

**PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

St. Louis County Library – Daniel Boone Branch
300 Clarkson Road (Blue Room)
Ellisville, MO 63011

Monday, February 12, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy R. Barrett, Chairman
Dennis J. Buhr, Vice Chairman
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Immediate Past Chairman
David L. Ruecker, Secretary
Ralph Berberian
Sarijane M. Freiman
Cary Hammond

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Marsha J. Bonds, Treasurer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Jeffrey Bassin
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Marilyn Nenninger

GUESTS PRESENT: (See attached)

A quorum was present and due notice had been published. Mr. Barrett called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Prage updated the Board on the following activities:

2007 Legislative Session -- Status of Bills

Members of the PLB received an updated list of bills that relate to individuals with developmental disabilities and their status.

Missouri Mental Health Task Force

A newly formed MRDD Stakeholders Committee has held two meetings to review public/private partnerships to deliver case management services, determine eligibility, manage local waiting lists and provide/contract for a system of programs and services in their local areas. Three proposals were presented to the Committee for consideration, all of which include requirements for accreditation, maximum caseloads, provider experience and other satisfaction and quality standards. A second meeting took place where work groups discussed the desired qualities of a proposed system and recommendations on geographic regions and the number of Administrative Agents. A final recommendation is due to the Mental Health Commission and the Lieutenant Governor by May 1, 2007.

Department of Mental Health, Division of MRDD Budget

It appears that the supplemental funds requested for FY'07 to contract with SB40 Boards for service coordinators to reduce caseloads and reduce the waiting list will not be approved. This may indicate that the request for additional funds for FY'08 may also be reduced.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public

Ms. McLuen, the parent of a consumer, asked how eligibility for payment of user fees for transportation to workshops was determined. Ms. Prage explained the criteria used by St. Louis Regional Center to determine eligibility for transportation funding, the various funding sources and the process for applying for a waiver of user fees. Ms. McLuen said she felt most people do not mind paying a small fee for transportation.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the January 8, 2007 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the January 8, 2007 Executive Session of the Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Chairman's Report

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Residential Services Committee – *David L. Ruecker, Chairman*

Board Action Item:

1. Residential Services Committee Recommendation to the PLB for FY'08 Summer Projects

Recommendations include the PLB approved Cost of Living Adjustment of up to 7% for FY'08.

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve FY'08 appropriations and related contingencies for the summer projects listed on the FY'08 Summer Funding Cycle Report for Residential Supports for a total amount not to exceed \$483,932.

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

Vocational Services Committee – Cary Hammond, Chairman

Board Action Items:

1. Vocational Services Committee Recommendation to the PLB for FY'08 Summer Projects

Recommendations include the PLB approved Cost of Living Adjustment of up to 7% for FY'08.

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve the appropriations and related contingencies for the summer projects listed on the FY'08 Summer Funding Cycle Report for Vocational Services for an amount not to exceed \$540,532 for Employment, and an amount not to exceed \$30,456 for Pre/Post Employment, for a total amount not to exceed \$570,988.

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

2. United Cerebral Palsy – Request for Additional Units and FY'07 Rate Adjustment (PLB Project #3011/10)

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board amend the FY'07 unit cost for United Cerebral Palsy, PLB Project #3011/10, to \$36.99 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to adjust for the erroneous audited unit cost report submitted for FY'03 and include the PLB Cost of Living Adjustments from FY'04 and FY'07; approve an additional 418 units to United Cerebral Palsy, PLB Project #3011/10, to provide adequate supports to current consumers, bringing the total units to 1,292 and approve an additional appropriation for United Cerebral Palsy, PLB Project #3011/10, in the amount of \$21,440 from the Discretionary Fund, for a total amount not to exceed \$47,792 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

3. JESS – Request for FY'07 Rate Adjustment (PLB Project #3000/10)

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board amend the FY'07 unit cost for JESS, PLB Project #3000/10, to \$36.19 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, to adjust for the erroneous audited unit cost report submitted for FY'02 and include the PLB Cost of Living Adjustments from FY'03, FY'04 and FY'07 and approve an additional appropriation for JESS, PLB Project #3000/10, in the amount of \$55,529 from the Discretionary Fund, for a total amount not to exceed \$385,714 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

4. Judevine Center for Autism – Request for Additional Units (PLB Project #3006/10)

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve an additional 819 units to Judevine Center for Autism, PLB Project #3006/10, to provide adequate supports to current consumers, bringing the total units to 5,837 and approve an additional appropriation for Judevine Center for Autism, PLB Project #3006/10, in the amount of \$29,549 from the Discretionary Fund, for a total amount not to exceed \$210,599 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

5. St. Louis Arc – Request for Additional Units (PLB Project #3004/10)

Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve an additional 350 units to St. Louis Arc, PLB Project #3004/10 to provide adequate supports to current consumers, bringing the total units to 1,332 and approve an additional appropriation for St. Louis Arc, PLB Project #3004/10, in the amount of \$12,008 from the Discretionary Fund, for a total amount not to exceed \$45,701 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Closed Session per 610.021(1) RSMo, Legal Action

Mr. Ruecker moved, and Ms. Freiman seconded, that the Board of Directors reconvene in closed session per 610.021(1) RSMo, Legal Action.

A roll call vote was taken, with the following members voting yea: Mr. Barrett, Mr. Buhr, Mr. Berberian, Mr. Fahrenkrog, Ms. Freiman, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Ruecker.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Ruecker, Secretary

As recorded by Marilyn Nenninger, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

Ethel McLuen	Parent
Mary Davies	JESS
Carla Meno	JESS
Connie Scheppers	Lafayette Industries
Robert Libera	Lafayette Industries
Fred Wark	Lafayette Industries
Laura Perkins	Judevine Center for Autism
Don Hoferlin	Parent
Doris Hoferlin	Parent
Diane Hoferlin	Consumer
Sherry Pollard	Parent
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society
Dawn Schenk-Goetz	YMCA
Kristi Gianino	United Cerebral Palsy
Michael Testa	MERS/Goodwill
Liz Kokol	Life Skills
Becky Greening	Life Skills
Mark Keeley	St. Louis Arc
Deborah Hostetter	Project, Inc.
Sue Petersen	Project, Inc.
Sue Fleming	Recreation Council
Jessica Wax	Jewish Community Centers
Lynn Stonecipher	Easter Seals