



Staff Report
November 21, 2024
(For the period October 18 – November 21, 2024)

BOARD / STAFF

- **Executive Committee** – The committee held its regular virtual monthly meeting on November 12, 2024, to review the November 21, 2024, Board meeting agenda and receive updates on important staff activities.

- **Neighborhood Leadership Academy** – Children’s Services Project Director, Denise Carter, completed the Neighborhood Leadership Academy on 11/13/24. The Neighborhood Leadership Academy connects resources at the University of Missouri St. Louis - [Creating Whole Communities](#) and [University of Missouri Extension](#) - with neighborhood leaders from across the state of Missouri to learn together through a **hybrid** project-based curriculum, developing the skills and building the networks necessary to create healthy, vibrant and whole communities.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS / ALLOCATIONS

(CCSF, CMHF, Funding Partnerships & Initiatives)

- **Chiron Community Giving Foundation Partnership** – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad attended the Webster University Community Convening on October 26 to formally announce the partnership between Chiron Community Giving Foundation, the St. Louis Community Foundation, the United Way of Greater St. Louis, and Saint Louis MHB.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS / STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Violence Prevention Commission

- **Grant Award** – The Missouri Foundation for Health awarded the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission a five-year operating grant totaling \$750,000 to support their on-going work to reduce gun violence in the St. Louis region.

- **Save Lives Now! Academy** – Serena attended a community orientation meeting for the Save Lives Now! Academy. More than 40 organizational representatives were invited to learn how they could receive training at no cost from national experts to help deliver the three pillars of the Save Lives Now! Model – focused deterrence, street outreach, and cognitive behavioral therapy.

ADMINISTRATION

- **Grant Management System** – Buildout of the Foundant grant management system continues under the leadership of Director of Administration Sue Culli-Wilson. The system will go live at the end of November 2024.

OTHER

- **Community Health Needs Assessment** – Simply Strategy hosted two virtual community feedback sessions to share the findings of the joint needs assessment being conducted by St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund and MHB. Approximately 35 people attended the sessions.
- **Fraud and Forensic Accounting Conference** – Controller Susan Kabat participated virtually in the Missouri Society of CPAs conference on October 29, 2024.
- **St. Louis ECE Implementation Group** – Serena attended the launch of the Early Childhood Implementation & Planning Working Group, which will play a key role in operationalizing the St. Louis Early Childhood Playbook. MHB staff will participate in monthly planning meetings through
- **BRIC Institute** – Serena participated on a panel for the Bullet Related Injury Clinic’s first symposium, called the BRIC Institute, to teach hospitals and health systems how to deliver trauma-informed care to victims of gun violence.
- **Doorways Ribbon Cutting** – Director of Clinical Partnerships David Haasis and Serena attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Doorways phase II development which included the new BOCA pharmacy.
- **Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrant and Refugees** – Director of Youth Development Partnerships Poli attended the Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrant and Refugees Biennial National Convening during October 28-30, 2024.
- **St. Louis City Senior Fund Executive Director** – The Senior Fund announced that **Nicole L. Brueggeman**, MSW, LCSW, MA, will serve as their new Executive Director starting in December. Nicole brings an extensive background in large-scale project management, cross-sector collaboration, and advocacy, most recently as the inaugural Executive Director of the Missouri Council on Aging. She has championed regional initiatives to support and empower older adults and will succeed Jamie Opsal, Senior Fund’s founding Executive Director.