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

Minutes of the February 19, 2009, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
William Edwin Dodson, M.D.
Robert Franken
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Nina R. North Murphy
Brooke Sehy
Melvin A. Tann*

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The meeting was chaired by President Marguerite E. Grandelious.

Community Comments – Amy Clinton and Dave Parker, Independence Center, reported on the MHB funded employment program. Dave Parker spoke about his positive experiences in the *Transforming Lives through Work* program which helps persons with serious and persistent mental illness overcome reluctance to work, gain and maintain employment. Dave said that Independence Center stays open later, so he can go after work to receive support and encouragement.

Jennifer Curiale, Barbara Adams and Elizabeth Peterson, Queen of Peace Center, spoke of how the MHB funded TREM project helped them overcome barriers to more fulfilling lives due to early trauma and abuse.

Michele Regne and Angela Sanya and children, Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, complemented MHB funded *Fostering Futures* program which helps provide stability for foster children who have had multiple foster placements.

Minutes – The Minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

Quarterly Financial Report – Carl Toler reviewed the 2nd Quarter Report. The report was accepted.

Resolution Setting Tax Rates – Board Counsel Bill Kuehling reported that new legislation has added additional steps to the annual setting tax rate process. Beginning this year, all taxing districts must provide an estimated tax rate to the Assessor by April 8th, so each tax payer’s “tax impact” can be included with the yearly assessment notice. Then, the “official” tax rate will be due in October rather than by September. Trustees approved separate resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to comply with the new regulations, without returning for additional board approval.

Determining Investment Mix for Community Children’s Services Fund – As MHB moves closer to determining new children fund investments, in the form of grants, beginning July 2009, trustees determined the percentage of available funds to be allocated to each Goal. The following investment mix was decided: Goal 1 – Parents provide for their families 24%; Goal 2 – Children are successful learners 22%; Goal 3 – Youth develop character & life skills 23%; Goal 4 – At risk and troubled youth are stabilized 30%. Don Cuvo said that the actual dollar amount will be determined during preparation of the 2010 budget.