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

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
 Minutes of the February 20, 2025, Hybrid Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	In-person	Ronald Griffin	Zoom
Robert Poirier, Vice Chair	In-person	Mario Hamell	Absent
Julia López, Sec./Treas.	Zoom	Marcia Hayes-Harris	In-person
Andi Blaylock	Zoom	Carolyn Jackson	Zoom
Terrell Carter	Absent	Cassandra Pinkston	In-person
Vander Corliss	Absent	Janice Thomas	Zoom
Linda Grayson	Zoom		

Others Attending:
 Andrew Bramman, General Counsel
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 Susan Kabat, Controller
 MHB Staff

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees (MHB) was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Board Chair Donna Schmitt.

Community Comments – There were no community members who wished to address the Board.

Approval of the January 16 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Ronald Griffin, seconded by Rob Poirier, and passed unanimously.

FY 2025 Second Quarter Financial Statements – Controller Susan Kabat, CPA, presented the second quarter FY 2025 financial statements.

Resolution to Appropriate FY 2026 – 2028 Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Funding – Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes-Harris presented the resolution to appropriate funding from the Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund for the three-year FY 2026 – 2028 funding cycle. The motion was seconded by Cassandra Pinkston and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY 2026 Funding for Psychological Evaluation Services – Program Committee Chair Rob Poirier presented the resolution to approve FY 2026 funding from the Community Mental Health Fund and Community Children’s Services Fund to increase the number of psychological evaluations available to city residents and court-involved youth through Saint Louis University’s Psychological Services Clinic. The motion was seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve FY 2025 Funding for Behavioral Health Case Management – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman presented the resolution to approve FY 2025 Community Mental Health – Emerging Needs Funding to increase a 0.5 FTE Behavioral Health Case Manager position to 1.0 FTE related to the federal funding freeze. The position serves newly arrived refugees at the International Institute of St. Louis. The motion was made by Rob Poirier, seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris and passed unanimously.

Upcoming Trustee Grant Reviews – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad provided an overview of upcoming Trustee grant review timelines for the Systems Change Planning Grant, Early Childhood Partnerships, and Early Childhood Social Emotional Development for Children applications to be conducted in March and April. Director of Administration Sue Culli-Wilson demonstrated the new Foundant grant management system that Trustees will use to complete grant reviews.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from January 17, 2025 – February 20, 2025. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The next meeting will be *Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15th Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.*