



2022 Saint Louis MHB Board of Trustees Application

Accepting Applications

Saint Louis MHB (City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees or MHB) is seeking applicants to serve as members of its Board of Trustees. Serving as a Trustee provides a volunteer opportunity to engage with others committed to achieving MHB's mission, *"To improve the quality of life for city residents by investing and participating in a coordinated system of social, behavioral, and physical health services aligned with community priorities"*.

Who We Are

Established in 1994, Saint Louis MHB is an independent government taxing authority administering two special property taxes in the City of St. Louis: the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children's Services Fund. Authorized in Missouri state statutes and local ballot initiatives to administer public funds for behavioral health and children's services for the benefit of city residents, MHB does not provide direct services but makes funding available for direct services delivered by non-profit organizations or governments. In addition to its grant making responsibilities, MHB initiates and participates in community planning, collaboration, and in the development and distribution of supplementary financial resources. As reflected in the tag line of our logo, MHB's strategic approach is best described as:

- **Partnering**—by leveraging other funding sources and regional relationships, MHB supports multi-sector partnerships to build equitable, just systems of behavioral health and related services
- **Investing**—MHB builds capacity in the City of St. Louis through funding, relationship building, and technical assistance for organizations who serve the behavioral health needs of City residents
- **Empowering**—Community-driven solutions inform MHB's efforts by highlighting gaps, inequitable root causes, and opportunities for innovation

Application Guidelines

Board Composition

The identification of Board candidates follows the organization's by-laws which require a minimum of nine (9) members to a maximum of 15. At least half cannot be providers of health services, one must be a physician, no more than a third can represent public or private entities involved in the provision of services. At least a third of the Board should represent consumers of mental health and/or substance use services or their families receiving such services. The by-laws also stipulate that the overall composition of the Board of Trustees shall reflect the residents of the City of St. Louis with respect to employment, race, age, sex, geography, and other demographic characteristics. Trustees may not be compensated for their membership on the Board.

Appointment Process

Prospective Trustees are nominated by MHB’s Nominating Committee, apply through the city’s website on the Boards & Commissions page, or are nominated by the Mayor of the City of St. Louis. Regardless of the nomination source, the Mayor appoints all MHB Trustees whose appointments must then be approved by a vote of the city’s Board of Aldermen.

Length of Term and Meetings

MHB Trustees are appointed to serve a three-year term which may be renewed. A new Trustee may be appointed to complete an existing term for a Trustee who has resigned or is unable to complete their term. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, except in July and December, usually at MHB’s office located at Union Station, beginning at 5:45 PM. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Board meetings have been conducted virtually since March 2020. The Board may resume meeting in person at any time.

Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees is responsible for governance, strategy, and policy making for MHB and for overseeing its operations. The Board has fiduciary responsibility for MHB’s \$20+ million in assets. In addition to attending monthly Board meetings, Trustees are expected to serve on at least one committee which meets virtually or in-person. Currently, the Board has six (6) committees: Executive, Nominating, Personnel, Finance and Investment, Housing, and Program.

Desired Qualifications for Members of the Saint Louis MHB Board of Trustees

REQUIRED: Trustees must be residents of the City of St. Louis (preference will be given to candidates residing in a North City Neighborhood)

- Demonstrate a commitment to MHB’s mission, health equity, and racial justice
- Be willing to undergo a background check conducted by the Mayor’s office and be current on city taxes
- Be able and willing to serve a 3-year term, attend monthly Board meetings, and serve on at least 1 committee
- Have expertise, experience (lived and/or professional), and/or education in one or more of the following areas:
 - Mental health and/or substance use
 - Prevention services
 - Early childhood
 - Youth development
 - Trauma
 - Health equity and racial justice
- Commitment to community, service participant, and funded partner voice and representation
- Interest in making a difference in our community through system change and system building

MHB is currently seeking candidates that have lived experience with mental health and/or substance use conditions among children or adults and/or expertise and professional experience in:

- Human resources
- Marketing and communications
- Finance
- Supportive housing

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are encouraged to apply. MHB is committed to representing the geographic and racial diversity of our city.