Board of Trustees

Mental Health Advocacy Service

October 21, 2017

Children’s Hospital, Board Room B

200 Henry Clay Avenue

New Orleans, LA

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Staff and Board Present: Joseph Seyler (Director, non-voting), Robert Garda

Dudley Flanders, David Katner, Martin Drell, Patrick O’Neill, Steve Scheckman

1. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**: Dudley Flanders moved to approve the minutes from July 15, 2017. Steve Scheckman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved with David Katner abstaining.
2. **Budget**: Joseph Seyler and Julia Gradney, Program Specialist, presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19. After discussion, Robert Garda moved to approve the proposed budget, Steven Scheckman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. **Requested 4% pay increase for Director Joseph Seyler:** Prior to a discussion Mr. Seyler was recused from the meeting and the discussion.After discussion, Steven Scheckman moved to approve a 4% pay increase for Director Joseph Seyler. Dudley Flanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Proposed office move to Lake Charles:** After a presentation by Joseph Seyler and discussion, Robert Garda moved to approve moving the Lake Charles office as proposed. The motion was seconded by Patrick O’Neill. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. **Proposed new office, Livingston Parish:** After a presentation by Joseph Seyler regarding opening a new office in Livingston Parish and discussion, Steve Scheckman moved to approve the opening of a new office in Livingston Parish as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dudley Flanders. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. **“Outside Practice of Law” Policy Amendment**:After a presentation by Joseph Seyler regarding the policies of other agencies concerning the outside practice of law and a discussion by the board, Robert Garda moved to defer this matter to be revisited in one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Steve Scheckman and unanimously approved by the board.
7. **Next Meeting:** January 20, 2018

**The meeting was then adjourned.**