

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND
February 26, 2015

Present: J.Moore — M.Campbell – G.Thompson – D.Moore – C.Clark Campbell – R.Harris –
A.Kitchen – M.Mora – E.Wesson

Absent: R.Eiman – R.Makinen- J.Payne - T.Poe

Staff: B.Eddy – T.Cummings - S.Jones – A.Marshall – M.Fortin

Guests: List attached

Meeting was called to order by J.Moore at 5:21 PM

Minutes: A.Kitchen/D.Moore moved for approval of 1/22/15 minutes as written; motion carried.

Staff Report: B.Eddy reported. The written report is in the packet and major tasks will be discussed within committee reports. The planning process is moving along and we appreciate the high rate of response from the providers on the recent online survey.

Finance & Internal: D.Moore reported. D.Moore/M.Mora moved for approval of the February 2015 bills; motion carried.

B.Eddy gave a report on the tax abatement. Concern had previously been expressed regarding Kansas City's Advance KC plan, however a greater amount of attention has been placed on the role of taxing jurisdictions. In 2014 Kansas City's projects redirected 9.1% of the Levy's revenue.

B.Eddy stated that the 2014 audit is underway and letters are going out to the County, bank, and accountant. The 1st draft report will be finished around July 1st and this schedule allows the audit to be more thorough.

Education & Planning: G.Thompson reported and presented for consideration a new Cultural Competency initiative in collaboration with Support KC. It is proposed that the Levy pay \$21,670 to help fund the initiative. In response to a question from J.Moore, T.Cummings reported that REACH, Healthcare and Shumaker Foundations have all committed funds toward the initiative. G.Thompson/M.Mora moved to accept the initiative; motion carried.

There is also a new member on the Cultural Competency Advisory Committee who is a peer advocate at Truman Medical Center. Finally, the next CCAC meeting is scheduled for March 24.

Appropriations: M.Campbell reported. We received 22 proposals for Special Populations and the Chairs Meeting will take place on March 16th at the Board Office, the Appropriations Committee on March 18th at the Guadalupe Center at 10:00am, and the Pre-proposal meeting for Innovations will be on March 19th at the Guadalupe Center at 10:00am as well.

M.Campbell/C.Clark Campbell moved to approve the request received from Hope House to change unit costs; motion carried.

C.Clark Campbell reported on a request received from Cornerstones of Care to change their 2014 expenditure plan to shift unexpended 2014 funds within Spofford. Her recommendation was to deny the request and to also require quarterly reports from the agency in order to establish a record of due diligence regarding accountability and compliance. J.Moore asked if there was any discussion. M.Fortin reported that accepting the request would be legal, however there is significant concern regarding the precedent this would set. M.Campbell stated that the Levy has not approved these kinds of requests for many years. Carryovers make Levy budgeting and oversight more difficult, among other problems. She noted that the Trustees are open to considering emergency funding requests. M.Fortin reported that considerable time and thought had been given to this matter. R.Harris asked what problems led to this request. CEO Denise Cross explained there had been a sizeable decline in referrals for residential services for children. Discussion followed. C.Clark Campbell/M.Campbell moved to deny the request and to require quarterly reports; motion carried.

Accountability & Compliance: R.Harris reported. B.Eddy gave a presentation on Levy-funded services in alternative schools. He recommended improving parent notification, improving our procedural requirements for tracking school-based services, and suggested that we continue to study this issue. J.Moore noted that Levy funds are used in schools in ways that are not always apparent to the Trustees. She referenced a recent newspaper article about Center School District, students' mental health needs, Swope's services, and the lack of funding. She then asked what is being done in schools to address mental health issues, and why there is such a disconnect between services. Discussion followed and there was agreement about gaps, lack of funding and also a lack of information about schools' legal mandates. B.Eddy suggested that as we continue to study the issue it would be helpful to continue to have specific input from the Board. To better answer J.Moore's questions it will be necessary to collect more information from grantees their school-based services.

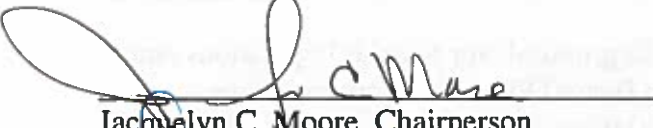
New Business: None.

Public Comments: Guyla Stidmon of NAMI introduced a new member of her Board.


Announcements: D.Moore will be on the "Central Standard" radio program on KCUR 89.3 FM Monday, March 2nd from 10-11am, discussing toxic relationships.

Bruce noted an excellent article sent by Alice Kitchen and attached in the packet. "Redefining Mental Illness" described significant and exciting changes at the National Institute of Mental Health in its approach to research and diagnosis of mental illness.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.



Jacquelyn C. Moore, Chairperson



Secretary or Treasurer

3/26/15

Date Approved:



Minutes Prepared By: