

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

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

Excused:

Unexcused: Andrea King-Wessels, John Way

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Bonaccorsy

Guests: Ayesha Holmes, Laura Torres, Indu Radhakrishnan

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:05pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for April 14, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve March 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Nothing to report	
Presentation	<p>Laura Torres, The Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (GBRICS) Partnership - Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) grant for \$45M, received November 2020, used to service behavioral health crisis response infrastructure and services. GBRICS collaborates with 17 hospitals, 4 Local Behavioral Health Authorities (LBHA) and 4 Maryland cities/counties (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County & Carroll County. GBRICS key elements are: Care Traffic Control System (CTC) for the region, Mobile Crisis Teams: Expand capacity, set regional standards and local protocols to work with CTC, Same Day Access to Immediate-Need Services: Support behavioral health providers in offering this, Non-profit Multi-Stakeholder Oversight: Drive GBRICS-funded activities and ensure accountability. Questions: ltorres6@jhmi.edu https://www.bhsbaltimore.org/learn/gbrics-partnership/</p> <p>Indu Radhakrishnan, Suicide Data and Jurisdiction Data Reports – Preliminary data for 2020 has shown a decrease in suicide rates</p>	Action Item: Tia will forward both presentations to the Board.

	<p>nationally and in the state of Maryland. Although suicide rates are down, there are documented increases in stress, anxiety, depression and PTSD. In 2020, there has been a high report of thoughts of suicide among young adults and unpaid adult caregivers. In the youth category, female students reported higher rates in thoughts of suicide and attempted suicide. Racially, African American and Hispanics adults are the highest reporting thoughts of suicide. Suicide due to unemployment is expected to increase as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Firearm background checks have increased which indicates first-time firearm owners and the likelihood of not properly storing firearms therefore increasing the chances of death by firearm.</p> <p>Contact Us: mdh.suicideprevention@maryland.gov https://bha.health.maryland.gov/suicideprevention/Pages/home.aspx</p>	
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final BH Summit event 4/21/21 at 12pm. Part 2: Dealing with Unrest, Helping Families and Children. Register here. • <i>What Helps Me</i> week April 17-24, 2021 of awareness activities on building coping skills and connection. Artwork created by students will be displayed at Howard County Health Department and during vaccine clinics. • May is Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month. Campaign kicks off May 2-8, 2021 https://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/ • 4/30/21 will begin the facilitated discussions about the <i>Difficult Conversations About Race</i> video series by Dr. Robert Evans. This will be a 3-part series. Register here. • Grant Announcement: Community Mental Healthcare Centers (CMHC) • Current Request For Proposals: LEAD case management, BH crisis beds, Hub and Spoke 	
Program Development Committee Updates	<p>Genny shared that there was a presentation during the committee meeting. Barbara Allen Chair of the Opioid Crisis Community Council (OCCC), had presentation and discussion about co-occurring mental health and substance abuse progress and gaps in Howard County with PDC committee members.</p>	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele reported timeline of nominating and electing Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2021 – Board member nominations • May – June 2021 – Electronic ballots submitted for voting • June 2021 – Vote on candidates • August 2021 – Elected Board members will resume responsibilities 	
Strategic Development Committee Updates	<p>Brook will review FY21 Strategic Plan Progress Report Q3 that was recently shared with the Board.</p>	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	<p>Mike had nothing report. Roe reported that the process for disbursements to the two providers selected by the Board for this year’s mini-grants was in progress.</p>	

Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Jim reported that the committee is researching collecting data that will eventually be stored on the Health Department's server. Data to be collected includes hospital data, 2016-2019 CRISP data, MH and SUD data, Dept of Corrections medications and SUD data & HCPSS health data.	
Chairperson Updates	Janet reported that the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration approved the Howard County LBHA as a Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council. The Executive Board Committee will now need to determine if the board terms will 3, 4 or 5 years in length and if terms should remain staggered. Janet will send invitation for anyone who would like to participate in this decision. FY22 Board meeting dates have been sent to the Board. Any date issues/conflicts are open to discussion.	
Announcements	Mark shared that Congruent Counseling Services has been approved to have Care First Health Insurance to cover copays and deductibles for addiction treatment.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm	

Next Meeting Dates: May 19, 2021, June 9, 2021, August 11, 2021