

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Genny LaPorte, Cindy Johnson, Robert Ehrhardt, Mike Demidenko, Mark Donovan, Hilari Young, Lisa Davis, Kelly Proctor, Timothy Madden, Julie Cleveland, Bruce MacDonald, Stephanie Porter, Andre'a Watkins, Orlando Wright, Jacqueline Scott, Jim Filipczak, Brook Hubbard

Excused: John Way, Andrea King-Wessels

Unexcused: Stephen Foster

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Shereen Cabrera-Bentley, Chris Collins

Guest: Ayesha Holmes

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:04pm Janet announced that Cindy Kirk resigned as of 2/2/21	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for February 10, 2021 Revisions to agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on approval of fiscal year grants • Vote to designate new chair for Program Development Committee 	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve January 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	John and Andrea K. were excused from this month's meeting.	
Presentation	Cindy Johnson and Chris Collins presented on Mental Health (MH) Courts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH Court specifically designed to problem solve for offenders with MH disorders. Participants are identified through mental health screenings/assessments and participation is voluntary. • The goals include decreasing the participants contact with the criminal justice system and instead provide services and resources to improve their quality of life. Aftercare is an important performance measure which includes decreased use of jails, promoting stability for the participants and providing ongoing judicial interaction for accountability and safety. • There are currently 7 MH Courts in Maryland which served a total of 984 participants in FY20. Howard County does not have a MH Court and one is not in the planning stages. 	Action Item: Tia will forward MH Court presentation to the Board.
LBHA Director Updates	Roe reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aetna Health and BBH will hold their next BH Summit on 2/17/21 at 12pm. Topic for this summit: Behavioral Trends in Youth. 	Action Item: Vote for Board approval of the FY22 fiscal and annual plans. The motion was seconded

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For COVID-19 testing & vaccine information visit the Howard County Health Department’s website. • Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is in the process of selecting a case management agency. • The Harm Reduction/Syringe Service Program (HR/SSP) RV is located in the Howard County Health Department (HCHD) parking lot (closest to Stanford Blvd) Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm. • A joint advisory group which includes harm reduction and LEAD met today 2/9/21. • The Howard County Health Department/Bureau of Behavioral Health/Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) seeks to fund two Requests for Proposal (RFP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hub and Spoke Pilot program designed to support buprenorphine waived prescribers The primary goal is to increase the number of community-based prescribers, and the number of OUD patients they are willing to treat. 2. Adding more crisis beds for behavioral health consumers in Howard County. • Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) is holding a virtual open house on 2/25/21 11am-2pm to address insurance questions and concerns. Zoom meeting access here. • FY22 fiscal and annual plans have been forwarded to the Board for review. Brook added that comments regarding service gaps and cyber security have been forwarded to Shereen for review. 	<p>and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Anyone interested in joining the harm reduction/LEAD advisory group should contact Roe.</p>
Program Development Committee Updates	<p>Genny reported that in the 2/10/21 meeting they discussed strengths and gaps in services in the community. Possible future presentations include the Opioid Crisis Community Council (OCCC) and Sheppard Pratt.</p> <p>Note: June 2021 Sheppard Pratt is opening an 85-unit facility in Elkridge.</p>	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele had nothing to report.</p>	
Strategic Development Committee Updates	<p>Brook reported that comments regarding service gaps and cyber security have been forwarded to Shereen for review.</p>	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	<p>Mike reported that the committee has reviewed Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) applications. Of the 8 applications received, only 2 were eligible for awards. The other applicants were denied based on location of services and project scope not fitting the criteria. The committee and rating system determined that “More than a Phase”, which requested funding for Mental Health First Aid training and Milestone Counseling & Consulting Services, which requested funding for curriculum development and staff training for child, teen and young adult MH training, will be awarded \$3,000 & \$2,000, respectively.</p>	<p>Action Item: Vote for Board approval of the grant disbursements. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>

Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Jim emailed a committee update for the Board to read and review.	
Chairperson Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of Board Member terms and status of Board establishment as a substance abuse advisory council still pending. Awaiting final feedback from the Maryland Department of Health. • Motion to appoint Genny as the chair of the Program Development Committee. 	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Tia will update the list of committee members.</p>
Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm	

Next Meeting Dates: March 10, 2021, April 14, 2021, May 19, 2021