

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2008

St. Louis County Library Headquarters
Auditorium
1640 South Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Debbie Bentele

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Marilyn Nenninger
Shawn Thomason
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 4:05 p.m.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Prage updated the Board on the following items:

Community Provider Increase

Governor Matt Blunt has announced a \$7.4 million recommendation for the FY'09 budget to support rate increases for Department of Mental Health community providers.

2008 Legislative Session

The Board will be updated throughout the legislative session on bills that impact individuals with developmental disabilities or affect property tax assessments and potential revenue collected for PLB funded services and supports. Some of those bills are summarized below.

SB 880 - Green (D)

Modifies laws on mental health facilities and group homes for MRDD to require private mental health facilities and group homes to have the same requirements as state-operated facilities.

SB 756 - Engler (R)

Changes the name of the Division of MR/DD to the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

SB 768 - Rupp (R)

Creates the MO Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to advise and make recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly and state agencies.

HB 1467 – Nolte (R)

Limits the increase in assessed valuation of residential property to the % increase in Social Security benefits for an individual who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled and has an annual income of less than \$72,380.

SB 711 – Gibbons

Mandates tax rate roll-backs by all political subdivisions in reassessment years.

State of Missouri Projected Budget Shortfalls

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has issued a report identifying Missouri as one of several states that are at risk for budget shortfalls in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 due to the use of one-time revenue to fund ongoing services in prior years. In order to maintain this funding, it requires faster than normal growth the following year simply to maintain existing programs. Missouri is projecting a budget shortfall of \$400 - \$700 million for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. This could negatively impact the fiscal year 2009 budget recommendations as the state attempts to control the shortfall for 2010.

Missouri's Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism Report

The Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism was established to:

- Define the state of Autism in Missouri, provide findings and appropriate recommendations.
- Determine, develop and recommend steps necessary to position Missouri as the national leader in best practices in treatment, training, research and family supports in autism.

As the result of public hearings and literature review, thirty-six (36) recommendations were presented in their report. Sixteen (16) of those recommendations mentioned the DMH, including:

- Creating the Missouri Commission on Autism;
- Creating the Office of Autism Services within the Division of MRDD;
- Adopting a universal screening protocol to be used by health care professionals and child serving agencies, and
- DMH establishing a task force to determine the need for expansion of waiver programs.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public

Jeff Watson, father of a consumer, thanked the PLB for funding several programs in which his daughter has participated. He also asked about the St. Louis Regional Center's criteria for funding her transportation to Lafayette Industries sheltered workshop.

Dick and Susan Lederich, parents of a consumer employed at Lafayette Industries, asked about Regional Center's criteria for funding workshop transportation.

Bob McLuen, Lafayette Industries Board Member and the parent of a consumer, commented that more workers could be hired at Lafayette if transportation was available to them.

Ethel McLuen, parent of a consumer employed at Lafayette Industries, thanked the PLB for eliminating the user fee for transportation to the workshop.

Secretary's Report – Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the Monday, November 19, 2007 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report – David L. Ruecker, Treasurer

Mr. Ruecker provided the Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December, 2007.

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Chairman's Report

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Dennis J. Buhr, Chairman

Board Action Item:

Clayton Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission

Mr. Fahrenkrog moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of December 7, 2007 to accept the attached Resolution approving the waiver of any and all notices required by the TIF Act with respect to the Public Hearing on the City of Clayton's Carondelet Village development project.

Mr. Barrett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Residential Services Committee – David L. Ruecker, Chairman

Board Action Items:

Rainbow Village Properties, Inc. – Request for Down Payment Assistance for 8416 Bridle Spur (PLB Project #1288/10)

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve a grant to Rainbow Village Properties, Inc., PLB Project #1288/10, for residential down payment assistance to purchase the residence at 8416 Bridle Spur for up to three St. Louis County consumers at \$12,500 per consumer, for a total amount not to exceed \$37,500 from the PLB Housing Development Fund for the period of December 20, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with the following contingencies:

- **Prior to the release of PLB funds, the Agency shall provide the PLB with written information regarding the proposed residents and written commitment for funding support in the form of DMH/St. Louis Regional Center “Service Authorization” for each St. Louis County consumer.**
- **Agency shall provide assurances that property meets applicable standards of the Missouri Department of Mental Health and local ordinances.**
- **In the event that the Agency sells, trades, or ceases to use the property for the purpose represented in this project, all or part of PLB funds disbursed under this project shall be repaid to the PLB. The amount of funds to be repaid to the PLB will be calculated as follows: total amount disbursed for the property less 1/5 per year for each year the property is used for the purpose represented in this project.**
- **All policies regarding down payment assistance shall apply.**

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

Rainbow Village Properties, Inc. – Request for Renovations for 8416 Bridle Spur (PLB Project #1288/45)

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve a grant to Rainbow Village Properties, Inc., PLB Project #1288/45, for renovations at 8416 Bridle Spur in an amount not to exceed \$5,800 from the PLB Housing Development Fund for the period of December 20, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with the following contingencies:

- **The disbursement of PLB funds is contingent upon Rainbow Village Properties, Inc.’s acquisition of the residence at 8416 Bridle Spur.**
- **All PLB policies regarding renovation and equipment shall apply.**
- **Partial lien waivers shall be obtained for all materials and services as invoiced with a final lien waiver upon final invoicing.**

Mr. Barrett 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: Mr. Buhr, Mr. Barrett, Ms. Bonds, Mr. Fahrenkrog, Ms. Freiman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Ruecker and Ms. Sredl.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary

As recorded by Marilyn Nenninger, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

Name and Agency (Consumer/Parent)

Robert McLuen	Board Member, Lafayette Work Center, and Parent of Consumer
Ethel McLuen	Parent of Consumer
Kenneth McLuen	Consumer
Dee Froneberger	W.A.C. Industries
Jeff Watson	Parent of Consumer
Sue Petersen	Project, Inc.
Leslie Quarles	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Michael Testa	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Mark A. Keeley	St. Louis Arc
Don Mitchell	Brown Smith Wallace, LLC
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Center
Joe Rizzo	Judevine Center for Autism
Susan Lederich	Parent of Consumer
Dick Lederich	Parent of Consumer
Nicole Johnson	Life Skills
Cynthia Whitley	Life Skills
Wendy Sullivan	Life Skills
Jennifer Samson	Office of St. Louis County Executive
Kathy Farache	Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society
Lydia Rasis	Rainbow Village
Brenda Shaw	Parent of Consumer
Kevin Korte	Council for Extended Care
Jerald Marshall	JESS