolyn who responded to the appeal to fill our three board vacancies and introduced two prospective candidates for consideration. A third prospective candidate has also been identified for consideration by MHB board leadership.
- St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) activities
 - The VPC met with the Chair of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Alderman, the Chair of the Aldermanic Black Caucus, and conducted presentations for the Board of Alderman Public Safety Committee, City of St. Louis Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the U.S. Attorney’s Interagency Workgroup, and the Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace and Justice Committee to discuss violence prevention strategies.
 - Serena Muhammad has been invited to give expert testimony to the Rand Corporation National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research in Washington D.C. on October 17.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Robert Poirier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Linda Grayson. The motion passed, and the Trustee meeting of the Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **October 17, 2019**.