

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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, Stephanie Porter, Jim Filipczak, Cindy Johnson, Andre'a Watkins, Stephen Foster, Ayesha Holmes, Jama Acuff

Excused: Julie Cleveland, John Way, Orlando Wright, Brook Hubbard

Unexcused: Bruce MacDonald, Jacqueline Scott

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Bonaccorsy

Guests: Guy Guzzone

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:03pm Janet welcomed both Ayesha as a new Board member and Jama as a new Ex-Officio for the Department of Corrections.	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for May 19, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve April 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Brook, Julie, Orlando and John were excused from this month's meeting.	
Presentation	<p>Guy Guzzone, Director of Community Development for Sheppard Pratt – The newest Sheppard Pratt Hospital, located in Elkridge, MD, will have a ribbon cutting ceremony 6/17/21 at 10am. RSVP for virtual or in-person event at events@sheppardpratt.org. The new facility is 156,000 square feet, includes 85 inpatient beds, psychiatric urgent care (opens 6/19/21), 5 inpatient units and 4 day hospitals. Other amenities include court yards, a gymnasium, activity rooms and basketball court. The facility will provide services for adults, young adults, adolescents, individuals with co-occurring disorders, thought disorders and eating disorders. With future funding, the urgent care facility will meet its goal of being open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Questions: guy.guzzone@sheppardpratt.org</p> <p>Stephanie Porter, Magistrate for the Howard County Circuit Court – The Maryland Court system consists of 2 trial courts (District and Circuit) and 2 appellate courts. The 10th district court of Howard County handles civil, domestic violence, landlord/tenant, recovery of</p>	Action Item: Guy will provide dates for interested Board members to tour the new facility before its opening.

	<p>goods and criminal cases. The 5th circuit court of Howard County handles cases involving civil matters, more serious crimes, juveniles and family. A majority of cases seen in circuit court include civil and family. The offices that work closely with the court system are Administrative Office of the Courts, Clerk’s Office, Commissioner’s Office and Sheriff’s Office. The court system interacts with people with behavioral health conditions as litigants (criminal, family law and children in need of assistance), as subject (commissioner cases, emergency petitions, custody cases, placements) and as customers (people who come in to address court cases). By educating judges/magistrates, clerks and commissioners, the court system uses this as an initiative to make a positive impact on people with behavioral health conditions. The challenges faced by the courts include stress, a confusing court process, undiagnosed/untreated behavioral health issues, access to behavioral health evaluations and treatments and compliance with court orders for evaluations, therapy and medication. COVID-19 has affected the courts ability to refer services, incomplete psych evaluations, courts inability for in person contact, difficult for attorneys to speak directly with client however has provided better access to hearing times since being held remotely. The Bureau of Behavioral Health can help the court system by promoting quality providers, make evaluations readily available and providing case management services. The LBHA can assist the court system by developing a base for a collaborative process to help litigants and make recommendations to the health department and county to solicit resources.</p> <p>Questions: stephanie.p.porter@mdcourts.gov</p>	
<p>LBHA Director Updates</p>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Children’s Mental Health Awareness week was May 2-8, 2021. Thanks for those who wore GREEN and sent a photo to be sharing on social media on May 6th to recognize this important campaign and week. • The facilitated discussions about the <i>Difficult Conversations About Race</i> video series by Dr. Robert Evans will continue 5/21/21 and 6/18/21. Register here. • Planning a virtual event with Dr. Doaty through Sage Wellness on 6/23/21 at 12pm “Mental Health And Its Impact On Everything: Part 2”. • BBH is planning a trauma informed care training 6/28/21 1-3pm • BBH is planning a de-escalation of agitation training at the end of June 2021. Details TBD. • BBH worked with Communications to share messages that promote connecting for BH support to be shared on the County Executive’s social media platforms. • BBH is working with Communications to share messages about reducing anxiety around the mask wearing mandate being lifted for those who are fully vaccinated. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Proposal (RFP) out for LEAD case management. • Interviews being held related to RFP crisis beds. • Awarded 2 RFPs for Hub & Spoke expansion of buprenorphine access. 	
Program Development Committee Updates	Genny shared that the group is looking into prioritizing gaps and needs. The Program Development committee will collaborate with BBH Strategic Planning committee in order to meet goals.	
Board Development Committee Updates	Michele submitted the slate for the existing officers (Janet, Jim & Cindy) to be nominations for the Executive Committee for the next Board year. Michele asked for nominations from the floor and none were offered. An online ballot will be sent to nominate and vote for the Executive Committee for the next Board year. Voting will end 6/4/21.	<p>Action Item: Motion to approve the slate was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Michele will send online ballot via email for nominations and voting.</p>
Strategic Planning Committee Updates	Nothing to report.	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Nothing to report.	
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Jim reported that the committee is researching and collecting data for deaths by overdose for ages 16-21, 2020-2021 Narcan usage, 2020-2021 suicide data, 2019-2020 inpatient data, GBRICS hospital information, 2018-2020 mental health disorders and crime overlap.	
Chairperson Updates	Janet reported that the bylaws are still under review and being edited. Two items that are to be addressed include adding magistrates as a representative of the court and removing the recruitment process, at the request of the County Executive's Office. Also, if anyone would like to join the GBRICS workgroups you can contact Janet.	
Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm	

Next Meeting Dates: June 9, 2021, August 11, 2021, September 22, 2021