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

Minutes of the March 26, 2020, Virtual Board Meeting

Trustee	Web meeting	Trustee	Web meeting
Mary Calzaretta	X	Julia López	X
Terrell Carter	X	Phil Minden	X
Marguerite Grandelious		Nina North Murphy	X
Linda Grayson	X	Cassandra Pinkston	X
Darrell Hudson	X	Robert Poirier	X
Carolyn Jackson	X	Carla Rose	X
David Laslo	X	Donna Schmitt	X
		Yusef Scoggin	X

Others Attending:

Katie Rahn, Executive Director, SouthSide Early Childhood Center
 Lindsey Noblot, Project Director, SouthSide Early Childhood Center
 Gary Parker, Associate Dean of External Affairs and Director at the Brown School
 Todd Patterson, Consultant with Public Progress
 William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
 Jama Dodson, Executive Director

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

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

Approval of the February 2020 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Yusef Scoggin to approve the February 20, 2020 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the 2020-21 Officer Slate As Presented by the Officer Nominating Committee – David Laslo, Chair of the Officer’s Nominating Committee presented the officer

slate nominated for the upcoming one-year term running from April 16, 2020 through April 15, 2021 as follows:

Linda Grayson, Chair
David Laslo, Vice-Chair
Terrell Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

Before acting on the motion, the Trustees were invited to make nominations from the floor. Hearing none, then David Laslo on behalf of the Committee made a motion to approve the slate. It was seconded by Cassandra Pinkston and passed unanimously. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board Officers will be installed during the April Annual Meeting.

Resolution to Authorize Appropriation for MHB Permanent Supportive Housing Fund

The motion was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the resolution to appropriate the fourth portion of previously assigned PSH funding from the Mental Health Fund reserves into the MHB Permanent Supportive Housing Fund.

Presentation on Expanding Resources for Early Childhood Programs

Katie Rahn, Executive Director with *SouthSide Early Childhood Center*, along with Gary Parker, Associate Dean of External Affairs and Director at the *Brown School* at WU and Todd Patterson, Consultant with *Public Progress* presented an overview of the initiative to expand resources for early childhood programs.

Resolution to Fund a Review of Early Childhood Needs & Service Gaps Within the City

The motion was made by Darrell Hudson and seconded by Phil Minden to approve the Resolution authorizing expenditures of up to \$150,000 from MHB CCSF Net Assets to fund a review of current studies and information on early childhood needs and the availability of resources within the City to address such needs and make policy recommendation as to the role the MHB can address in addressing such needs. The work will include community engagement and reporting back to the Board, St. Louis City officials, advocates for early childhood programs, and to the broader St. Louis Community

Resolution to Authorize Changes to Accounts Payable Processes

The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to approve the Resolution to authorize autopay and allow singular signer for checks up to \$50,000 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Increase FY20 MHB Community Investments Budget

The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the Resolution authorizing up to \$500,000 to provide additional COVID-19 relief funds. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period February 21, 2020 – March 26, 2020. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report

included the following highlights:

- Nina North-Murphy has communicated that she plans to resign from the Board; the April Annual Meeting will be her last.
- SOC Director Candidate, Maryann Merz, is awaiting SAMHSA approval and working as a consultant for now.
- Staff have created a mechanism for funded organizations to keep MHB apprised of changes implemented or planned to service provision and/or their organizations and are monitoring this information closely to inform MHB's response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the impact of these changes for consumers, agencies, and the larger community. Staff are communicating with funded project staff and other community partners virtually as needed to stay as up-to-date as possible on this constantly evolving crisis.
- The FY21 renewal application process opened March 16 and will close April 24. The deadline was extended for all funded partners an additional two weeks due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. All CCSF and CMHF competitive grants, all funding partnerships and initiatives, and the three investment management partnerships complete renewal applications annually. Following review of the renewal applications, staff will present funding recommendations for Trustee consideration to be voted on at the May 21 Board meeting.
- The City Department of Health has asked MHB to convene and support a Steering Committee to help with oversight of Cure Violence implementation. The Steering Committee consists of leaders across varied sectors who are committed to supporting a community driven violence prevention effort. The partnership between the Steering Committee, Department of Health, and Cure Violence Global is one of the first of its kind.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Terrel Carter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Nina North Murphy. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **April 16, 2020**.