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* * * MEETING MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 15, 2020, Virtual Board Meeting

Trustee	Web meeting	Trustee	Web meeting
Mary Calzaretta	X	Julia López	X
Terrell Carter		Phil Minden	X
Marguerite Grandelious	X	Cassandra Pinkston	X
Linda Grayson	X	Robert Poirier	X
Darrell Hudson		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 – There were no community members present who wished to address the Trustees.

Approval of the September 2020 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Rob Poirier to approve the September 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Accept and Designate the Proposed Tax Increase of the Community Children’s Services (CCSF) to Early Childhood Programs - Jama introduced the resolution being asked of MHB, if the voters approve a six cent increase to the Children’s Fund (already on the Nov.3 ballot) that MHB would designate the increase specifically for early childhood programs. The motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by David Laslo to accept the proposed increase of \$0.06 to the CCSF tax rate and designate to early childhood programs if the Proposition R ballot initiative passes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Accept the Proposal of The City Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) to become a legal Task Force of Saint Louis MHB – Jama presented the resolution stemming from the recognition by the CoC of the need for a corporate sponsor to conduct business. After a friendly amendment by Carla Rose to alter the Resolution making the agreement with the CoC for a term of one year, a motion was made by Cassandra Pinkston and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to accept the plan of the CoC, approved at their October 8, 2020 Board meeting, to take the necessary steps toward becoming legally part of MHB while retaining their independent governance and decision-making powers. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director’s report for the period September 18, 2020 – October 15, 2020. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Staff continued to dedicate significant time to support the distribution of and expense reimbursement for the \$1.5 million in CARES Act Early Childhood Funding. A comprehensive update on this work was provided at the September 17 Board Meeting.
- The VPC is working with the City of St. Louis Mayor’s Office to host pop-up events for young adults to have safe places to socialize. These events will take place each weekend this fall, weather permitting.
- Progress continues with the upgrade to MHB’s Salesforce platform and the buildout of the new module for grant management. Our current grant management software is being phased out, so we are configuring and building out a comparable system that will offer enhanced functionality. The project remains on track for the anticipated January 2021 roll out.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Phil Minden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Yusef Scoggin. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **November 19, 2020**.