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**\*\*\* MEETING MINUTES \*\*\***

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*Minutes of the January 17, 2019, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Mary Calzaretta  
Terrell Carter  
Marguerite Grandelious  
Linda Grayson  
Darrell Hudson  
Carolyn Jackson  
David Laslo  
Jennifer Matthew  
Phil Minden  
Robert Poirier  
Carla Rose  
Donna Schmitt*

*Others Attending:*

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn*

*Jama Dodson, Executive Director*

**Call to Order** – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Carolyn Jackson.

**Community Comments** – Greg Tumlin, a mentor in the Fathers’ Support Center project funded by MHB expressed his appreciation for MHB funding and the positive results and impacts he sees this having with young St. Louis fathers. Sal Martinez, the new CEO at Employment Connection, introduced himself to the Trustees and thanked them for MHB’s long-standing support of Employment Connection and expressed his desire to continue the work of finding sustainable employment for our city’s vulnerable populations. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the comments of both speakers.

**Approval of November 2018 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by David Laslo to approve the November 15, 2018 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appointment of the Officers Nominating Committee** – Carolyn Jackson announced her appointment of the following Trustees to serve on the Officers Nominating Committee: Marguerite Grandelious, Phil Minden and Jennifer Matthew. Each Trustee has accepted the appointment, including the committee’s charge to nominate next year’s slate of officers and other duties consistent with MHB by-laws.

**Vote on Resolution to Approve Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Projects Being Invited to Submit Full Applications** - Cassandra provided the following information related to the CMHF projects:

- 54 submissions were received;
  - o 40 Concept Papers (new or expanded projects); 14 were recommended by staff to be invited to submit full applications
  - o 14 Intents to Apply (currently funded projects in good standing) all 14 were invited to submit full applications

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution to invite the 28 projects recommended by staff to submit full applications. Following discussion, a total of four (4) additional projects were moved from “not recommended” into “recommended” status. The motion was made by Phil Minden to amend the original resolution to invite 32 projects to submit full applications, seconded by Jennifer Matthew and unanimously approved.

**Staff Report** – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period November 16, 2018 – January 17, 2019. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- MHB now has 10 staff members (9.8 FTEs) with the addition of Jessica Meyers as Program Coordinator, to guide the Violence Prevention Commission funded for two years by MHB partners. Jessica has worked with victims of violence in the St. Louis area since 2004, first at Crime Victim Advocacy Center and now through the Violence Prevention Commission. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Saint Louis University and is a Doctoral Candidate in Public Policy Analysis at SLU. Her research areas include hate/bias crimes and community cooperation with law enforcement investigations.
- During the month of December, program staff reviewed a total of 54 pre-application submissions which included 40 CMHF Concept Papers (projects not currently funded by MHB) and 14 Intents to Apply (submitted by currently funded projects). Ten of the 40 Concept Papers received were determined to be “ineligible”, as they did not meet statutory and/or CMHF eligibility requirements. As in previous cycles, staff prepared recommendations to assist the Trustees’ decision-making process.
- Staff are preparing for the full application phase with the re-opening of the web-based grant portal on January 22, mandatory application workshops January 24 and 29 and the provision of 90-minute individualized technical assistance sessions January 31 – February 22.
- Serena Muhammad was appointed Chair of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Public Health Subcommittee. The goal of the committee is to divert individuals with

mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders into treatment instead of the criminal justice system Mayor Krewson established the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the City of St. Louis with support from the Fuse Fellows program, partially funded by MHB. The Public Health Subcommittee will use [SAMHSA's Sequential Intercept Model](#) to better align behavioral health and justice transformation efforts.

- Dec. 6 - Jama, Serena, Jessica and Katie Kaufman met with Mayor Krewson to discuss both the Director of Children, Youth & Families as well as to introduce her to the Violence Prevention Commission. The Mayor has agreed to hire a director of Children, Youth & Families reporting to her. Katie Kaufman and Jama will present potential candidates to her for consideration and help with the selection process.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Linda Grayson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Terrell Carter. The motion passed, and the last Board meeting in 2018 of Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **February 21, 2019**.