



Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Minutes of the June 16, 2016, Board Meeting

Attendance:

*Terrell Carter
Stephen Doss
Marguerite Grandelious
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
David Laslo
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Dr. Roy Wilson*

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – Charles Conway, Community Manager for Preferred Family Healthcare’s Partners in Recovery Project, spoke, thanking the MHB for funding this program through the Children’s Services Fund. This continuing care program for those completing substance abuse treatment has resulted in 23 youth having no relapses to date. The program offers enrichment opportunities by introducing youth to new experiences they would not have without this funding.

Introduction of New Trustees – The two recently appointed Trustees Donna Schmitt and Jennifer Matthew were formally introduced and welcomed to the Board. The other Trustees went around the table and briefly introduced themselves.

Approval of the May 2016 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Linda Grayson and seconded by Nina North Murphy to approve the May 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the Code of Ethics Policy

Steve Doss made a motion which Marguerite Grandelious seconded to approve the bi-annual Code of Ethics Policy. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Revise Funding Sources for Six FY2016 Partnerships and Initiatives

Nina North Murphy made a motion which David Laslo seconded to approve the resolution revising funding sources for six, FY16 Partnerships and Initiatives. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve the FY17 Agency Budget

After a presentation, a motion was made by Steve Doss and seconded by David Laslo to approve the agency FY17 Budget. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period February 19, 2016 – March 17, 2016. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Interviews for the position of Accountant were held and a finalist has been identified pending completion of reference checks. The contract with Anders will be extended to cover the transition/on-boarding period.
- Now that FY17 funding awards have been approved by the Board, staff are engaged in the contracting process with grantees. This involves individual meetings between the assigned Project Director and each project, at which programmatic issues are addressed and budgets are finalized.
- The System of Care is partnering with the St. Louis County Department of Public Health and the City Health Department to secure a SAMHSA grant to promote resilience and recovery in the Promise Zone of North St. Louis City and County. If awarded, this grant will provide \$1,000,000 a year for five years to provide trauma treatment services, violence prevention, and mentoring for high-risk youth and families. A key feature of this project will be a Community Participatory Budgeting (CPB) process that engages residents in decision making for half of the grant budget. If awarded, this will be the largest CPB project in the region and one of the largest in the country. There are several other key partners involved in this project including RHC's Alive and Well, the Mo. Department of Mental Health, St. Louis Public Schools, and St. Louis City Police Department.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Steve Doss made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Since there is no scheduled meeting in July, the next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **August 18, 2016**.