

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2022, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Jama Acuff, Stephanie Adibe (for Jacqueline Scott), Julie Cleveland, Lisa Davis, Mark Donovan, Janet Edelman, Stephen Foster, Delmonica Hawkins, Ayesha Holmes, Brook Hubbard, Cindy Johnson, Genny LaPorte, Stephen Liggett-Creel, Stephanie Porter, Kelly Proctor, John Way, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Orlando Wright, Hilari Young

Excused: Michele Brown, Andre’a Watkins

Unexcused: Robert Ehrhardt

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

Guest: Denise Giuliano

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:00pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve amended Board Meeting Agenda for February 9 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 12 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Michele and Andre’a were excused from this month’s meeting.	
Presentation	Denise Giuliano, Executive Director – NAMI Howard County (National Alliance on Mental Illness Howard County) – Founded in 1979, NAMI helps individuals and families affected by mental illness towards the process of recovery, rebuilding lives and to promote a better understanding of mental illness. NAMI is a national organization which includes a national level (develops program content and does federal advocacy), state affiliates level (provides volunteer training) and affiliate level (delivers programs to consumers). Chronic mental illness is the primary focus however over the last 3 to 5 years NAMI has expanded their work to include behavioral health issues such as mood disorder, stress and self-regulation. This expansion in services assists with early intervention of behavioral health symptoms which improves outcomes. In the last 2 years, Howard County NAMI has given 21 presentations to parents and school staff to share what services and support NAMI has for families and schools. All programs are free of charge and lead by peers. The 3 main functions of NAMI are education, support and advocacy. NAMI’s education services	

	<p>include courses for families, parents, caregivers and adults in mental illness recovery. Outreach services include educational forums, sharing recovery journeys and faith-based initiatives to assist with recovery. <i>Ending the Silence</i> is a mental health awareness program for schools, parents and school staff and has reached over 900 middle and high school students since 2019. The support groups offered by NAMI cover various categories from families to veterans. NAMI advocates at all levels of government for better services for those with mental illness and their families. Each year, NAMI Maryland does an advocacy day to meet with legislators in Annapolis. COVID-19 forced NAMI to be more adaptable by offering support groups online but it is hoping to go back to in-person when it is safe to do so. Also, during the pandemic, the program attendance numbers have remained steady, website traffic has increased, and the <i>Sunday Supper</i> program was unable to resume.</p> <p>Contact: dgiuliano.namihc@gmail.com 410-772-9300 (office)</p>	
<p>LBHA Director Updates</p>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracted with Humanim to conduct case management for LEAD • Contracted with Way Station for crisis bed expansion in Howard County • Planning a PSA to promote Suicide Prevention in partnership with Howard County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Shifting from youth focus to across the life span • Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) funds awarded for a Suicide Prevention Pilot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ First provider training was 10/8/21 ◦ Another training is planned for February 2022 • Awarded funds for peer support expansion within Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), working on the Request for Proposal and contract implementation • Submitted proposal to the State for funding for peer support expansion within BH crisis centers • Awarded funds for Overdose Fatality Review Team (OFRT) coordination and infrastructure • Modifying the 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 suicide prevention campaign for across the life span • Developing an alcohol abuse prevention campaign • Developing a Hub and Spoke campaign • Discussing plans to take the HR/SPP RV on the road 	
<p>Program Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates</p>	<p>Genny reported that the committee met with Luma Consulting and gave an overwhelming amount of information on data collection from past years regarding mental health, substance use and hospital data to name a few. BHA would like the strategic plan to also focus on increasing culturally competency for behavioral health and other services for special populations and increasing the awareness of the</p>	<p>Action Item: Tia will share the strategic plan with the Board once received.</p>

	<p>Health Department services. The strategic plan will be available by 3/1/2022 or 3/2/2022 for the Board to review before the 3/9/2022 meeting.</p> <p>Janet added that the strategic plan has to be voted on and approved by the Board. The vote will take place at the 3/9/2022 meeting.</p>	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Janet has been working with Michele and Kim Pruim at the County Executive office to fill the Board vacancies. A press release resulted in 15 applications. There has been some confusion regarding the Board's level of involvement in recommending candidates to the County Executive. Kim Pruim explained that the Board's recommendations are welcome but a statement of the recruitment process should not be included in the bylaws. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, contact Michele brownsdm@comcast.net.</p>	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	<p>Hilari reported that the committee reviewed and finalized the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). Applications are due by 2/28/2022. The committee will score the applications and vote on who will receive the grant(s).</p> <p>Roe added that 1 application has been received so far.</p>	<p>Action Item: Tia will share the NOFA in the next Behavioral Health newsletter.</p>
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	<p>Orlando reported that the committee met 2/4/2022 to discuss the data received from CRISP. At this point, the committee has only received hospital data since CRISP data comes directly from the hospital which excludes data from the community behavioral health information. The committee will continue to meet with Nicole Mallette quarterly. The committee is reviewing trends from 2016 to November 2021, looking forward to how meaningful the work of Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (GBRICS) will affect the data and to expand services based on data.</p>	<p>Action Item: Orlando will send a poll to committee members to choose recurring meeting date/time.</p>
Chairperson Updates	<p>Janet reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval to add Delmonica to the Program and Development and Strategic Planning (PDSP) committee. • Approval to request County Council to amend the Howard County Code to allow a Circuit Court Judge to assign a designee as ex-officio. Designee does not have to be a judge. • For anyone interested in behavioral health related legislation, contact Janet for a list of bills. 	<p>Vote: Motion to approve adding Delmonica to the PDSP committee. The motion was approved and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Vote: Motion to approve requesting amendment of the Howard County Code to allow a Circuit Court Judge to assign a designee who is not a judge as an ex-officio. The motion was approved and</p>

		<p>unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Janet will send information on behavioral health related bills to the Board once all bills for the session are posted.</p>
Announcements	Congratulations to the newly appointed Judge Porter	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm	

Next Meeting Dates: March 9th, 2022, April 13th, 2022, May 11th, 2022