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TO: Trustees & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
DATE: June 13, 2025
SUBJECT: Board Meeting on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 5:45 PM, via Zoom only**
There will be no in-person meeting in June due to the date change.
<https://stlmhb.zoom.us/j/89621928740?pwd=RzVEUjl2RHlHL01lQk0zRWtzeHNNZz09>
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 18, 2025**

BOARD MEETING

1. Community Comments

Opportunity for individuals from the St. Louis community to comment on issues concerning the Community Children's Services Fund and the Community Mental Health Fund or other issues related to behavioral health needs of children and/or adults. Speakers must sign up in advance and limit comments to three minutes.

2. Approval of the May 2025 Board Minutes

The Trustees will vote whether to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting held May 15, 2025. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.

3. May 21 Executive Committee Action to Establish Tornado Response Fund and Resolution to Amend the FY25 Operating Budget

Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman will provide an update on Executive Committee's action May 21 to establish Round 1 Tornado Response Funding for distribution to MHB funded partners. Board Chair Donna Schmitt will present the resolution to amend the FY25 operating budget to reflect the inclusion of the \$750,000 Tornado Response Fund.

4. Resolution to Approve FY26 Funding from the Community Children's Services Fund

Program Committee Member Julia López will present the resolution to increase FY26 funding for year four of the Community Children's Services Fund grant cycle for The

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Little Bit Foundation to provide more school-based mental health and case management services, and for River Roads Lutheran School to increase services for 8th grade students in their afterschool program.

5. Resolution to Accept Third-Party Funding for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC)

Program Committee Member Julia López will present the resolution to accept funding from the City of St. Louis Department of Health's Community Health Improvement Plan to distribute mini-grants, the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund for youth safe space events in St. Louis County, and from the Missouri Foundation for Health for Tornado Relief Services on behalf of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), for which MHB serves as the fiscal sponsor and backbone organization.

6. Resolution to Accept FY25 – 26 Missouri Department of Mental Health St. Louis Opioid Initiative Pass-Through Funding

Vice Chair and Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier will present the resolution to accept FY25 and FY26 pass-through funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health for the St. Louis Opioid Initiative.

7. Resolution to Approve FY26 Budget

Finance – Investment Committee Chair Vander Corliss will present the resolution to approve the FY26 annual operating budget.

8. Staff Report

A written update on major activities and accomplishments of the staff since the last meeting of the Trustees will be distributed.

9. Tentative Closed Session

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees may, subject to a motion duly made and adopted, conduct a closed session, for the purpose of considering one or more of the following matters pursuant to Section 610.021(1), Revised Statutes of Missouri, and engage in proceedings to:

(1) discuss legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the Board's representatives and its attorneys or auditors pursuant to Sections 610.021(1) and/or 610.021(17);

(2) discuss matters involving the leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate, pursuant to Section 610.021(2);

(3) discuss sealed bids and proposals, and related documents, or documents related to a negotiated contract, pursuant to Section 610.021(12); and/or

(4) discuss hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting particular employees pursuant to Section 610.021(3) and 610.021(13).

10. Adjournment

*The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, at 5:45 PM in the 15th Floor Conference Room, Peabody Plaza, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.*

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
 Minutes of the June 18, 2025, Virtual Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	Zoom	Ronald Griffin	Zoom
Robert Poirier, Vice Chair	Zoom	Mario Hamell	Absent
Julia López, Sec./Treas.	Zoom	Marcia Hayes-Harris	Zoom
Andi Blaylock	Absent	Carolyn Jackson	Zoom
Terrell Carter	Absent	Cassandra Pinkston	Zoom
Vander Corliss	Zoom	Janice Thomas	Zoom
Linda Grayson	Zoom		

Others Attending:

Kate Henry, Lashly & Baer
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 MHB Staff

- 1a. **Call to Order** – The regular meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Board Chair Donna Schmitt.
- 1b. **Community Comments** – There were no community members who wished to address the Board.
2. **Approval of the May 2025 Board Minutes** – The motion to approve the May 15, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Vander Corliss, seconded by Rob Poirier, and passed unanimously.
3. **May 21 Executive Committee Action to Establish Tornado Response Fund and Resolution to Amend the FY25 Operating Budget** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided an update on Executive Committee’s action May 21 to establish Round 1 Tornado Response Funding for distribution to MHB funded partners. Board Chair Donna Schmitt presented the resolution and made the motion to amend the FY25 operating budget to reflect the inclusion of the \$750,000 Tornado Response Funding. Janice Thomas seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Resolution to Approve FY26 Funding from the Community Children’s Services Fund** – Secretary/Treasurer and Program Committee Member Julia López presented the resolution

and made the motion to increase FY26 funding for year four of the Community Children's Services Fund grant cycle for The Little Bit Foundation to provide more school-based mental health and case management services, and for River Roads Lutheran School to increase services for 8th grade students in their afterschool program. Cassandra Pinkston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Resolution to Accept Third-Party Funding for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC)** – Secretary/Treasurer and Program Committee Member Julia López presented the resolution and made the motion to accept funding from the City of St. Louis Department of Health's Community Health Improvement Plan to distribute mini-grants, the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund for youth safe space events in St. Louis County, and from the Missouri Foundation for Health for Tornado Relief Services on behalf of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), for which MHB serves as the fiscal sponsor and backbone organization. Marcia Hayes-Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Resolution to Accept FY25 – 26 Missouri Department of Mental Health St. Louis Opioid Initiative Pass-Through Funding** – Vice Chair and Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier presented the resolution and made the motion to accept FY25 and FY26 pass-through funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health for the St. Louis Opioid Initiative. Marcia Hayes-Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **Resolution to Approve FY26 Budget** – Finance – Investment Committee Chair Vander Corliss presented the resolution and made the motion to approve the FY26 annual operating budget. Carolyn Jackson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. **Staff Report** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from May 15, 2025 – June 18, 2025. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.
9. **Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Board, Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Julia López. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.