



## Executive Board

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### *Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10am

**Present** | Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Karl Wilson, Bill Siedhoff, Cynthia Crim, Theresa Mayberry

**Other Attendees** | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers, Bill Kuehling, Susan Kabat

#### **Welcome and Review of Minutes** (*Bill Siedhoff*)

*Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, Cynthia Crim seconded; Board unanimously approved.*

#### **Chair Report** (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Legislative Update | Bill and Jamie continue to meet with area state legislators to adjust the state statute for the Senior Fund to align with other St. Louis City tax funds in the next legislative session.

Seniors Count | The Seniors Count executive committee for St. Louis County, along with the St. Louis County Older Adult Commission, continue to meet to discuss next steps for pursuing an increase in funding for older adult services in the county. The need for more funding is clear, options and timing are still being considered. There will not be any ballot initiatives planned for 2020.

#### **Financial Report** (*Susan Kabat*)

Reviewed first quarter financials; total spending is at 35% of the budget which is where it is to be expected. All expenses are around 25% expect for grants, which aligns with distribution of first grant allocations in July.

*Karl Wilson made a motion to accept the financial report, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.*

#### **Request for Proposals Update** (*Stephanie Herbers*)

Two RFPs were released in October 2019. One for FY21 Fund Defined grants focused on economic security or homemaker chore exterior maintenance. The other for FY20 Applicant Defined grants to support existing programs, pilot projects, and capacity building. Representatives from 43 organizations attended an informational workshop held by staff and/or received individual consultations. Letters of Intent for Fund Defined grants were submitted November 6; final decisions on invitations for full application are in progress. Applicant Defined grant applications are due December 6.

*Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers*

**Legal Consultant Update** (*Bill Kuehling*)

Received information on two tax incentive requests which are sometimes distributed to all taxing entities in the City. Will share with Board.

**Executive Director Report** (*Jamie Opsal*)

Medicaid Expansion | The Fund has received a request to endorse Missouri Health Care for All's work on advocating for Medicaid expansion. Discussed exploring further what an endorsement entails (e.g., any additional requirements tied to it). Staff will work on developing a summary of how Medicaid currently supports older residents and if an expansion of eligibility were passed, how that would affect adults 60 years and older. This brings up potential need for guidelines regarding endorsement requests for the Senior Fund.

*Next Steps* > Staff will summarize information on Medicaid and older adults. Bill Kuehling will share information on what can and can't be done in terms of endorsements to inform development of guidelines by Board.

2020 Census Funders Group | Staff met with representatives of eight different foundations convened by the Missouri Foundation for Health to pool funding in support of Census 2020 Outreach. In the week prior to the Board meeting, proposal requests for funding were reviewed. Thirty organizations were selected to receive support for outreach; a little over \$443,000 in total funding. The Senior Fund supported grants either in full or in part that focused on, or included, outreach efforts for St. Louis City older residents. The Fund will support \$50,450 in grants that will be distributed and managed by the St. Louis Community Foundation. A list of awardees will be released by the Community Foundation in December.

Missouri Senior Levy Fund Association | Staff from the four largest senior levy funds in the state—Clay County, Platte County, Greene County, and City of St. Louis—recently started discussing the potential of forming an association for all of the Missouri senior levy funds. This association would help facilitate collaboration, coordination, and advocacy around issues that affect residents served by the funds. Costs for forming and running the association are still to be determined. Board members expressed interest in exploring the costs and structure of an association further to be considered for potential support in the future.

FY18 and 19 Audit Update | Jamie and Susan have been working with a team from RubinBrown to complete an audit of FY18 and FY19 for the Senior Fund. They are completing information gathering and aim to finish the report and recommendations by the end of the calendar year. A presentation to the Board is planned for the January meeting. Once report is completed, staff will post to the website, include final finance numbers in an annual report, and share with City offices (e.g., Comptroller's office).

Annual Report Update | Staff are working on a report that would cover FY18 and FY19 for the Fund, which is the timeframe of when the Fund first received revenue (FY18) and began distributing grant awards (FY19). The report will cover financial information, as well as grants distributed and a description of who was served and how. The report is scheduled to be released at the beginning of the next calendar year.

*Meeting Adjourned 11:30am*

*Next Meeting:* Thursday, January 23, 10am, location to be determined.