

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2021, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Jama Acuff, Stephanie Adibe (for Jacqueline Scott), Michele Brown, Lisa Davis, Mike Demidenko, Janet Edelman, Robert Ehrhardt, Stephen Foster, Ayesha Holmes, Brook Hubbard, Cindy Johnson, Genny LaPorte, Timothy Madden, Kelly Proctor, Andre’a Watkins, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Orlando Wright

Excused: Julie Cleveland, Stephanie Porter, John Way, Hilari Young

Unexcused: Mark Donovan, Jim Filipczak

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

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:02pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Board Meeting Agenda for October 13, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Julie, Stephanie P., John and Hilari were excused from this month’s meeting.	
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Children’s Behavioral Health Coalition and the Mental Health Association of Maryland, is holding an upcoming community forum to advance a shared vision for children’s mental health at a time of unparalleled need. The virtual Children’s Behavioral Health Forum will be held next week on 10/18/21, from 1-4 pm. Please RSVP to reserve your seat, and share this link with colleagues in the field • Behavioral Health Administration state plan development meeting for Central Maryland –10/20/21, from 9:00am to 12:00pm • The Howard County Health Department & Bureau of Behavioral Health co-hosted the first Howard County Veterans Collaborative in partnership with ServingTogether/EveryMind, Department of Community Resources & Services/Office of Veterans and Military Families and NAMI HC on 10/12/21 • Opioid Prevention campaign launched in partnership with HC Government • Funds awarded for a Suicide Prevention Pilot, seeking recruitments for Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality 	

	<p>(CAMS)-Care to train up to 20 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. Provider training began 10/8/21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded funding for Mental Health Crisis Beds, continuing to work with State funder and County Purchasing on contract implementation processes • Awarded funds for peer support expansion within Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), continuing with work with State funder and County Purchasing on contract implementation processes • Planning modifications to the mental health awareness campaign “Let’s Talk About Mental Health” • Planning modifications to the youth suicide prevention campaign “It’s OK to Ask” to convert to a suicide prevention campaign for across the life span • Preparing to launch “Teen Intervene” at Patuxent Valley Middle School and Wilde Lake High School through the school-based wellness centers • Launched peer support at the Homewood School • Long Reach High School reached out for assistance with SUD issues in the school • Sponsoring “OKSobarfest” with Sobar – alcohol prevention and resource sharing event 10/16/21 • HC DrugFree's next free and convenient drive-thru medication and sharps collection: 10/23/21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. • Request for proposal out for mental health training at HCDC • FY22 Strategic Plan, Quarter 1 sent to Board for review 	
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Genny LaPorte, CIT Coordinator and Mental Health Liaison, Howard County Police Department (HCPD) – This position checks on the welfare of individuals from police calls/incidents that involve mentions of mental health challenges including suicide. The CIT Coordinator/MH Liaison provides post crisis response, follows up with providers and hospital to support the person in need, provides clinical evaluations, provides information to the HC Department of Corrections and conducts annual mental health trainings in CIT, de-escalation and active listening. Other components of this position includes attending community meetings, compiling stats to understand overall mental health needs in the community, diversion of individuals to counseling and resources. Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO) are issued for individuals who are at risk of harming themselves or others; firearms are removed in these instances. There is a 911 flagging system used by HCPD dispatch to store notes on individuals and then provided to officers while dealing with someone in distress. A current challenge is the police and hospital not having</p>	<p>Action Item: Genny will follow up with how the flagging system is worded when searched via Google.</p>

	<p>options to assist those with mental health needs. The most common way to deal with them is sending them back into the community. There needs to be an increase of the use of mobile crisis teams. The HCPD still operated during COVID-19 but CIT trainings did not occur and the department's health was at risk. Community partners could not operate as they usually would but telehealth was in place to assist. BBH & LBHA can help the agency by continuing to advocate, coordinate services, fund services and support initiatives.</p> <p>Contact: glaporte@howardcountymd.gov 410-313-6017</p>	
Program Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates	<p>Brook reported that their meeting discussions focused on Medicare coverage for services provided by licensed professionals. Also, what integrated care entails and what models are used in the process.</p>	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele provided clarity regarding Board meeting absences. Appointed Board members are considered to have resigned if they accumulate 3 consecutive unexcused absences. However, the absences can be excused by the Board through a Resolution if there are extenuating circumstances (i.e. self or family medical issues). For ex-officios who miss 3 consecutive meetings, the Board will discuss and determine how to proceed.</p>	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	<p>Mike reported that he has been promoted effective 11/2/21. He will need to delegate the duties of his committee chair position and roll out the Notice of Funds Availability.</p>	<p>Action Item: Mike will follow up with Roe to discuss Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).</p>
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	<p>Nothing to report</p>	
Chairperson Updates	<p>Janet asked for the Board to provide ideas for presenters and topics to include for future meetings.</p>	<p>Action Item: Janet and Board members will compile a list of potential providers and non-profits who can present and for the Board to vote on.</p>
Announcements	<p>None</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm</p>	

Next Meeting Dates: November 10, 2021, December 8, 2021, January 12, 2022