

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 10th, 2022, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Jama Acuff, Stephanie Adibe (for Jacqueline Scott), Barbara Allen, Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Robert Ehrhardt, Stephen Foster, Beth Harbinson, Ayesha Holmes, Brook Hubbard, Cindy Johnson, Genny LaPorte, Stephen Liggett-Creel, Kelly Proctor, Kami Wagner, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Hilari Young, Andre’a Watkins

Excused: Mark Donovan, Delmonica Hawkins, Stephanie Porter, John Way, Orlando Wright

Unexcused: Julie Cleveland

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

Guests: Victoria Myles, Kris Saunders, Laura Torres

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:01pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve amended Board Meeting Agenda for August 10 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for June 8 th , 2022	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Mark, Delmonica, Stephanie P., John & Orlando were excused from this month’s meeting.	
Presentation	Laura Torres, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) – Behavioral Health (BH) in the Emergency Department (ED) begins with a person being seen by triage, then evaluated by a nurse and ultimately seen by the attending physician to determine if they are cleared for discharge or if they need to have a psych consult conducted by a psychiatric social worker. One of the challenges is the lengthy amount of a time a psych patient may have to wait in order to be treated. There are typically 1-3 psych social workers per shift and each evaluation take 1-4 hours. Once the evaluation is completed, the psych social worker will develop a disposition or discharge plan for the patient. The HCGH ED is a 5 bed BH unit staffed with 1 nurse, 1 medical tech and 1 security guard. When the BH unit is full, the BH patients are placed in medical ED beds which delays treatment for patients who only need medical care. Pediatric ED has 5 beds in a secure area for BH patients who are ages 17 and younger. Some of the challenges for the licensed clinical social workers includes: time	

	<p>constraints, difficult to connect with outpatient providers, re-evaluations within 24 hours and the volume of patients. There is a statewide delay in BH patients who are to be discharged or need to be transferred for inpatient treatment which include awaiting bed space, waiting for agency acceptance, Medicaid or ambulance transportation delay, placement setting refuses or denies patient and delay in creating a plan. Disposition options include: discharge home with a referral for outpatient services, voluntary admission to an inpatient unit or involuntary admission to an inpatient unit. To help the process along, HCGH has BH Navigators to assist with discharge planning by providing referrals, setting appointments for care, connecting patients to additional resources, helping to address other barriers and reconnecting with patients for follow up. Peer Recovery Coaches, who are employed by the Health Department, also work in the ED to help patients with substance use disorder challenges.</p>	
<p>LBHA Director Updates</p>	<p>Shereen reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 211 Outpatient Care Coordination Program launched in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The goal of the program is to support Discharge Planners/Care Coordination Teams in Emergency Departments (EDs) to easily connect their patients with the appropriate, community-based appointments (or referrals) for behavioral health services. ○ The program is currently accepting referrals in Baltimore City and will expand statewide by October 2022. ○ Visit https://211md.org/carecoordination ○ Sharee Campbell, Community Engagement Coordinator 667-335-0353 www.211md.org • CAMS Care trainings Sept 23 and Oct 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) framework (www.cams-care.org). CAMS-Care is an evidence-based suicide prevention model that has been shown to be effective in reducing suicidal ideation and intentional self-harm in an outpatient setting. Training clinicians in the CAMS suicide assessment and intervention framework will increase the capacity of local providers to address suicidality and divert patients away from emergency services for treatment. ○ The HCHD/LBHA is seeking to recruit local mental health clinicians and behavioral health providers to participate in the FY23 CAMS-Care training. The HCHD/LBHA will pay for all costs associated with the CAMS-Care training, which is valued at \$335. • Luminis Health Pathways Annapolis – detox beds open 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized the youth SUD needs assessment report - thanks to all who shared feedback • Working on finalizing an alcohol prevention video – thanks to all who shared feedback • Finalized Hub and Spoke videos to promote increased access to buprenorphine – thanks to all who shared feedback • 988 launched 7/16/22 - 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. 	
Program Development & Strategic Planning Committee Updates	Genny reported that the committee is currently focused on the youth behavioral health workgroup. The Howard County Health Department Youth Opiate Response and Prevention Community Assessment used Luma Consulting to provide feedback from the community. The feedback included recommendations and priorities for the youth behavioral health workgroup. Committee members will review this information and provide feedback on how to proceed with prioritizing needs.	
Board Development Committee Updates	Michele reported that two candidates (Consumer/MH & Professional/MH) have testified before the County Council. A decision on their membership will be made at the September 2022 County Council meeting. There are 2 vacancies for Consumer/SUD. If a member knows someone who is interested, they should ask the candidate to submit their letter of interest and resume to Roe.	Action Item: Suggestion made by Joan to move Board Development Updates to the end of the meeting so that guests can receive all other updates prior to exiting.
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Hilari reported that \$5,000 is available for FY23 to be awarded to Howard County BH entities who apply for the Notice of Funding Availability. The scoring sheets will be edited and the committee plans to meet in September 2022.	Action Item: Hilari will send a meeting invite to committee members.
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Chairperson Updates	Joan reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Executive, Calvin Ball, and Director of Policy and Programs, Carl DeLorenzo, are to attend either the September 2022 or October 2022 Board meeting. Awaiting follow up. • Open to ideas for future presentations to the Board. 	Action Item: Board members should contact Joan with suggestions for presentations.
Announcements/Additional Comments	Beth shared that International Overdose Awareness Day is 8/31/22 6pm to 8pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church 99120 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Event is free; register here	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:11pm	

Next Meeting Dates: September 14th, 2022, October 12th, 2022, November 9th, 2022

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