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

Minutes of the October 21, 2010, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Mary Calzaretta
William Edwin Dodson, M.D.
Stephen F. Doss
Robert Franken
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Ruby Jones
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Allison Weaver
Roy Wilson, M.D.

Don Cuvo, Executive Director

The Meeting was chaired by President Philip Minden.

Community Comments – There were no Community Comments.

Minutes – The Minutes of the September 2010, meeting were approved as mailed.

Resolution to Approve Funding for CANA Investments – Don Cuvo said that October is the beginning of the new federal fiscal year. Each year, at this time, projects funded with federal grants are presented for funding approval. MHB has two federal grants. *The Survivors of Torture* grant is beginning the second of three years. A second new grant seeks to improve housing outcomes for persons with serious mental illness. The Resolution proposes second year continuation funding from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement for four organizations,

plus \$150,000 in MHB matching funds to serve individuals not eligible for federal funding. Also, eight organizations received new funding from the federal SAMSHA. Trustees discussed a change, related to legal services, provided by Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants prior to the expiration of their contract on September 30. Trustees approved moving legal services from ILSI to Community Alternatives. Robert Franken voted no and Mary Calzaretta abstained.

Resolution to Approve New Initiative to Improve Outcomes for Opiate Users –

Trustee Dr. Roy Wilson reviewed a proposal to provide capacity building services to improve outcomes for clients of West End Clinic. Dr. Wilson noted that opiate users are extremely hard to rehabilitate and some require methadone maintenance treatment in order to break the cycle of self destructive behaviors which impede recovery. It was proposed that MHB assist the organization with capacity building in the form of MHB staff services and financial support for planning and training. The proposal was approved. Robert Franken and Dr. Ed Dodson voted no.

Resolution to Approve Matching Funds – Trustees approved a matching grant for AmeriCorp to support three positions which will expand civic engagement and volunteerism to benefit children in the City of St. Louis. AmeriCorp will conduct this project in concert with the Mayor's Office and United Way.

Continuation Funding to Support Mayor's Commission on Children, Youth and Families –

Trustees approved a grant to Vision for Children at Risk (VCR) to provide staff support and technical assistance to the Commission and its committees.