



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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***** MEETING MINUTES *****

Minutes of the April 16, 2015, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Mary Calzaretta

Stephen Doss

Terrell Carter

Marguerite Grandelious

Carolyn Jackson

Caroline Korybut

Nina North Murphy

Carla Rose

Roy Wilson, M.D.

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Nina North Murphy.

Community Comments – James Meinert, Guys Group Facilitator/Prevention Educator for Safe Connections provided the Board with a brief description of the role he serves as a sexual abuse prevention coordinator working with boys aged 13-18. He gave a personal accounting of the need that exists and expressed appreciation for the funding Safe Connections receives.

Installation of the Board Officers – The one-year term officially commenced for the 2015-2016 Board Officers who are: Chair, Nina North Murphy; Vice-Chair, Dr. Roy Wilson; Secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Jackson.

Approval of March 2015 Board Minutes – After some clarifying discussion related to two questions posed by a Trustee—one regarding the upcoming introductory Racial Equity Learning Exchange Session, on Thursday, April 23, and another related to the length of funding commitments to Investment Management Partnerships, a motion was made by Roy Wilson and seconded by Mary Calzaretta, to approve the March 19, 2015 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly Financial Report – Carl Toler, CPA with Anders CPAs + Advisors, presented the Quarter 3 balance sheet and revenue/expense reports. He noted that the statement of net position was comparable to the historical. The revenues and expenses show 92% of tax revenue has been received through Quarter 3. Also noted was that the community investments are running approximately 70% of budgeted amounts. Federal grant operating expenses are running slightly ahead of budget, with \$15,000 to be reclassified.

Staff Report – Deputy Director Cassandra Kaufman presented the Mid-Year Community Investment Report (July 1 - December 31, 2014) which included a financial breakdown of community investments and consumer demographics for MHB funded services. The demographic data is one tool used to ensure our stewardship is meeting community needs. Both the Community Mental Health (CMHF) and Community Children's Services Funds (CCSF) showed some lag between funds approved and funds dispersed midway through the fiscal year. Additionally, grants were aligned in relation to the behavioral health continuum of care, with outcomes reported for both the CCSF and CMHF. Other data reported included the number of funded programs, consumer enrollments and completions, etc. It was noted that the 63108 zip code appeared to indicate an increase in service utilization which Cassandra clarified was related to the inclusion of all City foster children under the family court zip code rather than their home address.

Jama Dodson presented a progress report on the three-year Strategic Plan. The report provided context for the plan's development and focused on year one implementation results. The Strategic Plan aims the organization's efforts around three main anchors or themes. For the 2014 calendar year implementation plan, in addition to the three themes, 10 key performance areas were added including leadership responsible for ensuring each of the performance targets were met. In total, 25 measurable performance targets were established and 103 associated tasks deployed. Overall in 2014 (year one), MHB met 93% of the performance targets. Jama noted that while much of year two implementation is already underway, validation and updating is planned with input and guidance from the Board.

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period March 19 - April 16, 2015. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- MHB was invited to present at the April 30 Missouri Housing & Community Development Summit being held in St. Louis. Jama will participate in a panel on gap funding for permanent supportive housing.
- Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM) 3-day training (April 21-23) offered in partnership with the Missouri Foundation for Health, is being

held in Columbia, Missouri to build the skills of practitioners serving those that have experienced significant trauma. The training, which is meeting an important need, filled up quickly resulting in a waiting list.

- State Senate Budget Bill - Jama attended the community speak out against the proposed Missouri Senate budget proposing deep cuts (4-8%) to the departments of Health and Senior Services, Mental Health and Social Services that would severely impact local residents. In addition, she also wrote letters to each member of the legislative conference committee expressing MHB's concern about how the cuts would affect our community.
- New County Children's Services Fund Executive Director, Connie Cunningham and Jama met on Tuesday, April 14. Ms. Cunningham is focused on gathering as much information as she can to inform her own plan and is also very interested in working in partnership with the other Children's Fund Executives. She plans to attend the planning session of the Ready by 21 St. Louis Leadership Council next week.

Adjourn - There being no further business, Carla Rose made a motion seconded by Caroline Korybut, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting of the St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Chair, North Murphy will be out of town on the date of the May Board meeting, so the meeting will be chaired by Dr. Roy Wilson on **May 21, 2015**.