

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Genny LaPorte, Mark Donovan, Hilari Young, Timothy Madden, Stephanie Porter, Cindy Johnson, Andre'a Watkins, Jama Acuff, Brook Hubbard, Julie Cleveland, Stephanie Adibe, Mike Demidenko, Jim Filipczak, Jacqueline Scott, Robert Ehrhardt

Excused: Orlando Wright, Kelly Proctor, Lisa Davis, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi

Unexcused: Bruce MacDonald, John Way, Stephen Foster, Ayesha Holmes

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Bonaccorsy

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:06pm	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda amended to combine reports from Program Development and Strategic Planning Committees. Motion to approve Agenda as amended for August 11, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve June 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Orlando, Kelly, Lisa and Joan were excused from this month's meeting.	
LBHA Director Updates	Roe reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCHD sent out a public health advisory due to HC being in a substantial level with HC having an average 51.89 COVID-19 cases per 100,000. Masks are required again now at HCHD for staff and guests. Behavioral health program license renewals due to BHA by 8/19/21 Recovery month theme being promoted by MDH/OOCC #recovery is for everyone Telehealth guidance FAQ out today from BHA Talk To Your Doctor campaign launched - on BBH website and sent to BH Provider/ROSC/LBHA Board email lists Medication Safety campaign launched - on BBH website and sent to BH Provider/ROSC/LBHA Board email lists COVID-19 supplemental prevention funding awarded in the process of development/planning Crisis bed funding awarded in the process of development/planning Hub/Spoke funding awarded (increased access to buprenorphine) project launched and additional 	

	<p>development/planning and creation of promotional materials underway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded funding for peer expansion within Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP)s • Awarded funds for a Suicide Prevention Pilot, seeking contract with Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS)-Care to train up to 10 clinicians in the CAMS-Care suicide prevention framework. This intervention will be comprised of short-term (12-sessions) intensive mental health support delivered by licensed mental health providers for the youth and adult population, specifically targeting individuals experiencing suicidal ideation and exhibiting self-harming behaviors. • Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) launch/press conference 9/1/21 • Sponsoring with DCRS for a BH veterans video screening “Bastard’s Road” and BH resource sharing 9/17/21 at Chrysalis in downtown Columbia 7-10:30pm. • Sponsoring “OKSobarfest” with Sobar – alcohol prevention and resource sharing event 10/16/21 • Save the date for HC DrugFree's next free and convenient drive-thru medication and sharps collection: Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. • Please find a bit.ly link and QR code for the HCHD BBH website for community resource sharing. https://bit.ly/HoCoBHResources • Took a poll of which Board members are certified in Open Meetings Act. Jackie and Jim are certified. Mark may be certified. 	
Program Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates	Genny shared that the Program Development & Strategic Planning committee met today to establish 5 priorities of service needs and gaps to recommend to the Strategic Plan. Waiting to hear back from all committee members. Brook shared waiting to hear back from community contacts for additional data.	Action Item: Genny and Brook will follow up with Shereen and Roe about some items discussed during the meeting.
Board Development Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Mike reported that budgets and allocations are in order and the committee should publish Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in September 2021 and hoping to disburse awards January 2022. One proposal has already been received.	Action Item: Mike will follow up with Tia and Roe to update and disburse NOFA.

Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Jim provided spreadsheet and summary for data statuses for processes and outcomes for the Board to review. Received considerable data from the mobile crisis team from 2018-2020, hospital and health department from 2016-2019 and information from the Department of Corrections. Still awaiting information from the police department and public schools. There are still needs and gaps for outpatient services.	
Chairperson Updates	<p>Janet reported that Brook and Genny are co-chairs of the Program Development committee (PDC). Joan has also joined the PDC. Contact Janet if anyone would like to join a committee.</p> <p>Bylaws group is working on revisions and received updates from Kim Pruum at the County Executive’s office. One of the changes of how the candidates are received and having them first go through the County’s Executive’s office for review. There is also a suggestion that only appointed members be voting members; excluding ex-officios. Roe researched past bylaws and all members have been voting since at least 2000.</p> <p>Janet and other Board members have been attending GBRICS workshop. There has also been a Howard County GBRICS meeting.</p>	<p>Action Item: Motion to approve new committee member listing as amended.</p> <p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>
Presentation	<p>Mike Demidenko Howard County Department of Social Services (DHS), Assistant Director – The core services of DHS include Adult Services, Family Preservation Services, Child Protective Services and Foster Care. This year, DHS has been successful in full deployment of telework, implementing Child, Juvenile & Adult Management System (CJAMS) for children in May 2020 and for adults October 2020, statewide hotline for Adult Protective Services (APS) and Child Protective Services as of May 2021, offering Foster Youth Housing vouchers, APS screeners to take hotline calls in real-time and distributed several rounds of Pandemic Relief Benefits. DHS challenges include there being no institutional care providers operating in Howard County, transition-age youth in foster care (ages 18-21) would benefit from paid summer internships, there is no Family Visitation program for families separated by foster care and with concurrent custody and safety issues, adult services programs are underfunded, need more access to in-county housing, shelter options and programs and difficulties hiring new staff. Goals include sustaining Crossover Youth Practice Model and Foster Youth Housing Voucher program, developing online marketing and information to target prospective foster families, developing a Substance Exposed Newborn Team, advocate for evidence-based practice service expansion and advocate for expansion of residential treatment center beds and placement.</p> <p>Questions: mike.demidenko@maryland.gov</p>	
Announcements		
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm	

Next Meeting Dates: September 22, 2021, October 13, 2021, November 10, 2021