Board of Trustees

Mental Health Advocacy Service

January 18, 2020

Loyola University Law School Library

Morris Bart Instructional Lab

526 Pine Street, 2nd Floor

New Orleans, Louisiana

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Staff and Board Present: Joseph Seyler (Director, non-voting),Rob Garda*,* David Katner, Paul Race, Martin Drell, and Steve Scheckman

1. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**: David Katner moved to approve the minutes from November 2, 2019. Martin Drell seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Annual Report July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019:** Joseph Seylerreviewed anddiscussed the **MHAS** Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. Following a discussion, Paul Race moved to approve the proposed Annual Report.David Katner seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. **Status of Title IV-E Funding:** Joseph Seyler reviewed and discussedthe current status of the negotiations of a proposed contractby and between DCFS and MHAS regarding Title IV-E funding for MHAS. Although no draft contract was presented, Joseph Seyler reported that: (1) the language as to dispute resolution has been resolved; (2) the language relative to “the number of cases worked” will be modified to provide and reference “the number of children presented each month”; and (3) he is working on negotiating a modification of the currently narrowly focused reimbursement language that references DCFS cases only because MHAS representation of children as part of the Child Advocacy Program may, on occasions go beyond such a description.
4. **Old Business:** None.
5. **New Business Meeting:** The MHAS Board of Trustees discussed generally cyber security issues facing state and local governments and its implication for MHAS.
6. **Next Meeting: April 18, 2020.**

**The meeting was then adjourned.**