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Executive Director's Staff Report

November 18, 2022 – January 19, 2023

Board

- **Board Retreat**—1/14/23 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM at SPARK
- **MHB Announces New General Counsel**—Matt McBride, Lashly & Baer, PC
- **Nominating Committee**
 - All newly appointed Trustees participated in two 90-minute virtual Board Orientation Sessions on December 12 and January 6 in preparation for the January 14 Board Retreat and January 19 Board Meeting
 - 1 community application and 4 applications received from Mayor’s Boards & Commissions website
- **MHB Begins Hybrid Board Meetings at Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being in January 2023**

Staff

Senior Account Katie Zitt, CPA Returns to Running Own Accounting Practice



Currently recruiting an Executive Assistant,
Senior Accountant or Accountant, and Children's
Services Project Director

Welcome Marcus Sanford MHB's New Accountant



Community Investments/Allocations

- **\$2M Early Childhood ARPA funding**
 - 54 of 81 applications received were approved for funding; 51 of the 54 providers received their ARPA funding as of January 6
 - The Mayors' Office and CDA arranged for press coverage during check pick up December 30 and the Mayor is planning a press tour to visit one or more family home childcare providers that received ARPA funding
- **FY24 – 26 Community Mental Health Fund Application Process—**
Serena provided an update during the Board meeting
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Teachers and School Staff**
 - MHB and the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund continue their partnership with the Missouri Institute for Mental Health to offer virtual and hybrid YMHFA trainings in March for middle and high school teachers & staff

Federal Programs/Strategic Initiatives

- **St. Louis Region System of Care**

- The SOC Leadership Team were invited to present to the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund Program and Performance Committee to provide an update on their successful Family Support Program.
- Continued conversation about potential to leverage Medicaid funding to sustain the program after SAMHSA grant funding ends.

- **St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission**

- The Center for Policing Equity invited Serena to participate in the NFL's Inspire Change Public Services Announcement. You may see it air during football games this month.
- MHB is supporting the City of St. Louis Office of Violence (OVP) prevention in hosting a 3-day site visit from the National League of Cities. NLC has provided a 2-year, *\$700K Reimagining Public Safety grant* to the OVP.

Administration/Other

- **FY22 Annual Report** to be presented at 2/16/23 meeting
- All 10 Children's Services Fund Executive Directors from across the state **met with State Department Heads regarding children's mental health** in Jefferson City January 10
- 3 City Tax Levy Board Executive Directors presented to Board of Aldermen's **Health & Human Services Committee** January 17
- **Community Health Needs Assessment for Children and their Families** re-activated following pandemic interruption in partnership with St. Louis County Children's Service Fund