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

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*Minutes of the May 21, 2020, Virtual Board Meeting*

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

Others Attending:  
 William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn  
 Jama Dodson, Executive Director  
 MHB Staff

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

**Community Comments** – Daniel Glazier, Executive Director and Daniel Underwood, Managing Attorney with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri spoke to the Board thanking them for 11 plus years of funding. They expressed appreciation for the responsiveness shown to the Community during COVID-19 and shared success stories. Katie Rhoades, Executive Director and Jason Seward, Development Director with Healing Action spoke next and gave a brief overview of the population served and types of interventions provided through MHB funding. They too were grateful to the Board for pivoting during this pandemic. Susan Kidder, Executive Director, Safe Connections also thanked the Board for the ongoing funding and provided an overview of the services at Safe Connections which have moved to virtual settings and successes in continuing these services. Finally, Lee Harden, Life Skill Coordinator with Lutheran Family and Children’s Services thanked the Board for their support.

**Approval of the May 2020 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the April 16, 2020 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution Authorizing Creation of a 501c3 – Related Entity**

The motion was made by Cassandra Pinkston and seconded by David Laslo to approve the Resolution authorizing Executive Director and MHB Legal Counsel to begin the process for creating a 501c3 - related entity for MHB.

### **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 single signer for checks up to \$50,000 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution to Approve COVID-19 Grant Funding**

The motion was made by Terrell Carter and seconded by Phil Minden to approve the list of organizations to receive COVID-19 Response Funding.

### **Staff Report**

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period April 16, 2020 – May 21, 2020. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Lisa Potts is representing MHB on the St. Louis City Department of Health's Clergy Advisory Board. The group convened by Dr. Echols is working in partnership with the faith community to address the disproportionate impact of the virus on the African American community. Other partners include Behavioral Health Network, Family Care Health Centers, and key clergy leaders from over 200 churches in North City and North County. Based on needs expressed by the clergy a 4-part webinar series was created with Lisa serving as one of the presenters.
- In preparation for the approval of FY21 renewal funding awards at the May 21 Board Meeting, staff are working to shift and adjust contracting and reporting processes to alleviate some of the administrative burden for funded organizations during the pandemic. A virtual meeting/webinar (to be recorded) for currently funded projects is planned for early June to explain changes and answer questions.
- MHB is supporting St. Louis County in establishing a community review process to help allocate a portion of their CARES Act funds. The review process should occur in June and will likely focus on establishing adult mental health services, supporting seniors and homebound individuals, and increasing access to technology so that County residents can engage in virtual service delivery.
- Jennifer Morgan is working with MHB's IT consultant (Buzzbold) to plan the required system upgrade for Salesforce and our grant management system (FoundationConnect). The process is projected to take between 4-6 months to complete.
- The early childhood ballot initiative continues to make its way through the Board of Aldermen. The bill to bring it to the voters in the November election passed unanimously out of the Education and Youth Matters Committee and after perfection is expected to be voted on by the full BoA after Memorial Day.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Phil Minden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Donna Schmitt. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **June 18, 2020**.