

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 09, 2009

St. Louis County Library Headquarters
1640 South Lindbergh Boulevard
Meeting Room
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
Cary Hammond

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Eugene H. Fahrenkrog

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Kim Kopff
Shawn Thomason

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:

Legislation Updates

SB 99 restricting real property tax revenue to 2006 values plus a cost of living increase not to exceed 2%; hearing was held by the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

SJR 4 limiting increases in assessed value of real property until a transfer of ownership occurs; hearing was held by the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Several Health Care and Personal Assistance Insurance bills to cover individuals with Down Syndrome and Autism are progressing.

A new bill, HB 525 Requires the Division of Developmental Disabilities to establish programs and services for individuals diagnosed with autism.

A new bill, SB 460 Allows the Division of Developmental Disabilities to contract directly with providers of targeted case management services.

DMH 2009 Budget

The House Budget Committee proposes to reduce more than \$58M in state funding below the Governor's FY 2010 budget recommendations for the Department of Mental Health resulting in the loss of an additional \$31M in federal funds. Cuts to the Division of Developmental Disabilities include cuts in services for 800 children and adults.

PLB Funded Agency Updates

Congratulations to the St. Louis Arc for achieving another four year accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public:

Steve Brennell, Executive Director of Willows Way, delivered a letter to the Board regarding ISLA services, requested a waiver of the face-to-face requirement related to the definition of a unit of service, and requested an opportunity to meet with OPLS staff to discuss a unit rate adjustment.

John Puricelli, a board member of Willows Way, expressed their agency's concern about their ability to provide ISLA services in St. Louis County.

Ray Karasek, President of the board of W.A.C. Industries, Inc., expressed their board's appreciation for the PLB assistance in acquiring a new facility.

Dee Froneberger, Executive Director of W.A.C. Industries, Inc., presented a plaque to the Board expressing W.A.C. Industries, Inc.'s appreciation of the PLB's support.

Secretary's Report:

Ms. Sredl moved that the Board approve the Monday, February 9, 2009 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

No Report

Chairperson's Report:

No Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Administration Committee:

Board Action Items:

Rainbow Village Properties, Inc. – FY'09 Annual Loan Payments – (PLB Loan #'s 1017/75, 1023/75, 1046/75 and 1056/75)

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve that Rainbow Village Properties, Inc.'s 2008 Earnings Before Depreciation for the four former MOD properties be applied on a weighted-average calculation to the outstanding loan balances as follows:

<u>2325 Cherry Lane</u>	<u>PLB Loan # 1017/75</u>	<u>\$ 782.93</u>
<u>2426 Verona</u>	<u>PLB Loan # 1023/75</u>	<u>\$7,891.14</u>
<u>9494 Rosebay</u>	<u>PLB Loan # 1046/75</u>	<u>\$1,598.63</u>
<u>7 Cool Meadows</u>	<u>PLB Loan # 1056/75</u>	<u>\$1,472.63</u>

The unpaid portion shall remain part of the outstanding loan balance with a one-year extension of the Maturity Date in accordance with the Modification Agreements.

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

Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) Application for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the resolution as follows for the application to the Missouri Department of Transportation for MEHTAP funds in the amount of \$329,297:

“That the Chairperson is authorized to execute the Agreement(s) on behalf of the Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with Developmental Disabilities with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for financial assistance through the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.”

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

The fiscal year 2009 award to the Productive Living Board was \$12,000.

Requests for Waiver of Agency Insurance Coverage Requirements for FY'10

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the requests for waiver of certain agency insurance requirements for the following agencies:

- Adapt-Ability, Inc.
- Jamestown New Horizons
- St. Louis Community College
- Therapeutic Horsemanship

Ms. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Residential Services Committee:

Board Action Items:

Adapt-Ability, Inc. - Request for funding for Adaptive Equipment – Items over \$2,000 (PLB Project #8009/14)

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the purchase of adaptive equipment by Adapt-Ability, Inc., PLB Project #8009/14 in the amounts not to exceed \$3,800 for a track lift, \$5,500 for a ramp, and \$5,490 for a track lift, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,790, with the following contingencies.

- **All policies related to capital items shall apply.**
- **All policies related to adaptive equipment shall apply.**

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

UCP Easter Seals – Request for transfer of funds (From PLB Project #2010/10 to PLB Project #6064/10)

Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the cancellation of \$14,310 (1,500 units at \$9.54) from In-Facility Day, Project #2010/10 and an additional appropriation for Other Residential Support Services, Project # 6064/10 for a total of \$14,303 (1,378 units at \$10.38) to provide services for the period of June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, bringing the total FY'09 appropriation for Project #2010/10 to \$13,004 and Project #6064/10 to \$54,163.

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

Unfinished Business:

No new business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Closed Session per Section 610.021(1) RSMo – Legal Action and Section 610.021(3) RSMo – Personnel.

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 and Section 610.021(3) RSMo – Personnel.

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

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

Debbie Gillespie	Adapt-Ability, Inc.
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Center, Inc.
Suzanne Yardley	Life Skills
Michael Testa	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Craig Strohbeck	Pathways to Independence
Susan Petersen	Project, Inc.
Lydia Rasis	Rainbow Village
Susan Fleming	Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis
Barbara Crites	St. Louis Society
Craig Byrd	UCP Easter Seals Missouri, Inc.
Charles Schneider	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Lu Lochmann	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Ray Karasek	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Terry Gibbons	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Jim Breitenstein	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Trudy Sasseen	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
John Hughes	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Dee Froneyberger	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Tom Schiller	W.A.C. Industries, Inc.
Steve Brennell	Willows Way
John Puricelli	Willows Way
Joy Steele	Willows Way
Cynthia Whitley	YWCA Metro St. Louis