



***** MEETING NOTICE *****

TO: Trustees & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
DATE: October 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Board Meeting on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 5:45 PM, 15th Floor Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101 and via Zoom**
<https://stlmhb.zoom.us/j/89621928740?pwd=RzVEUjl2RHIHL01lQk0zRWtzeHNNZz09>
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 17, 2024**

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 September 2024 Board Minutes**
The Trustees will vote whether to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting held September 19, 2024. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.
- 3. Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Phase 1 Presentation**
Reggi Rideout and Dr. Eric Armbricht from Simply Strategies will present an overview of the quantitative data portion (Phase 1) of the needs assessment. The assessment is being conducted in partnership with the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund.
- 4. Resolution to Approve FY26 Funding for Behavioral Health Systems Change Initiative Planning Grants**
Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier will present the resolution to approve \$500K in funding for up to five planning grants in FY26.

The Tentative Agenda was posted on the website of the MHB prior to 24 hours before the meeting of the Board of Trustees and has also been posted on the website of the City of St. Louis, MO. Agenda items may be withdrawn or modified before or during the public meeting at the discretion of the Board.

5. Resolution to Accept Funding from the St. Louis Community Foundation to support Mental Health and Substance Use Programming

Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes Harris will present the resolution to accept approximately \$500K per year in funding from the Chiron Community Giving Foundation. The leveraged funding will increase the amount of available funding for the Behavioral Health Systems Change Initiative planning and implementation grants in FY26 – FY32, as well as potentially supplement the SAMHSA System of Care in FFY25 – FFY27.

6. Board Retreat

Chair Donna Schmitt will request Trustees to confirm their availability for a Board Retreat to be conducted from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on either Saturday, January 25 or Saturday, January 18, 2025.

7. Staff Report

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

8. 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).

9. Adjournment

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15th Floor, 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 October 17, 2024, Hybrid Board Meeting

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

Others Attending:

Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel
 Cassandra Kaufman, Exec. Director

Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 MHB Staff

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees (MHB) was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Board Chair Donna Schmitt.

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

Approval of the September 2024 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Linda Grayson, seconded by Rob Poirier, and passed unanimously.

Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Phase 1 Presentation-Reggi Rideout and Dr. Eric Armbrrecht from Simply Strategies presented an overview of the quantitative data portion (Phase 1) of the needs assessment. The assessment is being conducted in partnership with the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund.

Resolution to Approve FY26 Funding for Behavioral Health Systems Change Initiative Planning Grants-Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier presented the resolution to approve \$500K in funding for up to five planning grants in FY26. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Accept Funding from the St. Louis Community Foundation to support Mental Health and Substance Use Programming-Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes Harris

presented the resolution to accept approximately \$500K per year in funding from the Chiron Community Giving Foundation. The leveraged funding will increase the amount of available funding for the Behavioral Health Systems Change Initiative planning and implementation grants in FY26 – FY32, as well as potentially supplement the SAMHSA System of Care in FFY25 – FFY27.

After discussing the potential of receiving additional funding, the Board agreed to a motion to amend the resolution to the following:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director and Board Chair to enter into an agreement with the St. Louis Community Foundation to distribute ~~up to \$500,000~~ **the funds received in each calendar year** ~~in calendar year 2025~~ to increase access to high-quality mental health care for those ages 0 – 26 and their families living in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.”

Rob Poirier made the motion to amend the resolution and was seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion to amend the resolution was passed with Vander Corliss abstaining.

The motion to approve the resolution was made by Marcia Hayes Harris and seconded by Rob Poirier. The motion to accept the resolution was passed with Vander Corliss abstaining.

Board Retreat-Chair Donna Schmitt requested Trustees to confirm their availability for a Board Retreat to be conducted from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on either Saturday, January 25 or Saturday, January 18, 2025. A tentative date of Saturday, January 25, 2025 was selected and a calendar invite will be sent.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from September 20, 2024 – October 17, 2024. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, Marcia Hayes-Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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