

PUBLIC NOTICE



TO: Trustees & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
DATE: September 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Board Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 5:45 PM, Peabody Plaza, 15th Floor Conference Room, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101 and via Zoom
This is a new Zoom link which is different than the link used for the Jan. – Jun. 2026 board meetings in FY 2026
<https://stlmhb.zoom.us/j/82678826523?pwd=E5gFU9x06Z6bkC86dZAOkTtDqRdcIV.1>
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 17, 2026**

**PUBLIC HEARING
5:45 PM**

Anyone wishing to address the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees on proposed 2026 property tax rates for the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children's Services Fund is invited to attend this Public Hearing prior to the regular meeting of the MHB Trustees. Comments should pertain to Resolutions setting next year's property tax rates for both funds. The proposed resolutions have been posted on the MHB website, City of St. Louis website, and published in the *St. Louis American*.

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 the behavioral health needs of children and/or adults. Speakers must sign up in advance and limit comments to three (3) minutes.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the August 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Trustees will vote whether to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting held August 20, 2026. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.

The Tentative Agenda was posted at the office and 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 Agenda items may be withdrawn or modified before or during the public meeting at the discretion of the Board.

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- b. **Resolution to Accept Year 4 Federal Funding Award for SAMHSA SOC 4-Year Agreement**
Trustees will vote whether to accept the year four funding award for the FFY 2023 – 2027 SAMHSA System of Care Four-Year Cooperative Agreement for the project period September 2023 through September 2027. The focus of this SOC Cooperative Agreement is children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) or at risk for an SED that are experiencing or at risk for experiencing homelessness.
- c. **Pulled Consent Items**
Any trustee may request that a particular item on the Consent Agenda be considered separately. This requires approving a motion to Divide the Question.

3. **Regular Agenda Items**

- a. **Resolution to Approve the 2026 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Mental Health Fund**
Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss will present the resolution to approve the 2026 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Mental Health Fund.
- b. **Resolution to Approve the 2026 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children's Services Fund**
Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss will present the resolution to approve the 2026 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children's Services Fund.
- c. **Resolution to Approve Funding from the Community Mental Health Emerging Needs Fund**
Vice Chair Julia López will present the resolution to approve \$15,000.00 from the Community Mental Health – Emerging Needs Fund to support one cohort of MHB-funded partners that primarily serve immigrants and refugees. Support for agency staff will be provided by hosting a Vitality Café, modeled on the World Café model.

4. **Staff Report**

- a. **Suicide Prevention & FY26 Children's Mental Health Month Event**
Clinical Partnership Director Poli Rijos, LCSW, will present on the St. Louis Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Nature & Nurture event May 25, 2026 in partnership with the St. Louis Zoo, held in recognition of Children's Mental Health Month.
- b. **FY27 Funded Partner Celebration**
Director of Administration Sue Culli-Wilson will present on MHB's FY27 Funded Partner Celebration held August 10, 2026 at Rung for Women. Board Chair Rob Poirer offered opening remarks for the nearly 150 funded partner staff in attendance.
- c. **Highlights**
Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman will highlight updates on major activities and accomplishments of the board and staff since the last meeting of the trustees. A written report covering all three presentations will be distributed.

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5. Closed Session

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees shall, 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); and to

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

6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 5:45 PM Peabody Plaza 15th Floor Conference Room, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.

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