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

Minutes of the November 17, 2016, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Mary Calzaretta
Dr. Terrell Carter (by phone)
Steve Doss
Linda Grayson
Carolyn Jackson
Dr. David Laslo
Jennifer Matthew
Phil Minden
Nina North Murphy
Carla Rose
Dr. Roy Wilson

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Thompson Coburn
Jim Schmersahl, Schmersahl, Treloar & Co.
Kelly Howdeshell, Schmersahl, Treloar & Co.

Jama Dodson, Executive Director

Call to Order – The Meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Roy Wilson.

Community Comments – There were no community members present who wished to address the Board.

Remarks from the Board Chair – Dr. Wilson provided the Trustees updates related to his participation at the 'Cities That Thrive' mental health conference he attended in New York City this week. He also briefly discussed the Surgeon General's 2016 Report.

Approval of October 2016 Board Minutes – The motion was made by Jennifer Matthew and seconded by Linda Grayson to approve the October 20, 2016 Minutes of the last Trustees meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of FY16 Audited Financial Statement, Independent Auditor's Report and OMB Circular A-133

– Jim Schmersahl, CPA from Schmersahl Treloar & Co. presented both the Audited Financial Statement and the Independent Auditor's report. He reported that MHB had a clean audit – there were no material weaknesses or control deficiencies across all financial statements and federal awards. Following discussion, a motion to approve the audit was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. Following that, a motion was made and seconded to approve the FY16 OMB Circular A-133 report and schedules. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution to Revise Accounting Policies and Procedures– A resolution to revise MHB's Accounting Policies and Procedures allowing the Deputy Director to serve as a bank account signatory was presented to the Trustees. After an explanation was given about the need for the change, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Linda Grayson. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Funds for Permanent Supported Housing Development to Depaul, USA

– With the recommendation of the MHB Housing Committee, a resolution was presented to authorize a forgivable loan from MHB's Supportive Housing Fund, to Depaul USA, to complete the purchase of a permanent supportive housing (PSH) project in the Benton Park West neighborhood, thereby increasing PSH capacity by 15 additional units. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Linda Grayson. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Revision to a SOC Sub-Awardee Project Supported by

Federal Funds – Trustees were presented with a resolution proposing a revision to the budget of a direct service sub-awardee of the FY17 SAMHSA System of Care (SOC) Expansion Cooperative Agreement. The change was necessary to accommodate an expanded scope of work for more services than originally proposed. A motion to approve the resolution for additional funding to the sub-awardee project was made by David Laslo and seconded by Mary Calzaretta. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period October 21 – November 17, 2016. A written report was distributed as usual. Among other items, the report included the following highlights:

- MHB has supported a Juvenile Justice Initiative in partnership with the 22nd Circuit Court since the inception of the Children's Service Fund. At the recent Missouri Juvenile Justice Association conference, attended by Project Director, Carter Whitson, the 22nd Circuit Court received an award in honor of its leadership in the state in reducing disproportionate minority contact. This award is especially significant since nearly 75% of the juvenile population in the City can be considered "minority."
- Kristin Cowart recently attended the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities annual conference. The Alliance is a national organization dedicated to achieving a vision of a healthy society and strong communities for all children, adults, and families. More than 400 nonprofit human-serving leaders attended this year's conference, that addressed key sector issues and trends with an overarching theme of the power of riptides, leaders and networks. Several highlights include the importance of fast adaptors, innovation and advancing equity, upcoming changes in the Department of Labor's rules around overtime and a study tour of collective impact in the Los Angeles Promise Zone
- Serena Muhammad, Director of Strategic Initiatives, moderated and served on a panel at the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) Annual Conference to discuss toxic stress, trauma, and building resilience in communities. Other panelists included Laurent Javois, DMH; Joe Yancey, Places for People; and Sean Marz, Alive and Well.
- The Community That Cares/SOC is working with St. Louis Public Schools to help the entire district become Trauma Informed. A series of professional development opportunities is being planned that will begin with the Superintendent's Cabinet this year and conclude with trainings for more than 2,000 educators and staff in summer 2017. Local funders are being encouraged to align existing services to support the school district in becoming trauma informed at the building level once trainings are complete.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Jennifer Matthew made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carla Rose. The motion passed and the meeting of the Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **January 19, 2017**.