

## Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019, 5pm  
Howard County Health Department

**Present:** Michele Brown, Julie Cleveland, Janet Edelman, Jim Filipczak, Brook Hubbard, Cindy Kirk, Bruce MacDonald, Andre'a Watkins, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Robert Ehrhardt, Tim Madden, Lisa Davis (attended for Caroline Walker), Genny LaPorte, Jack Kavanagh, Cindy Johnson, Tanya Joyner

**Excused:** Mark Donovan, Stephen Foster, John Way

**Unexcused:** Alice Giles

**Staff:** Tia Gaymon, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy

**Guest:** Ben Ferguson

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting began at 5:07pm	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve Agenda for December 11, 2019	Vote: The motion was seconded and approved.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve November 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: Minutes amended to list Michele Brown as as present. Motion to approve amended minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.
<b>Attendance Review</b>	John Way and Stephen Foster contacted Tia prior to the meeting regarding their absence. Andre'a Watkins and Joan Webb Scornaienchi attended via conference call.	12/12/19 Roe provided Tia with an email from Mark Donovan regarding his absence.  Vote: Motion to approve excused members who provide prior notice of their absence. The motion was seconded and approved.
<b>Presentations</b>	Benjamin Ferguson II, LCPC Howard County BH Court Liaison  Ben provided an overview of his duties which include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substance use disorder and MH screenings referred by district court judges and for parole and probation cases</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides referrals to treatment providers that fit the treatment, location and health care coverage needs of the client</li> <li>• Provides short-term case management to help client begin and maintain treatment</li> <li>• Reports client progress/outcomes to the courts</li> </ul> <p>Ben has also met with Tim Madden, DJS, to at some point begin screenings and referrals to include the juvenile services system.</p>	
<b>LBHA Director Updates</b>	<p>Roe provided BH updates on the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12/10/19 Grassroots ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Beginnings Crisis Stabilization facility. The facility is open 24/7 and meets needs for assessment, treatment, referrals and brief overnight housing and food. Acceptance into the facility must involve client needing help with opioid use/abuse.</li> <li>• BBH Harm Reduction Program, headed by Howie Newton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has created a flyer used to advertise program offerings.</li> <li>○ Is in the process of providing a mobile van/RV to assist the community with services, referrals, linkage to care, STD testing and needle exchange.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 11/30/19 Harm Reduction &amp; The Leola Dorsey Day Resource Center hosted a Worlds AIDS Day event which provided free HIV and STD testing and harm reduction services</li> <li>• 12/10/19 Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) holds a monthly meeting at HCHD every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If interested in more information, contact Roe.</li> </ul>	Tia will forward press release on crisis stabilization facility and harm reduction flyer to the Board.
<b>Program Development Committee Updates</b>	Janet updated the board that the committee is making progress and working through profiles of services for MH. When these are completed the committee will move onto services for substance abuse.	
<b>Board Development Updates</b>	<p>Bruce and Michele reviewed the 4 candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 candidate is an HCHD employee which may present a conflict of interest and therefore is unable to join the board. There was a suggestion made to invite the candidate to the board meetings as a non-voting member.</li> <li>• Out of the 3 remaining candidates, 2 deemed suitable for interview scheduling before possible forwarding to the County Executive for review.</li> </ul>	Committee will provide an update at the 1/8/20 meeting.
<b>Strategic Development Updates</b>	Roe explained again the steps of completing the BHA FY21 Annual Plan due on 2/14/20. At this stage the plan is currently 55 pages in length.	The Strategic Development committee will work with Roe to review drafts. The BHA

		FY21 Annual Plan will be brought to the Board for approval at the January meeting.
<b>Other Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance review – The bylaws state that board members who miss 3 consecutive meetings must automatically resign. Attendance tracking dating back to August 2019 has resulted in having to contact 1 board member due to their unexcused absences for 3 consecutive meetings.</li> <li>• Annual Report for Health Officer, County Executive &amp; County Council – Is in progress and is currently 4 pages in length</li> <li>• 2020 Board Meeting Dates – 11/11/20 meeting falls on Veteran’s Day.</li> </ul>	<p>Bylaws will be reviewed to confirm board member options related to missed meetings.</p> <p>Vote: Motion to reschedule 11/11/20 meeting to 11/18/20. Motion seconded and approved. 2020 meeting dates will be sent to board.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	Opioid Crisis Community Council – recap of subcommittee duties, tasks and training	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm	

**Next Meeting Dates: January 8, 2020, February 12, 2020, March 11, 2020**