

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2010

Maryland Heights Center
Room 3
2344 McKelvey Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David L. Ruecker, Chairman
Dennis J. Buhr, Vice-Chairman
Sarijane M. Freiman, Treasurer
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marsha J. Bonds, Immediate Past Chairperson
Keidra McNutt, Secretary
Cary Hammond

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Glen Goldstein
Kim Kopff
Sheila Simmons
Kathy Williams

GUESTS PRESENT: (See attached)

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

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Prage updated the Board on the following activities:

- **DMH 2011 Budget**

Last week the Senate Appropriations Committee made cuts of 10% (\$1.5M) to all DMH non-Medicaid community programs. They are still discussing a \$1.7M cut to autism services but it remains open.

\$400,000 was approved for Emmaus Homes in St. Charles County to address a rate adjustment carryover from this fiscal year.

22 FTE will be cut from Community Support staff.

- **2010 Legislation**

Activity on bills related to individuals with developmental disabilities:

FUNDING/TAX RELIEF

HB 1386 – Nolte (R) – Limits increase in assessed valuation of residential property by the increase in Social Security benefits for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence (for individuals 65 years of age or older or who is disabled and has a federal AGI of less than \$72,380). Combined with HB1784
3/3/10 Referred to Ways & Means (H)

SB 1036 – Bray (D) – Allows senior citizens and disabled persons to defer property tax payments.
3/4/10 Referred to Ways & Means (S)

HEALTH CARE & PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

HCS HB 1311 & 1341– Scharnhorst (R) & Grill (D) – Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
3/18/10 Referred: Small Business Insurance & Industry (S)

SB 618 – Rupp (R) – Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders under certain conditions.
4/6/2010 - Hearing Conducted H Special Standing Committee on Health Insurance Committee

MENTAL HEALTH

SB774 – Lembke (R) – Creates additional measures intended to increase safety at the Department of Mental Health.
4/8/10 – Public Hearing Completed (H)

SB1059 – Shields (R) – Allows DMH to enter in to cooperative agreements with state and local entities.
4/7/10 Voted Do Pass

- **Agency Direct Staff Training**

On March 18, 2010 the PLB and St. Louis Community College sponsored training for agency direct support staff on Turning Challenging Behaviors into Real Engagement. 48 individuals attended and left with several new tools to assist them in supporting individuals with challenging behaviors.

- **PLB Consumer Needs Assessment**

Behavioral Health Concepts has received 40% of the Needs Assessment Surveys distributed for inclusion in their report. Three focus groups were held on March 26, 2010

- Parents of school age children
- An agency representative for each service area funded by the PLB and
- Parents of adult children and two adults receiving services funded by the PLB.

We plan to have a draft report for the Board in May.

- **Board Member Recognition**

We were notified today that the St. Louis Jewish Light has chosen to honor our esteemed Board member, Sarijane Freiman.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public:

Pat Gill, a parent of a Lafayette North employee, thanked the PLB for the renovations at Lafayette North and supports PLB funding for the new warehouse that is planned.

Sara Barwinski, a friend of a consumer, thanked the PLB for the time they give to provide funding for programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Secretary's Report:

Ms. Freiman moved that the Board approve the Monday, March 8, 2010 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Ms. Freiman moved that the Board approve the Monday, March 22, 2010 Productive Living Board Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Freiman provided the Treasurer's Report for the month of March.

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

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

Chairman's Report:

Mr. Ruecker announced the appointment of the Nominating Committee. The committee members are Dennis J. Buhr, Chairman, Sarijane M. Freiman and Cary Hammond. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for FY 2011 at the May 10, 2010 Board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Residential Services Committee:

Board Action Item:

Rainbow Village – Project End Date Extension – (PLB Project #1299/45)

Mr. Buhr moved that the Board approve an extension in the project end date for Rainbow Village, PLB Project #1299/45, from March 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010.

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

Vocational Services Committee:

Board Action Item:

Lafayette Industries North, Inc. – Project End Date Extension – (PLB Project #3127/82)

Ms. Freiman moved that the Board approve an extension in the project end date for Lafayette Industries North, Inc., PLB Project #3127/82, from March 31, 2010 to May 31, 2010.

Mr. Fahrenkrog 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. Fahrenkrog 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. Fahrenkrog, Ms. Freiman and Mr. Ruecker.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keidra McNutt, Secretary

As recorded by Kathy Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant

The above minutes were reviewed and approved by David L. Ruecker, Chairman of the Productive Living Board.

Guests Present

Debbie Gillespie	Adapt-Ability
Suzanne Yardley	Life Skills
Craig Strohbeck	Pathways to Independence
Sue Petersen	Project, Inc.
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society
Dee Froneyberger	W.A.C. Industries
Bernard Kilcullen	Family member
Marian Meredith	Parent
Grace Lovings	Parent of a consumer
Sara Barwinski	Friend of a consumer
Lois Urnes	Parent of a consumer
Pat Gill	Parent of Lafayette North Employee
Dick Gill	Parent of Lafayette North Employee
Karl Gill	Lafayette North Employee
Anne Webb	Parent of Valley Industries Employee
Mary Beth Webb	Valley Industries Employee
Phyllis Campbell	Parent of a consumer
Amy Slone	Parent of a consumer