

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 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, Janet Edelman, Robert Ehrhardt, Ayesha Holmes, Brook Hubbard, Cindy Johnson, Timothy Madden, Stephanie Porter, Kelly Proctor, Andre'a Watkins, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Orlando Wright, Hilari Young

Excused: Stephen Foster, Genny LaPorte, Stephen Liggett-Creel, John Way

Unexcused: Mark Donovan

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:01pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Board Meeting Agenda for November 10, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Stephen F., Genny, Stephen L. and John were excused from this month's meeting. Jim Filipczak resigned.	
Program Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates	Brook reported that the committee is conducting further research on the collaborative model and making sure all gaps are filled. The 5 priorities have been submitted to Roe. The committee is waiting to review the annual plan.	Action Item: Janet will forward 5 priorities again, if needed. Action Item: Roe or Shereen will forward to the committee the annual plan guidance once received.
Board Development Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Nothing to report	Action Item: Janet will find a new chair for this committee.

Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Nothing to report	Action Item: Janet will find a new chair for this committee.
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a provider receives Medicaid, Medicare or federal contractual funds, they are required to have all staff vaccinated with no option for testing in lieu of vaccination. If a provider employs more than 100 people, they are required to have all staff vaccinated but may offer testing in lieu of vaccination paid for by the staff person. Monitoring of compliance for Medicaid and Medicare providers is at the state level and with national accrediting bodies. • For more information, please see the materials below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS Press Release • Interim final rule with comment period • Frequently Asked Questions • MD988 Fund Campaign is seeking support and signatures. Webinar 11/30/21 at 12:00pm. In FY23 an initial \$10 million will be used to support the call centers. MD988 coalition kick off meeting is scheduled for 12/1/21 at 2:00pm. • During the most recent legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB 588, the state’s FY2022 budget bill, which directs Medicaid to spend at least 75 percent of federal ARPA reinvestment dollars for a one-time-only provider rate increase. As such, Maryland is implementing the following rate increases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 5.5 percent rate increase for most HCBS developmental disability providers • A 5.4 percent rate increase for most HCBS behavioral health and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) providers • A 5.2 percent rate increase for community-based long-term services and support providers • HC Drug Free & State’s Attorney’s Office – Guiding Good Choices – Free classes for parents & guardians • Roe & Shereen will present at Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Service Recipients within the PBHS: Lessons from Howard and Frederick Counties 11/19/21 1:00pm Video call: https://meet.google.com/sed-pmws-tvt Or dial: +1 678-753-7814 PIN: 435 878 416# • Planning a PSA to promote suicide prevention in partnership with Howard County Government. Shifting from youth to across life span. • Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) funds awarded for suicide prevention pilot. Provider training occurred on 10/8/21. Next training being planned for January 2022. • Awarded funding for mental health crisis bed expansion in Howard County. Working on the request for proposal and contract implementation. • Awarded funding for peer support expansion within opioid treatment programs. Working on the request for proposal and contract implementation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted proposal to the State for funding peer support expansion within behavioral health crisis centers • Modifying mental health awareness campaign “Let’s Talk About Mental Health” • Modifying the youth suicide prevention campaign “It’s OK to Ask” to convert to a prevention campaign across life span • Developing an alcohol prevention campaign • Launched “Teen Intervene” at Patuxent Middle School and Wilde Lake High School through school-based wellness centers • Peer support programming is progressing well at the Homewood School • Conducting substance use disorder educational presentations at Long Reach High School 11/22/21 – 11/23/21 • Plans to discuss taking the harm reduction/syringe services program RV on the road 	
Presentation	<p>Cindy Johnson, Senior Assistant State’s Attorney, Howard County State’s Attorney’s Office (SAO) – This office is responsible for managing criminal cases for those charged with a crime via the police department or other means. Rich Gibson is the current State’s Attorney, which is obtained by campaigning and being elected into the position. State’s Attorney’s District Court Division handles jail-able traffic offenses, misdemeanors and some felonies. The Circuit Court State’s Attorney’s Division prosecutes more serious crimes, jury trial requests from District Court and juvenile cases. Some of the Circuit Court cases come from a jury trial but a majority are reviewed by the Grand Jury and if the charges are authorized, the SAO will prosecute those cases. The Howard County justice system also includes problem solving court such as the Drug/DUI Court which are two different courts. The Drug/DUI Court team is a collaboration of different agencies throughout the County and the team includes a prosecutor, defense attorney, coordinator, case manager, peer recovery specialist, recovery support supervisor and a judge. Drug/DUI Court is voluntary and focuses on public safety and the substance use and mental health treatment, recovery and rehabilitation of the participants. Screenings, assessments and sentencing are components of the Drug/DUI court eligibility criteria for entering DUI/Drug Court. LBHA can assist SAO with finding funding or grants for the team to attend national training. SAO would like to bring life skills programs to the DUI/Drug Court participants; all probationers and also make them available to inmates at the jail.</p> <p>Contact: cljohnson@howardcountymd.gov 410-313-3166</p>	Action Item: Contact Cindy if you would like to arrange a tour of the new Circuit Court.
Chairperson Updates	<p>Janet reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Motion to appoint Cindy Johnson to Board Development Committee • Anyone interested in serving as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for the Board, contact Michele brownsdm@comcast.net 	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Follow up with Janet regarding</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws – some progress and Janet is working on the draft. Hoping to have something to present to the Board to review soon. • Attended the Maryland Commission on Mental and Behavioral Health • Attended the HCPSS advisory council meeting 	specifics on Board presentation speakers for HCPSS and HC Community Resources & Services.
Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm	

Next Meeting Dates: December 8, 2021, January 12, 2022, February 9, 2022