

**PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD  
RETREAT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

121 Hunter Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63124

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Tolan, Board Chairperson  
Mary Beth Monafo, Vice Chairperson  
Christine Ney, Treasurer  
William Bolster, Secretary  
Tom Curran

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Diane Buhr  
Scott Malin  
Cordell Whitlock  
Kim Tuttle

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Becky Herschbach, Executive Director  
Glen Goldstein  
Don Kaufmann  
Kim Kopff  
Kathy Williams

A quorum was present and due notice had been published. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**Board Information**

The following items were discussed.

- St. Louis County Needs

Staff updated the Board on the current understanding of local needs from an individual, agency, and PLB perspective.

- Families - expressed the need for services that help build independence, support social interactions, and maintain the individual in the family home
- PLB funded services at or near capacity - In-home, ISLA, employment retention
- Agency challenges - hiring crisis, DMH and UW funding reductions, expense increases

- PLB Resources

Staff reviewed the current status of PLB resources, from a financial and staffing perspective.

- Financial - may end year with a surplus
- Staff time - reviewed new short and long-term initiatives that have resulted in staff reaching their capacity for additional projects

- PLB Priorities

The Board discussed the short and long-term preferences for exploration and use of PLB resources.

- Reviewed and reaffirmed the PLB funding philosophy:
  - Fund a range of employment and community supports
  - Serve as a stable and reliable funder of agencies
  - Ensure funding aligns with needs
  - Be innovative in its funding, to encourage programming that evolves with individuals needs
  - Consider new ideas and new providers
- Evaluated funding surplus strategies if funds should be available at year end
- Discussed how the Board would like to handle new opportunities, including agency funding requests and systems level initiatives

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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William Bolster, Secretary

As recorded by Kathy Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant

The above minutes were reviewed and approved by Anne Tolan, Chairperson of the Productive Living Board.