

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 2008

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis J. Buhr, Board Chairman
Timothy R. Barrett, Immediate Past Chairman
David L. Ruecker, Treasurer
Sarijane M. Freiman
Cary Hammond
Darlene Sredl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marsha J. Bonds, Vice Chairperson
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary
Debbie Bentele

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Kim Kopff
Marilyn Nenninger
Shawn Thomason
Dennis Yarbrough

GUESTS PRESENT: (See attached)

A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Mr. Buhr called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Executive Director's Report:

Legislation Updates

HJR43 proposes a constitutional amendment that alters the rollback requirement for the Hancock Amendment. If approved this would require a reduction in the approved tax rate to yield to the same gross revenue for existing property as before the increase in assessed valuations, with an adjustment for changes in the general price level, reducing the annual increase to political subdivisions.

Hearings are taking place on SB1166 to provide an annual cost of living percentage increase for contracted community providers with the Department of Mental Health that would be no less than the annual percentage pay increase for Department of Mental Health state employees.

Hearings are currently taking place on SB756 to change the name of the Division of MR/DD to the Division of Developmental Disabilities. There has been a great deal of testimony both supporting and opposing the bill.

Online Consumer Eligibility Submission

An online process for agencies funded by the PLB to enter new consumer eligibility information and update current consumer information was activated February 1, 2008. This new process includes several automatic verifications that will improve the process and provide efficiencies for both PLB funded agencies and the Office of Productive Living Services.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public:

No comments were made.

Secretary's Report:

Mr. Barrett moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to approve the Monday, January 14, 2008 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Mr. Barrett moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to approve the Friday, January 25, 2008 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Ruecker provided the Treasurer's Report for the months of January and February, 2008.

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

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

Chairman's Report:

Mr. Buhr introduced Ms. Kim Kopff as the new Director of Program Services and Quality for the Office of Productive Living Services.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

Board Action Items:

1. Residential Services Recommendation to the PLB for FY'09 Summer Projects

Recommendations include the PLB approved Cost of Living Adjustment of up to 2.6% for FY'09.

Mr. Buhr moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to approve FY'09 appropriations and related contingencies for the summer projects listed on the FY'09 Summer Funding Cycle Report for Residential Supports for a total amount not to exceed \$431,234.

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

2. Additional ISLA Start-up Set-Aside for FY'08

Mr. Buhr moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to approve a set-aside from the Discretionary Fund for ISLA start-up for FY'08 in the amount of \$6,000.

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

3. Vocational Services Recommendation to the PLB for FY'09 Summer Projects

Recommendations include the PLB approved Cost of Living Adjustment of up to 2.6% for FY'09.

Mr. Buhr moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to approve the appropriations and related contingencies for the summer projects listed on the FY'09 Summer Funding Cycle Report for Vocational Services for an amount not to exceed \$554,586 for Employment and an amount not to exceed \$31,248 for Pre/Post Employment for a total amount not to exceed \$585,834.

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

4. OATS, Inc. – Request for Equipment Transfer

Mr. Buhr moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision of February 29, 2008 to waive the policies related to capital items and allow OATS, Inc. to transfer the telephone system to another OATS, Inc. office that serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

Board Information Item:

1. OATS, Inc. Vocational Transportation (PLB Project #5001/50/51/52/56) and (PLB Project #5009/50/51)

The PLB approved a quarterly unit cost adjustment for FY'08 based upon quarterly gasoline price averages. There is an increase in unit costs in the third quarter of FY'08, based upon the average price paid for gasoline of \$2.75 per gallon during the second quarter of FY'08.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business:

Board Action Items:

1. Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP)
Application for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Mr. Buhr 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 \$322,631:

“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 the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.”

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

2. Requests for Waiver of Agency Insurance Coverage Requirements for FY'09

Mr. Buhr 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**

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

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.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary

As recorded by Marilyn Nenninger, Executive Administrative Assistant

The above minutes were reviewed and approved by Dennis J. Buhr, Chairman of the Productive Living Board.

Guests Present

Name and Agency (Consumer/Parent)

Debbie Gillespie	Adapt-Ability, Inc.
Natalie Rohlfing	Community Alternatives Missouri
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Center
Cynthia Whitley	Life Skills
Michael A. Testa	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Mark A. Keeley	St. Louis Arc
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society
Sue Michel	Sunnyhill, Inc.
Steve Frank	Consultant, Valley Industries