

## Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

**Present:** Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Genny LaPorte, Mark Donovan, Hilari Young, Lisa Davis, Kelly Proctor, Timothy Madden, Stephanie Porter, Cindy Johnson, Andre’a Watkins, Ayesha Holmes, Jama Acuff, Brook Hubbard, Julie Cleveland, Orlando Wright

**Excused:** John Way, Robert Ehrhardt, Mike Demidenko, Jim Filipczak, Stephen Foster

**Unexcused:** Bruce MacDonald, Jacqueline Scott

**Staff:** Tia Gaymon, Roe Bonaccorsy, Shereen Cabrera-Bentley

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting began at 5:02pm	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve Agenda for June 9, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve May 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Attendance Review</b>	John, Robert, Mike, Jim and Stephen were excused from this month’s meeting.	
<b>LBHA Director Updates</b>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The third &amp; final installment of the facilitated discussions about the <i>Difficult Conversations About Race</i> video series by Dr. Robert Evans is 6/18/21. Register <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• 6/23/21 at 12pm Dr. Doaty of <a href="#">Sage Wellness</a> will host “<b>Mental Health And Its Impact On Everything: Part 2</b>”. Register <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• BBH is planning a trauma informed care training for 6/28/21 1-3pm.</li> <li>• BBH is planning a de-escalation of agitation training at the end of June 2021. Details TBD. May occur after June if not enough time.</li> <li>• BBH worked with Howard County Health Department (HCHD) Communications to share messages that promote connecting for BH support to be shared on the County Executive’s social media platforms.</li> <li>• BBH is working with HCHD Communications to share messages about reducing anxiety around the mask wearing mandate being lifted for those who are fully vaccinated. Special thanks to Shereen for assisting with this project.</li> </ul>	

<b>Program Development Committee Updates</b>	Genny shared that the Program Development committee will collaborate with Strategic Planning committee in order to meet goals. Committee members will come up with 5 priorities for the strategic plan in order to fill gaps and needs in Howard County. Genny also acknowledged Joan for the success of the <a href="#">HC DrugFree</a> drug take back day.	Action Item: Genny will meet with Shereen in order to better understand the criteria for the priorities for the strategic plan.
<b>Board Development Committee Updates</b>	Michele shared that Executive Board Committee voting ended 6/4/21. Of the 17 responses, the voting unanimously re-elected Janet as chairperson, Jim as vice-chairperson and Cindy as secretary for the next term	Action Item: Motion to approve the voting result was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Strategic Planning Committee Updates</b>	Brook shared the importance of attending and providing feedback as needed to the Program Development committee. Made sure that there was a consensus on the Program Development and Strategic Planning committees merging.	Action Item: : Motion to approve merging the committees into a committee called the Program Development and Strategic Planning Committee was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Proposal Review Committee Updates</b>	Nothing to report.	
<b>Critical Indicator Committee Updates</b>	Board members asked to review the list of incident indicators discussed last month and then determine if there are other data elements each person thinks could be added to our roster of issues for understanding MH/SUD treatment processes and outcomes.	
<b>Chairperson Updates</b>	Janet reported that the bylaws are still under review. Wording regarding the recruitment process is being edited and a section addressing remote meetings is being added. Janet has attended the GBRICS workshop meetings and was also able to tour the new Sheppard Pratt facility.	Action Item: Tia will share with the Board the pictures sent from the Sheppard Pratt tour by Lisa.

<b>Presentation</b>	<p><b>Timothy Madden, Howard County Supervisor for Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)</b> – DJS promotes public safety, accountability, competency and character development and providing treatment training and rehabilitation for the youth. The department is currently reorganizing which will house Howard, Carroll and Anne Arundel counties in Region 8 as of July 1, 2021. The Howard County office consists of the Pre-Adjudication Unit (Intake Services) and the Probation/Aftercare Unit which manages delinquency matters, children in need of supervision matters, peace orders applications and interstate compact matters. DJS has managed to continue services during COVID-19 via telework and limited field office work. July 1, 2021 offices will reopen at a limited capacity and still continuing telework. The telework has provided frequent contact with youth/families but has provided a negative impact on processing evaluations and provider services not being offered. Other challenges of COVID-19 include but are not limited to difficulty accessing services, conducting drug testing , mentoring, language barriers and motivation for youth/families to complete services.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> <a href="mailto:timothy.madden@maryland.gov">timothy.madden@maryland.gov</a></p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Joan shared that HC DrugFree is hosting <a href="#">2021 “Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City” Virtual Program</a>. Please share with others.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm</p>	

**Next Meeting Dates: August 11, 2021, September 22, 2021, October 13, 2021**