

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 12, 2009

St. Louis County Library Headquarters
1640 South Lindbergh Boulevard
Auditorium
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marsha J. Bonds, Board Chairperson
Dennis J. Buhr, Immediate Past Chairman
David L. Ruecker, Vice Chairman
Darlene Sredl, Secretary
Sarijane M. Freiman, Treasurer
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Debbie Bentele
Cary Hammond

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Kim Kopff
Dennis Yarbrough

GUESTS PRESENT: (See attached)

A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Ms. Bonds called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Prage updated the Board on the following activities:

2009 Legislative Session

The 2009 legislative session opened January 7, 2009 with several bills introduced that could affect individuals with developmental disabilities. Updates on key bills will be provided monthly and are summarized below.

HB 76-Lampe

Changes laws regarding the identification, assessment and education of children with autism spectrum disorder.

SB 99-Cunningham

Establishes the predictable property tax act; restricting the real property tax revenue to the 2006 values plus a cost of living increase not to exceed 2% or the percentage increase over the previous year.

HB 52-Hodges

Health insurance coverage of adults with Down syndrome after age 18.

HB 79-Lampe

Requires health insurance plans to include coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

HB 143-Hughes and SB 18-Bray

Establish Universal Health Insurance

SB 167-Rupp

Health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

SB101-Green

Modifies the membership of review panels convened by the Division of DD when a resident refuses to consent to a proposed placement or discharge from a mental health facility.

SB 157-Schmitt

Codifies into law the five regional autism projects currently serving persons with autism.

DMH 2010 Budget

The state is looking at revenue shortfalls for FY'09 and FY'10. Although there have been discussions between the Department of Mental Health and administration staff, Governor Nixon has not issued his FY'10 budget instructions. We should know more by the February Board meeting.

Required Agency Documentation Meetings

As a follow-up to the required documentation meetings held in September, OPLS staff has completed a review of all agencies for compliance with PLB documentation requirements. At this time there are three agencies that are not fully compliant, but have plans of correction that are to be implemented by the end of January. Staff will be scheduling meetings to follow-up and confirm that they are in compliance.

Agency Financial Reviews

We have begun financial reviews of the 15 PLB funded agencies receiving the largest appropriations. We plan to complete these reviews and work with agencies to resolve identified issues before continuing the process with the next group of agencies. I want to thank all of the agencies that we have visited for their cooperation.

PLB Annual Report

PLB's 2008 Annual Report that will be mailed tomorrow includes a letter to consumers or their families indicating the agency(s) they received services from during FY'08.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public:

Lu Lochmann, the parent of a consumer who works at W.A.C. Industries, expressed thanks for PLB's funding of the new workshop building.

Gail Walker, the sister of a consumer who works at W.A.C. Industries, expressed thanks for the PLB's funding of the new workshop building.

Secretary's Report:

Ms. Sredl moved that the Board approve the November 10, 2008 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Freiman provided the Treasurer's Report for the months of October 2008 through November 2008.

Ms. Freiman moved that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Mr. Ruecker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report:

No Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

Board Action Item:

PLB Office Lease Renewal

Ms. Bonds moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of December 5, 2008 to approve a seven year renewal option for PLB's office lease per the attached proposal from Helmkampf Realty Services, and that the Board approve an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Discretionary Fund to fund the related leasehold improvements and equipment.

Ms. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Administration Committee:

Board Action Item:

Amendments and Revisions to PLB Bylaws

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the amendments and revisions to the PLB Bylaws and Policies as presented at the November 10, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Residential Services Committee:

Board Action Items:

Delta Gamma Center – PLB Project #8029/10

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve a waiver of the face-to-face service requirement for Delta Gamma Center (PLB Project #8029/10) to include phone contact as billable units of service with the following contingency:

- **The need for all phone contact must be fully documented in each consumer's support plan and progress notes.**

Ms. Sredl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Options for Justice – PLB Project #4036/10/11

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve a waiver of the face-to-face service requirement for Options for Justice (PLB Project #4036/10/11) to include indirect contact and phone contact as billable units of service with the following contingencies:

- **The need for all phone contact must be fully documented in each consumer's support plan and progress notes.**
- **Indirect contact such as record review and paper work must be fully documented in each consumer's support plan and progress notes.**

Ms. Sredl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Closed Session per Section 610.021(1) RSMo – Legal Action

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Meeting of the Productive Living Board adjourn and reconvene in Closed Session per Section 610.021(1) RSMo – Legal Action.

Ms. Freiman seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with the following members voting yea: Ms. Bonds, Mr. Buhr, Mr. Fahrenkrog, Ms. Freiman, Mr. Ruecker and Ms. Sredl.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Sredl, Secretary

As recorded by Gretchen Davis.

The above minutes were reviewed and approved by Marsha J. Bonds, Chairperson of the Productive Living Board.

Guests Present

Name and Agency/Consumer/Parent

Jill Thornhill	Alternative Opportunities
Natalie Rohlfing	Community Alternatives Missouri
Charlie Fischer	Canterbury Enterprises
Debbie Chapuis	Delta Gamma Center
John Guercio	Judevine Center for Autism
Fred Wark	Lafayette Work Center, Inc. – Board President
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Center, Inc.
Michael Maguire	Options for Justice
Craig Strohbeck	Pathways to Independence
Sue Petersen	Project, Inc.
Susan Fleming	Recreation Council
Mark A. Keeley	St. Louis Arc
Kristi Gianino	United Cerebral Palsy Easter Seals Missouri, Inc.
Jim Guyre	Valley Industries, Inc.
Dee Froneyberger	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Lu Lochmann	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Mark Seidler	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Gail Walker	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Dave Walker	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.