



**Executive Director's Staff Report**  
**March 16, 2023**  
**(For the period February 17, 2023 – March 16, 2023)**

**BOARD / STAFF**

- **Nominating Committee** – Met virtually on March 9 to determine the slate of officers for election at the March 16 Board meeting and to interview two of six Trustee candidates.
- **Recruitment for Finance Positions** – Recruitment continues to fill the Senior Accountant and Accountant positions.

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS / ALLOCATIONS**

**(CCSF, CMHF, Investment Management Partnerships, Partnerships & Initiatives)**

- **FY24-26 CMHF Application Process** – We received 31 applications totaling \$5,246,127 in requests. Eleven proposals are for currently funded projects with the remaining 20 being for new projects, half of which are from organizations new to MHB. We have \$2,200,000 available to be allocated in this grant cycle.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS / STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

- **St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission** – The *Handle with Care* platform will be launched statewide through a partnership with the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. *Handle with Care* allows first responders to notify school districts when they encounter a school-aged child on the scene of a potentially traumatic event. The program was launched locally with St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) in September 2021. Director of Prevention Partnerships Lisa Potts, has been working with the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association since the fall of 2022 to help expand the program across Missouri.
- **System of Care St. Louis (SOC)** – MHB is partnering with Vision for Children at Risk and several community-based organizations to apply for another four-year Children's Mental Health System of Care Cooperative Agreement from SAMHSA. The System of Care St. Louis will request \$1,000,000 annually for four years with a local match of 1:3 for the first three years and 1:1 in the fourth year. The match will be contributed by MHB, St. Louis County Children's Service Fund, St. Louis City Department of Health, and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health in part through in-kind staff time to conduct a regional needs assessment.

## MARCH 16, 2023, STAFF REPORT TO MHB TRUSTEES

- **Aging & Behavioral Health Collaboration** – MHB is partnering with the City of St. Louis Senior Fund to support a pilot project designed to help meet the needs of older adults with complex aging and behavioral health needs. The pilot program, spearheaded by Independence Center, will provide access to behavioral health services and resources addressing social determinants of health, such as housing, transportation, and caregiving assistance for older residents.

### ADMINISTRATION

- **Partnership with Senior Fund to Analyze Impact of Potential Tax Legislation on Tax Revenues** – MHB is partnering with the City of St. Louis Senior Fund and UMSL's Community Impact and Innovation Center to collect data, model, and analyze the financial impact of two tax assistance policy scenarios. The analyses will aim to produce findings for each scenario that outlines (1) expected real estate tax revenues for three St. Louis City tax levy funds (Senior Services, Children's Services, Community Mental Health) and (2) costs and benefits for homeowners across various socioeconomic criteria. The two scenarios to be analyzed include the impact of a Real Estate Tax Freeze and a Reduction in Percent of Assessed Valuation for Real Estate to 15%.
- **Office Lease/Space** – Staff are continuing to tour alternative office space options with our commercial real estate broker. Our current property management firm is preparing two estimates for consideration: cost to remain in our current space with no renovations, and renovations to increase the number of staff that can be housed within the current space, in addition to expanding the size of the conference room. A decision will be made in May so that future costs may be incorporated in the FY24 budget.