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Minutes of the September 18, 2014, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.
Mary Calzaretta
Terrell Carter
Marguerite E. Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
Caroline Korybut
Philip Minden
Carla Rose
Roy Wilson, M.D.*

Consultants Present:

*Mark Brady, Polsinelli
Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors*

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

The Meeting was chaired by Vice-Chair Roy Wilson, M.D.

Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Rates

Board Vice-Chair, Roy Wilson, convened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2014 tax rates for the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children's Services Fund. The proposed rates were publicized through the media and posted in several locations throughout the City. There was no one present who wished to speak on the tax rates. Vice-Chair Wilson then closed the public hearing.

Call to Order -- The regular meeting of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by Vice-Chair, Roy Wilson.

Community Comments -- Kendra Copanas, executive director of Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition spoke first. She informed the Trustees that they recently received notice from the U.S. Department of HHS that their funding for the Healthy Start program would not be renewed. It was a program that has been available to young children and their parents since 2001. This is a major blow to MCFHC with potentially serious impact on programs and health care for young children.

Melinda Ohlemiller, executive director of Nurses for Newborns Foundation (NFNF), spoke next. She described how the Healthy Start cuts would impact NFNF, specifically the 85 families engaged in services — of which 22 are City residents. Both thanked MHB for hearing their concern emphasizing the need for support to get through the end of the fiscal year.

Minutes -- The motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the last meeting on August 15, 2014 as distributed. Jama noted that the minutes had an error in item 4, the Year-End Finance Report. The number as printed was \$1,376,637 but should have been \$11,546,846. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected and was approved unanimously.

Resolution Approving FY14 Tax Rate for the Community Mental Health Fund -- Executive director, Jama Dodson, presented the Mental Health tax rate calculation for FY14 as prepared by Polsinelli, which resulted in a rate of nine Cents (\$0.09) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the District. This represents the maximum allowable by the proposition passed in 1992. The Vice-Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution; the motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Resolution Approving FY14 Tax Rate for the Community Children's Services Fund -- Jama Dodson presented the Children's Services Fund tax rate calculation for FY14 also prepared by Polsinelli, resulting in a rate of Nineteen Cents (\$0.19) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the District. This represents the maximum allowable by the proposition passed in 2004. The Vice-Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution; the motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Staff Report -- Staff presented an update on major activities and accomplishments since the last Board meeting and written highlights were also distributed. A slide show prepared by Sr. Project Director, Serena Muhammad, was presented on collective impact and how MHB's new Systems of Care federal planning grant will integrate with the *Ready by 21® St. Louis* community-wide work.

The Board expressed appreciation for the clear, accessible presentation which will help to ensure appropriate oversight of the new grant.

Roll Call Vote to Close the Meeting –Vice-Chair, Roy Wilson called for a roll call vote to close the meeting pursuant to proceedings involving the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular employees where personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded as provided by Section 610.021(3) RS Mo. The motion was made and seconded after which a roll call vote to close the meeting was conducted and approved unanimously as follows:

Leon Ashford	Yes
Mary Calzaretta	Yes
Terrell Carter	Yes
Marguerite Grandelious	Yes
Linda Grayson	Yes
Carolyn Jackson	Yes
Caroline Korybut	Yes
Phil Minden	Yes
Carla Rose	Yes

Guests and staff with the exception of the Executive Director, and Board Counsel left the meeting. The remainder of the meeting continued in closed session.