

## **PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 12, 2008**

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

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marsha J. Bonds, Vice Chairperson  
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary  
Darlene Sredl

#### **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:**

##### Legislative Update

The following actions were taken on bills prior to today's meeting:

*SB768* – Creates the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to advise and make recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly and state agencies.

*Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed*

*HCS for HB 2265 and HB 2351* – Requires health insurance coverage for certain services for individuals with autism.

*Voted Do Pass*

*SB1122 – Mandates insurance coverage for certain services for individuals with autism.  
Voted Do Pass*

*SB 1081 – Modifies provisions regarding quality assurance and safety in the Division of MR/DD programs.  
Reported Do Pass*

*SCS for HCS for HJR 43 – Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment alters the rollback requirement for the Hancock Amendment by requiring the current levy, not the maximum authorized levy, to be reduced to yield the same gross revenue for existing property as before an increase in assessed valuations, with an adjustment for changes in the general price level.  
Reported Do Pass*

#### DMH Budget

Status of key MR/DD budget items:

New Decision Items Recommended	
Specialized Autism Services	\$ 7.4M
Items Not Recommended	
MR/DD Wait List	\$12.3M
Community Partnership Service Coordination	\$ 4.5 M
Items in Conference	
Community Provider Inflation Increase	
Governor 1%; House 3%; Senate 2%	

#### **Open Forum for Comments from the Public:**

Ms. Barbara Owens, parent of a consumer employed at Lafayette Work Center in West County, commented that she provides transportation for her son to the workshop, and that she would like to see more consumers receive transportation services.

Mr. Steve Frank, consultant to Valley Industries, commented that the current status of sheltered workshop-related funding bills in the Missouri Legislature would hold the available workshop funding at current levels.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**Ms. Freiman moved that the Board approve the Monday, April 21, 2008 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Ruecker provided the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2008.

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

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

**Chairman's Report:**

Mr. Buhr announced that Dr. John C. Cary, Superintendent of the Special School District of St. Louis County, had been invited to this Board Meeting but was unable to attend. Dr. Cary plans to attend a future PLB meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Vocational Services Committee:**

**Board Action Items:**

Base Level of Access - FY'09 Vocational Services Projects

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

Employment

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Employment Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,296,068.**

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

Pre and Post-Employment

Center for Head Injury Services, PLB Project #7014/10, Paraquad, PLB Project #7017/10, and St. Louis Arc, PLB Project #7021/10, funding recommendations for FY'09 have been deferred pending additional information. A staff recommendation will be provided at a future Vocational Services Committee meeting.

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Pre and Post-Employment Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,581,392.**

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

Vocational Transportation

FY'09 funding for transportation services to the sheltered workshops is based upon the current consumer utilization and the current gasoline rates. In accordance with the Rate Chart Based on Variance of Gasoline Prices, if significant increases in gasoline prices continue, additional funding may need to be considered during the fiscal year, in order to maintain services at the current level.

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Vocational Transportation Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,795,846.**

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

Sheltered Workshop Building and Equipment Funds Transfer Request

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve the request from Canterbury Enterprises to transfer 25% of the FY'09 Building and Equipment Fund, from PLB Project #3098/10, to their FY'09 Operations Fund, PLB Project #3053/12, in the amount of \$20,194.**

**Ms. Bentele seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Hammond moved, per the Board's May 14, 2007 motion, that the Board deny the requests from Lafayette Industries North and Lafayette Work Center to transfer 25% of their FY'09 Building and Equipment Funds to their FY'09 Operations Funds, since the capital resources at Lafayette Industries North and Lafayette Work Center are not sufficient to meet their projected capital needs.**

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

OATS, Inc. – Request for Additional Funding – (PLB Project # 5001/50)

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board approve an additional appropriation from the Discretionary Fund for the period May 12, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for PLB Project #5001/50, to assure continued transportation to sheltered workshops.**

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

Sheltered Workshop Capital Fund Designations

**Mr. Hammond moved that the Board revoke the designation of the remaining \$6,578 for Universal Sheltered Workshop, Inc. and that the funds remain unallocated in the Sheltered Workshop Capital Fund available for future requests from the sheltered workshops.**

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

Nominating Committee:

**Board Action Item:**

Nomination of PLB Officers for FY'09

**Mr. Barrett moved that the Board approve the following slate of officers for fiscal year 2009:**

**Chairperson**  
**Vice-Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

**Marsha J. Bonds**  
**David L. Ruecker**  
**Darlene Sredl**  
**Sarijane M. Freiman**

**Ms. Bentele seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Administration Committee:**

**Board Action Items:**

FY'09 PLB Operations Budget

**Mr. Barrett moved that the Board approve the Productive Living Board's annual operations budget for fiscal year 2009 as submitted.**

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

FY'09 PLB Special Projects Budget

**Mr. Barrett moved that the Board approve the Productive Living Board's annual special projects budget for fiscal year 2009 as submitted.**

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

Technology Set-Aside

**Mr. Barrett moved that the Board approve a technology set-aside from the Discretionary Fund for FY'09 in the amount of \$70,000.**

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

**Residential Services Committee:**

**Board Action Items:**

Base Level of Access - FY'09 Residential Services Projects

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

Independent Supported Living Assistance

**Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Independent Supported Living Assistance Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,630,383.**

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

Residential Supports

Epilepsy Foundation, PLB Project #8005/10/11/12, funding application for FY'09 has been deferred pending receipt of additional information. A staff recommendation will be provided at a future Residential Services Committee meeting.

**Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Residential Supports Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,947,774.**

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

Residential Transportation

**Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve the appropriations and associated contingencies for the projects listed on the FY'09 Residential Transportation Funding Cycle Report, for a total amount not to exceed \$19,767.**

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

ISLA Start-up Set-Aside for FY'09

**Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve a set-aside from the Discretionary Fund for ISLA start-up for FY'09 in the amount of \$10,000.**

**Ms. Bentele seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Housing Development Set-Aside for FY'09

**Mr. Ruecker moved that the Board approve a set-aside from the Discretionary Fund for FY'09 Housing Development in the amount of \$300,000.**

**Ms. Bentele 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.**

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

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary

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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)

Joe Rizzo	Judevine Center for Autism
Darla Holloran	Judevine Center for Autism
Melanie Mills	Judevine Center for Autism
Lisa Goolsby	Judevine Center for Autism
Nicole Johnson	Life Skills
Wendy Sullivan	Life Skills
Larry Duke	The Children's Home Society of Missouri
Karen Nolte	The Children's Home Society of Missouri
Dee Froneyberger	W.A.C. Industries
Karen Hardy	W.A.C. Industries
Pam Knox	OATS, Inc.
Rose Piel	Pathways to Independence
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Centers
Fred Wark	Lafayette Work Centers
Dawn Goetz	YMCA
Tricia McCaffery	Community Alternatives Missouri
Natalie Rohlfing	Community Alternatives Missouri
Michael A. Testa	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Jason Spaetti	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Sharon Hales	OASIS
Debbie Gillespie	Adapt-Ability
Mark A. Keeley	St. Louis Arc
Brian Hubler	St. Louis Arc
George Ramsey	St. Louis Arc
Beth Moeller	St. Louis Arc
Rhonda Hembree	St. Louis Arc
Bonnie Grueninger	Jamestown New Horizons
Prinsetta Teague	United Cerebral Palsy
Shari Clay	United Cerebral Palsy
Leonard Taylor	United Cerebral Palsy
Richard A. Forkosh	United Cerebral Palsy
Janice Schenewerk	Center for Head Injury Services
Lynne Cruse	Center for Head Injury Services
Laura Yn	Center for Head Injury Services
Laurie Tochtrop	JESS (Jobs & Employment Support Services)
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society for the Physically Disabled
Jennifer Samson	Office of St. Louis County Executive
Sue Michel	Sunnyhill
Lynn Courier	Therapeutic Horsemanship
Barbara Owens	Parent of Consumer
Sue Fleming	Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis
Maureen Hill	YWCA
Duane Mathis	Willows Way, Inc.
Joy Steele	Willows Way, Inc.
Dana Nichols	St. John's Mercy Medical Center

**Guests Present**

Name and Agency (Consumer/Parent)

Steve Frank	Consultant, Valley Industries
Jim Guyre	Valley Industries
Ann Marie Schrieber	St. Louis Community Colleges
Michael Maguire	Options for Justice
Craig Byrd	Easter Seals Missouri, Inc.
Jessica Wax	Jewish Community Center
Vincent J. Marino	Family Support Network
Debbie Chapuis	Delta Gamma Center
Pamela Merkle	Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities
Kathy Farache	Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities