Board of Trustees

Mental Health Advocacy Service

May 9, 2020

Video-conference via Zoom

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Staff and Board Present: Joseph Seyler (Director, non-voting),Rob Garda*,* Patrick O’Neill, Martin Drell, Dudley Flanders and Steve Scheckman

1. Approval of the minutes from the meetings of January 18, 2020 and March 14, 2020, was deferred to the next meeting.
2. **Report on MHAS Continuity of Operations Due to COVID-19:** Joseph Seyler reviewed and discussed MHAS’S continuity of operations due to the emergency orders caused by te COVID-19 pandemic, including: the status of staff working from home; staff meetings have been conducted by Zoom; the cooperation of courts hearing cases handled by MHAS attorneys pursuant to the orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court; and when authorized, there will be a slow and gradual return to operations in the office. No vote was taken by the Board
3. **Proposed Budget Adjustment for Title IV-E Funds:** Joseph Seyler advised that the anticipated IV-E Funds have not yet been received by MHAS as of the date of the meeting. When the money is received it will be through an inter-agency transfer. Joseph Seyler discussed various possible uses for the Title IV-E funds when received. No vote was taken by the Board.
4. **Next Meeting:** Joseph Seyler will circulate suggested 2020-2021 MHAS Board meeting dates.

**The meeting was then adjourned.**