

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Jama Acuff, Stephanie Adibe (for Jacqueline Scott), Michele Brown, Julie Cleveland, Lisa Davis, Mike Demidenko, Janet Edelman, Robert Ehrhardt, Jim Filipczak, Ayesha Holmes, Cindy Johnson, Genny LaPorte, Timothy Madden, Kelly Proctor, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Hilari Young

Excused: Mark Donovan, Brook Hubbard, Stephanie Porter, Andre’a Watkins

Unexcused: Stephen Foster, John Way, Orlando Wright

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

Guest: Shanika Cooper

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:04pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Board Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Mark, Brook, Stephanie P. and Andre’a were excused from this month’s meeting. Bruce MacDonald has resigned from the Board as of 9/13/21.	
Presentation	Shanika Cooper, Bureau Director, Access to Care, Howard County Health Department - The Bureau of Access to Care assists children and families with enrolling for healthcare through Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP), helps client to navigate the healthcare system via the Administrative Coordination Care Unit (ACCU), manages the Smart Phone Program for clients who receive Medicaid or food stamps and schedules transportation for Medicaid recipients to receive medical treatment via the Medical Assistance Transportation Program. The Bureau is currently taking virtual appointments and accepting walk-in clients for services. Contact: scooper@howardcountymd.gov 410-313-5845 (main line) for assistance, questions and guidance.	
LBHA Director Updates	Roe reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery month theme being promoted by MDH/OOCC #recovery is for everyone 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September is Suicide Prevention Month 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 9/1/21 launched Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) CAMS Care funds awarded for a Suicide Prevention Pilot, seeking recruitments for 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. 9/22/21 Getting Access to Mental Healthcare in Maryland by Mental Health Association of MD webinar Sponsoring “OKSobarfest” with Sobar – alcohol prevention and resource sharing event 10/16/21 Crisis bed funding awarded and in the process of development/planning to contract with sub-vendors 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. 	
Program Development Committee Updates	Genny shared that the Program Development committee met today to discuss the 5 priorities of service needs and gaps. Shereen will now join the meetings to add input and recommendations for submitting data to add to the Strategic Plan.	
Board Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Nothing to report	Action Item: Mike will follow up with Roe to discuss Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Nothing to report	Action Item: Jim will schedule the next meeting for the committee.
Chairperson Updates	Janet reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has not been any progress with finalizing the bylaws. (Roe mentioned that a Board member application was submitted and is being reviewed.) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive committee will discuss criteria for whether or not to give awards for resigning Board members • Attended the Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland 9/14/21 at Howard Community College. Janet shared LBHA's progress, Optum issues and BHA proposals regarding the danger standards. • Still attending the GBRICS workshop meetings • Howard County School System has a mental health committee via the Mental Health Community Advisory Council which invited Jane and HCHD/BBH to present at the next meeting 10/1/21. 	
Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm	

Next Meeting Dates: October 13, 2021, November 10, 2021, December 8, 2021