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

Minutes of the January 21, 2021, Board Meeting

| Trustee | In Attendance | Trustee | In Attendance |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Mary Calzaretta | X | Phil Minden | X |
| Terrell Carter | X | Cassandra Pinkston | X |
| Marguerite Grandelious | absent | Robert Poirier | X |
| Linda Grayson | X | Carla Rose | X |
| Carolyn Jackson | X | Donna Schmitt | X |
| David Laslo | X | Yusef Scoggin | X |
| Julia López | X | | |

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

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

Community Comments – Kevin Wells with Places for People spoke to the Trustees about the MHB funded Incredible Years program thanking them for the partnership. Stephanie Acon, with Finally Safe spoke to the Trustees next inquiring about our funding cycle and process. Cassandra Kaufman will reach out to her for details.

Approval of November 2021 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the November 19, 2021 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of the Officers Nominating Committee – Linda Grayson announced her appointment of the following Trustees to serve on the Officers Nominating Committee: Terrell Carter, David Laslo and Robert Poirier. 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.

Presentation and Acceptance of the MHB Strategic Plan – Meredith Hennessey, Principal with Consilience Group presented the 2021-2023 MHB Strategic Plan. A motion to approve the Strategic Plan was made by David Laslo, seconded by Robert Poirier, and approved unanimously by the Trustees.

Resolution to Approve Funding for VOYCE Mental Wellness for Skilled Nursing Homes – After a motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Yusef Scoggin, the Trustees approved the Resolution to fund VOYCE Mental Wellness for Skilled Nursing Homes.

Resolution to Approve Supportive Housing Funding to Gateway Housing First (GHF) – After a motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Carla Rose, the Trustees approved the Resolution for Supportive Housing funding to GHF with Phil Minden abstaining.

Staff Report – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period November 20, 2020 – January 21, 2021. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Due to growth of MHB (i.e., tax increase for Early Childhood Programs, Violence Prevention Commission and federal System of Care) a need to restructure and add capacity of staff has become necessary as follows: Susan Kabat promoted to Controller and increased hours from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE; a 0.6 FTE Accountant, Katie Zitt, was hired; Jessica Meyers promoted from VPC Project Coordinator to VPC Project Director; Kristin Cowart promoted from Sr. Project Director of Children's Services to Director of the Children's Fund; a new staff position will be hired to oversee Early Childhood programs.
- Kristin Cowart, Jennifer Morgan, Tom Giles, and Susan Kabat have done a phenomenal job of distributing more than 98% of the \$2.1M in CARES Act funding (on behalf of the City Health Dept.) to stabilize and sustain the early childhood system during the pandemic. The majority of funding was targeted toward family home care providers in City neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. December payments to providers will occur next week with final reporting due to the City in mid-February. After very minimal administrative expenses (~1.7%), MHB does not anticipate returning any unspent funds to the City Health Dept.

Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Session – Linda Grayson made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to Section 621.021(3), RSMo., related to discussion of personnel matters.

The roll call to close the meeting was taken as follows:

| Trustee | Vote | Trustee | Vote |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Mary Calzaretta | Yes | Phil Minden | Yes |
| Terrell Carter | Yes | Cassandra Pinkston | Yes |
| Marguerite Grandelious | Absent | Robert Poirier | Yes |
| Linda Grayson | Yes | Carla Rose | Yes |
| Carolyn Jackson | Yes | Donna Schmitt | Yes |
| David Laslo | Yes | Yusef Scoggin | Yes |
| Julia López | Yes | | |

Adjournment – The open portion of the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:52 pm on a motion by Carolyn Jackson and a second by Terrell Carter. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **February 18, 2021**.