



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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* * * MEETING MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the August 21, 2014, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford

Terrell Carter

Stephen F. Doss

Marguerite E. Grandelious

Linda Grayson

Carolyn Jackson

Caroline Korybut

Philip Minden

Nina R. North-Murphy

Carla Rose

Roy Wilson, M.D.

Others Attending

William J. Kuehling, Polsinelli

Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

The Meeting was chaired by Chair Nina North-Murphy.

Call to Order -- The meeting of St. Louis Mental Health Board Trustees was called to order at 5:45 PM by Chair, Nina North-Murphy.

Community Comments – Michelle Henry, with St. Louis Family Court Juvenile Division, thanked MHB for the funding. They have experienced lower recidivism by linking youth to services they need. Over 400 clients received services through 18 vendors.

Cathy Horejes, also with Family Court Juvenile Division, thanked MHB for funding them to engage services of psychologists and follow-up/aftercare. She also thanked MHB Project Director, Carter Whitson, for his involvement in challenging them to innovate and to expand to offer trauma focused services.

Brenda Mahr, with Employment Connection, described their services and thanked MHB for funding that helped them to leverage other funding.

Minutes – The motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the last meeting on June 19, 2014, as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Year-End Finance Report – Carl Toler, CPA, with Anders, presented the unaudited FY14 preliminary year-end finance report. Revenues are estimated at slightly less than budgeted at \$12,270,674 (including \$739,700 of federal grant funds). Expenses were also slightly lower than originally projected at \$12,730,018, Community Investments in the form of either grants or gifts, reached a total of \$1,376,637.

Conflict of Interest Policy & Annual Disclosure by Trustees – Jama Dodson, Executive Director, reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy and disclosure forms that were included in the Board packet. She asked that all Trustees return the signed disclosure form to her before leaving the meeting to be in compliance with the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Vision Statement Approval – Jama introduced the Revised Vision Statement that was included in the Board packet that a work group consisting of Trustees and staff had developed earlier in the summer. Carla Rose raised the issue of reviewing the Mission Statement too. It was agreed that action on the Vision Statement would not need to wait for the Mission. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously the final version of the Vision Statement. It was also agreed that a work group of Trustees would review the Mission and make recommendations for changes, if appropriate. Those who volunteered from the work group were: Linda Grayson, Carla Rose and Roy Wilson. Also, MHB staff: Serena Muhammad and Carter Whitson.

Staff Report – Jama drew attention to the printed staff report for August 2014 at each Trustee's place, highlighting major activities and accomplishments of the staff since the last meeting of the Trustees. She next shared a video developed by students in the Artworks program showing the activities they participated in.

Other Business – The meeting concluded with an open discussion about the situation that had occurred in Ferguson. Trustees shared their perspectives on the situation, acknowledging that much work needed to be done to achieve reconciliation and that schools and agencies needed to be proactive rather than reactive. Several felt that training was needed on how to discuss the incident with children and youth.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next MHB Meeting will be **Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 5:45 PM.**