



## Saint Louis Mental Health Board

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

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*Minutes of the March 19, 2015, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.  
Terrell Carter  
Linda Grayson  
Carolyn Jackson  
Phil Minden  
Nina North-Murphy  
Carla Rose  
Roy Wilson, M.D.*

*Others Attending:*

*William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn  
Carl Toler, Anders CPA's + Advisors  
David Obedin, Renaissance Financial  
Gary Orf, Renaissance Financial*

*Jama Dodson, Executive Director*

**Call to Order** – The Meeting of the St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair, Nina North-Murphy.

**Community Comments** – Daniel Glazier, Executive Director of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM), thanked the Board for what he termed a meaningful partnership enabling LSEM to provide access to justice for special needs children and those with chronic conditions. He then introduced several of his staff who gave testimony as to how the funding provided by MHB directly impacts these children.

**Approval of February 2015 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Leon Ashford and seconded by Carolyn Jackson, to approve Minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees, held February 19, 2015, as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve Officer Slate Presented by the Officer Nominating Committee** – Leon Ashford, Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, presented the officer slate for upcoming one-year terms. A motion was made by Carla Rose to approve the resolution as presented. This was seconded by Linda Grayson and the motion passed unanimously. Officers are installed at the April Board meeting.

**Investment Performance Report for Calendar 2014** – Renaissance Financial reported to the Trustees the year 2014 results of the investment management portfolio. MHB investment policies are very strict in not allowing investment risk; returns reflect those policies. 98.3% of investments are in CD's, the remainder are in governmental bonds. Overall in 2014 the return on investments combined was 0.81%. This represents a 50% increase from the previous year's return of 0.54%. The remaining accumulated cash was purposefully kept liquid so as to cover expenses while tax revenues gradually accumulate in the early part of the year—at which time they will be invested. Renaissance expects yields to tick upwards in conjunction with possible federal interest rate changes later this year.

**Invited Guest Khatib Waheed Presentation on Racial Equity Learning Sessions**– Mr. Waheed presented several options for MHB Trustees and Staff to engage in learning more about racial disparity and inherent bias. He described three different learning sessions he has conducted both locally and nationwide. Within the region, sessions have been held with the Command Structure of the St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis Public Schools, the Resiliency Coalition, Places For People, and the Mental Health Commission in Jefferson City. These sessions use data to invite conversations which aim to raise awareness on both an individual and organizational level. Jama will follow-up to see which type of session would be the Board's choice for MHB's participation.

**Resolution to Authorize Continuation of Investment Management Partnerships** – A motion was made by Roy Wilson to approve the resolution as presented. This was seconded by Leon Ashford and a discussion followed. As part of the discussion, an Investment Management Trustee work team consisting of Linda Grayson, Carla Rose, and Carolyn Jackson was formed which will participate with the staff in reviewing an evaluation of the Afterschool Investment Partnerships. After this discussion, the motion passed with one vote in opposition.

**Resolution to Authorize Engagement of Consultants to Conduct Evaluation of Afterschool Program Investment Management Partnerships** – A motion was made by Phil Minden to approve the resolution as presented. This was seconded by Carolyn Jackson and the motion passed unanimously. An amendment to the Resolution was introduced, to increase the maximum consultant fee to reflect the addition to the work scope of a management assessment of the partnerships. A motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Roy Wilson to approve this amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Delegate to Executive Director the 2015 Property Tax Rate Projection** – A motion was made by Roy Wilson to approve the resolution as presented. This was seconded by Carla Rose and the motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Report** - Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period February 19-March 19, 2015. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- Cassandra Kaufman provided a preview of the Staff Review and Rating document which the Trustees will be given for each of their Review Team assignments. She also reviewed the proposed Review Team structure and rationale.
- Demand for translation services for the members of the CANA/Survivors Partnership is high and expected to go higher. The FY15 budgeted cost already has been exhausted. It is expected that this trend will continue for the near future.
- The SAMHSA Mental Health/Housing Transformation grant expires in September 2015. The new federal program taking its place will be led by Places For People, though the Steering Committee created through the Transformation grant will remain to continue to guide the new work.
- The implementation grant proposal for the System of Care (SOC) is due April 10. A productive meeting with State Children's Division Director, Tim Decker, led to promised assistance in linking the SOC to other State Departments as required by the grant.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business, Linda Grayson made a motion seconded by Carolyn Jackson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting of the St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be **April 16, 2015**.