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

Minutes of the April 18, 2019, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Mary Calzaretta
Linda Grayson (by phone)
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Nina North Murphy
Robert Poirier
Carla Rose*

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Trustee Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chair Carolyn Jackson.

Community Comments – Dr. Chauncey Austin with SLU thanked the Trustees for funding the SLU project that directly supports imbedding graduate students into a training program with Employment Connections. Dr. Austin introduced Lindsey Poe, and Melissa Copeland who both spoke to their positive experiences with the project. David Kessell, COO of Employment Connection, spoke last thanking the Trustees for the funding which allowed them to embed mental health services that recently saved a person’s life. Felicia Johnson, Supervising Psychologist with the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court spoke to the Trustees about the Psychological Services project and how the partnership has enabled expansion over the years – a new unit is ready to open using the same treatment model.

Approval of the March 2019 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Jennifer Matthew to approve the March 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Installation of the 2019-20 Officer Slate–2019-20 MHB officers elected last month for one-year terms were officially installed in their terms beginning today through April 16, 2020. Officers are:

Carolyn Jackson, Chair
Linda Grayson, Vice-Chair
David Laslo, Secretary/Treasurer

Supportive Housing Resolution to Criminal Justice Ministry - Jama Dodson presented the Resolution tentatively recommended by the Housing Committee to make a 10-year forgivable loan for a 16-unit, Permanent Supportive Housing property to Criminal Justice Ministry, pending favorable results of an inspection. Robert Poirier made a motion to approve the Resolution and Mary Calzaretta seconded the motion. After significant discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports - Jama Dodson distributed three reports highlighting activities since the last Board meeting including the following:

Quarterly Financial Report –This compilation report highlighted both the statement of net position and the statement of revenue and expenses with budget comparisons. Among other items, Jama touched on the following:

- Tax receipts from the City are greatest from December through January. Cash and cash equivalents at March 31st reflect a surplus that will be used towards grant payments and operations throughout the rest of the calendar year. Tax revenues are all received early in the calendar year, while MHB’s payments to grantees are relatively consistent on a monthly basis.
- Total investment balance with Renaissance was approximately \$19.3 million as of March 31, 2019, with the Children’s Services Fund at approximately \$8.0 million and the Mental Health Fund at approximately \$11.3 million. Investment income, net of fees, during the nine months ended March 31, 2019 was almost \$364,000.
- Operating revenue was at 89% of the approved annual budget. Tax revenue was roughly 95% of the annual budget. Tax receipts are highest December through February. Miscellaneous income consists primarily of receipts for the Violence Prevention Commission.
- Community Investment expenditures (Grants, Partnerships, Initiatives, Federal and other) through March 31, 2019 represent approximately 70% of the approved annual budget; underspending is primarily related to Federal subrecipient awards.

FY20 Community Mental Health Fund Selection Overview –Jama and Cassandra presented an overview to the Trustees on the entire CMHF application and selection process, the current status, and Trustee responsibilities between now and the May Board meeting when the final resolution is approved.

Executive Director Report (continued)

- Staff are currently reviewing FY20 renewal funding applications received April 12. Recommendations for FY20 CCSF funding renewals, as well as funding partnerships and initiatives will be submitted to Trustees for their review and consideration the week prior to the May 16 Board Meeting, at which time funding awards for FY20 will be approved.
- Additionally, consumer reviewers were recruited, screened, and received training to support their participation in the discussion portion of the upcoming Trustee Review Team meetings, May 2 – 11. Consumer Reviewers will review a subset of applications/staff recommendations with the goal of further enhancing MHB's application review process by bringing the unique perspective of consumers to inform the Trustees' discussion during their review team meetings.
- The System of Care Council is planning an event for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 9, 2019 from 12:30 – 2:00 in partnership with the City and County Health Departments as well as MHB and other local partners. The event will feature the release of a new Mental Health Surveillance report that summarizes mental health trends in our region and introduces the Linkage and Referral Platform to help connect families to resources. A formal event invitation is forthcoming.
- Jama met with and/or discussed possibilities of establishing funding partnerships to support the City Director of Children, Youth & Families with Youthbridge, Missouri Foundation for Health, Incarnate Word Foundation, and Deaconess Foundation.
- Jama and Cassandra met with staff of the County Children's Services Fund about how we might align and join forces around the next community Children's Needs Assessment. It should be possible to conduct a needs assessment that would meet both organizations' needs, better identify gaps and excess services as well as be more cost effective for both jurisdictions.

Adjournment – There being no further business, David Laslo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed, and the Trustee meeting of the Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **May 16, 2019**.