

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2022, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

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

Excused: Andre’a Watkins

Unexcused:

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

Guests: Douglas Heinrichs, Victoria Myles

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:00pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Board Meeting Agenda for May 11 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for April 13 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Andre’a was excused from this month’s meeting. Lisa is resigning from the Board as of 5/11/22 and will be replaced by Kami Wagner.	
Presentations	Mariana Izraelson, Executive Director Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center – Grassroots is a single access point for free of cost behavioral health, crisis and homeless services for individuals and families. There are 24/7 services available for the following: crisis hotline, walk-ins, substance use disorder screenings and crisis stabilization. Grassroots also provides a mobile crisis team (9am to 12pm; 24/7 soon), 7 days a week online chat service (12pm to 8:30pm), outreach and education. Grassroots crisis services includes an anonymous, 24-hour crisis intervention and supportive counseling hotline for a number of different issues. MD residents can reach the hotline by calling 211 (press 1), texting their zip code to 898-211 or visiting 211md.org . Nationwide callers can reach a crisis counselor at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). The New Beginnings Crisis Stabilization Center was opened in December 2019 for individuals in	

	<p>need of SUD treatment referrals and can receive immediate screening and intervention services. The Grassroots facility offers individuals and families a 3-month stay (can be extended to 6 months) and the facility includes 33 beds/rooms, case management services and 3 meals a day. Clothing, food and hygiene products are among the items that are distributed daily to those in need. During the pandemic, there was drastic increase in services and needs and the hotline calls increased by 79% since 2019. To assist with the increase, services were added such as rental and utility assistance and the number of individuals and families who needed assistance greatly increased in areas including but not limited to food distribution, emergency motel accommodations and managing the cold weather shelter program. Grassroots was also able to provide 7 COVID-19 vaccination clinics since May 2021.</p> <p>Contact: 410-531-6006 phone, 443-691-0954 cell, mariana@grassrootscrisis.org, http://www.facebook.com/Grassroots6700</p>	
<p>LBHA Director Updates</p>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press conference being held on 5/19/22 by the County Executive related to Mental Health – more information to come at the press conference • The Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) and the Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) jointly hosted a Suicide Prevention Forum on 5/4/22 – the recording and PowerPoint can be found here on YouTube. • Contracted with Silverman Treatment Solutions for peer support expansion within Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) • Awarded funds for peer support expansion with Behavioral Health Crisis Centers, pending contract implementation. • Contracted with Humanim to conduct case management for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) • Contracted with Way Station for crisis bed expansion in Howard County • Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) Care funds awarded for a Suicide Prevention Pilot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd round of training to come before the end of FY22 • Developing an alcohol prevention campaign • Developing a Hub and Spoke campaign to promote increased access to buprenorphine. • HC DrugFree hosted a Drug Take Back Day 4/30/22 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot including a tour of a trailer set up to simulate a young person's bedroom and bathroom to display places where drugs can be hidden in plain sight. 	
<p>Program Development & Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Genny reported that in the 5/11/22 meeting, Shereen spoke to the committee about potentially starting a youth behavioral health workgroup that would focus on increased issues within the community and access to youth services. The committee has decided</p>	

Committee Updates	to start this workgroup and all are welcomed to attend the meetings to contribute to youth matters regarding mental health and substance use.	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele reported that there have not been any nominees for chairperson of the Board for FY23.</p> <p>Motion to approve the slate for Janet as vice chair and Barbara as secretary to serve on the Executive Committee for FY23.</p> <p>Motion to allow the Board Development Committee to choose/approve a nominee for the chairperson position and add the nominee to the slate for voting.</p>	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Orlando reported that the committee is still sourcing additional data and will provide an update after their next meeting. The committee is also looking at other areas of collecting data that is outside the scope of hospitals.	
Chairperson Updates	<p>Janet reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the County Council meeting and is awaiting approval of the change to 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. • Attended several Howard County Health Department meetings: Behavioral Health Provider Meeting, Older Adult Mental Health Forum, Suicide Prevention Forum. • Attended the Maryland Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health meeting. • The Board of Public Works will lease Spring Grove Hospital Campus for \$1/year to the University of Maryland Baltimore County. 	Action Item: Janet will forward Spring Grove Hospital and Board of Public Works articles to the Board.
Announcements	<p>Joan shared that HC DrugFree’s medication and sharps collection on 4/30/22 collected 40 bins of medication (1157 pounds) and 21 bins of sharps. Also, approximately 100 participants toured the trailer simulation of where drugs could be hidden in plain sight.</p> <p>The FY23 Board meeting dates were emailed on 5/9/22. Review dates for any conflicts and/or edits.</p> <p>Congrats to Lisa on her retirement.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm	

Next Meeting Dates: June 8th, 2022, August 10th, 2022, September 14th, 2022