

**Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2020, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department, Webex Hosted

**Present:** Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Jim Filipczak, Bruce MacDonald, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Lisa Davis, Genny LaPorte, Jack Kavanagh, Cindy Johnson, Mike Demidenko, Cindy Kirk, Mark Donovan, John Way, Robert Ehrhardt, Julie Cleveland, Timothy Madden

**Excused:**

**Unexcused:** Jaqueline Scott, William Tucker, Hilari Young, Andre'a Watkins, Stephen Foster, Brook Hubbard

**Staff:** Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Shereen Cabrera-Bentley, Heather Moore, Miriam Bennett

**Guests:**

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting called to order by Jim at 5:03 pm.	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve Agenda for May 13, 2020	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve April 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: Motion was seconded and unanimously approved with Janets edits.
<b>Attendance Review</b>	Jim led web introductions	
<b>LBHA Director Updates</b>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May is Mental Health Awareness Month</li> <li>• The first week of May was Children's Mental Health Matters. The Health Department promoted the event through social media and encouraged people to wear green and send a picture for sharing on social media.</li> <li>• National Prevention Week is May 11-15. The Health Department promoted the event through social media specifically promoting prevention of prescription drug misuse through information on sharing safe storage of medication, safe disposal of medication, and use of medication disposal bags.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a Fentanyl campaign</li> <li>• Creating a mental health awareness campaign including a digital graphic and contracts with sub-vendors to create Facebook Live events, Instagram Live events, video clips, and social media messaging. There will be a Facebook Live event on May 14 noon and May 28 noon.</li> </ul> <p>Overview of Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) action items specific to the COVID19 pandemic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Behavioral Health /COVID-19 messaging for social media and website</li> <li>2. FAQs for the public related to behavioral health and COVID-19</li> <li>3. FAQs for providers related to behavioral health and COVID-19</li> <li>4. List of Behavioral Health Providers following Telehealth per COVID-19</li> </ol> <p>Creation of BBH program videos shared on YouTube: peer support, foreign born outreach, and overdose response program</p> <p>Weekly BH provider Webex meetings focused on BH/COVID-19:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5/6 Stages of Trauma and Recovery (STAR) CEU training - open to the public - 94 people attended</li> <li>2. 5/15 COVID-19 and Cultural Competency CEU training</li> <li>3. 5/20 Vulnerable Populations: Children and Families</li> <li>4. 5/27 Vulnerable Populations: Veterans and Caregivers</li> </ol> <p>The Health Department has COVID-19 information on the website.  Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available for request on the website using a request form and email address.  Hchealth.org</p> <p>The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) through the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has and is continuing to create FAQs and guidance documents related to behavioral health and coronavirus. Those documents can be found on their website.  bha.health.maryland.gov  If you have any questions for BHA, please send to bhainquiries@maryland.gov.  BHA hosts week provider meetings on Fridays at 10 am.</p> <p>Updates on given on specific data points and impact during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Health Care providers actively treating patients that are requesting PPE hocoPPErequests@howardcountymd.gov</p>	
<p><b>Program Development Committee Updates</b></p>	<p>Janet reported the following:  Looking at format of profiles. Collecting insurance information is to be removed and we will, instead, focus on services and gaps in services.  Reviewed Substance Use, Adult. Mark walked us through it and we will continue with it at the next meeting.</p>	

<p><b>Board Development Updates</b></p>	<p>Bruce and Michelle reported the following:</p> <p>Presentation of Board Officer slate.  Janet Edelman for Chair  Jim Filipczak for Vice Chair  Cindy Johnson for Secretary</p>	<p>Action Item: Officer Slate Motion seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>Michele</b> will send out Ballot via email for official vote prior to June meeting. <b>All Board Members</b> should send vote back to Michele, Bruce and Julie prior to the June meeting.</p>
<p><b>Other Items</b></p>	<p>Bruce thanked Jim and Janet for all that they do, spoke on how difficult this time is for those in recovery and commended HCHD for their work.</p> <p>Roe asks if the board would be having July and August meetings. Jim says there is normally not a July meeting. Bruce proposed that the board wait to decide about July and August meeting at the June meeting. Jim agreed.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm.</p>	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>



<b>Announcements</b>	Miriam Bennett to everyone: Tia is out of office until July 1 2020. Until then, Heather can be reached at <a href="mailto:hmoore@howardcountymd.gov">hmoore@howardcountymd.gov</a> and Miriam can be reached at <a href="mailto:MBennett@howardcountymd.gov">MBennett@howardcountymd.gov</a> .	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm	

**Next Meeting Dates: May 13, 2020, June 10, 2020**