

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2020, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Michele Brown, Julie Cleveland, Janet Edelman, Jim Filipczak, Bruce MacDonald, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Genny LaPorte, Cindy Johnson, Robert Ehrhardt, Cindy Kirk, Mike Demidenko, Brook Hubbard, Timothy Madden, Mark Donovan, Andre'a Watkins, Jack Kavanagh, Jacqueline Scott, William Tucker, Hilari Young

Excused: Lisa Davis, John Way

Unexcused: Stephen Foster

Staff: Tia Gaymon, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy

Guests: Kelly Shalcosky-Proctor

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:02pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for October 14, 2020	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve September 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Davis and John Way contacted Tia prior to the meeting regarding their absence. 	
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) is working to launch the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) project as a joint effort with several county agencies. A project manager was hired in November. Request For Proposal (RFP) for case management services will be contracted with an outside company. BBH has launched the following campaigns: Peer Support Awareness, Fentanyl Awareness and Mental Health Awareness. Flyers can be found on HCHD website here. 11/12/20 BBH will launch the Harm Reduction/Syringe Service Program (HR/SSP) RV. The RV will be located in the HCHD parking lot Tuesday and Thursday 8am – 2pm. RV services will include health screenings, referrals to treatment and safe use/safe sex supplies. Also, HR bags filled with supplies have been distributed to community partners for the public. HR/SSP FLYER Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) and the Opioid Crisis Community Council (OCCC) will host the First Responder Recognition Day on 10/28/20 at 9:30am. The event will be held 	Action Item: Roe will send a list of acronyms to the Board.

	<p>at the George Howard Building but will live stream for the public on Facebook Live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aetna Health and BBH will host 5 monthly BH Summit webinar series starting 11/18/20 at 12pm. Webinar will consist of panelists and BH related topics for discussion. 	
Program Development Committee Updates	Cindy K. reported that the committee meeting on 10/14/20 was successful and that 5 profiles have been developed.	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele shared the process of submitting applicants for LBHA Board consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest letter and resume are forwarded to the Board/BDC • Board/BDC reviews/interviews applicant • Board/BDC returns recommended applicant to County Executive (CE) • CE reviews recommendation and sends approved recommendation to Council for consideration and will fill positions accordingly. • CE follows up with applicant regarding approval/denial of application <p>Michele reported that 2 applicants have been chosen by the CE and should become Board members in December 2020.</p>	
Strategic Development Committee Updates	<p>Brook reported that he and Janet have submitted to Roe their feedback to the self-assessment. Roe and Shereen (BH Deputy Director) are in the process of editing the document for submission to the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).</p> <p>Update: Michele and Lisa have also submitted their feedback to be included.</p>	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Mike reported that the 10/1/2020 meeting allowed the committee to formalize the process for awarding grants. Approximately \$4,500 is available to award agencies and individuals. The scoring sheet and protocol are in the process of being edited. Drafting sample Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).	Action Item: Committee will submit updated scoring sheet, protocol and NOFA to the Board for review/approval.
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Jim reported that the 9/30/2020 meeting resulted in the creations of 10 sets of critical indicators for Service Providers, Corrections, Howard County Public Schools, Hospitals, Howard County Police Department and Optum.	
Chairperson Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet, Roe and Jack attended the Stepping Up webinar. This initiative celebrated their 5-year anniversary which included highlighting the work that has been done, setting goals, measuring goals and the success in achieving goals. • Janet spoke with Katie Hester, BH Commissioner, who reported grant money received from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to be used for a 	Action Item: Janet will share with the Board the documents from Treatment Advocacy Center.

	<p>training summit 11/17 – 11/18/2020 on the sequential intercept model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet reported that according to the Treatment Advocacy Center, Maryland ranked last in the quality of laws pertaining to involuntary psychiatric treatment. Janet will submit suggestions for review and updating purposes. 	
Presentation	<p>Jack Kavanagh, Director of Central Booking facility for Department of Corrections in Howard County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility houses inmates sentenced up to 18 months, prisoners for the Federal Marshals and ICE detainees. • Facility initiatives for inmates include Community Service Program and Pre-trial Supervision Program (launching November 2020). • For the past 15 years the facility has reported 50% of their population having mental health challenges. Of that 50%, half are reported to have substance use disorder (SUD) and 33% of that half have serious mental health challenges. • Mental health initiatives include behavioral health counseling, having 3 full-time MH professionals and 1 part-time psychiatrist on hand, MH trainings for correction officers, a trauma group for inmates, <i>Thinking for Change</i> cognitive thinking group, <i>ACES</i> program for inmates suffering from adverse childhood, MH screenings and assessments at arrest, suicide risk assessments, crisis intervention work, suicide crisis intervention, medical assistance program for inmates with SUD, post release plans for inmates and work with BBH peers (managed by Scott Sheldon). • COVID has impacted the amount of arrests where in 2019 there were a total of 3,000 arrests and during COVID crisis we are on pace in 2020 for less than 2,000 arrests. COVID has also affected post release plans as staff have to rush to find services for the released inmate. • A challenge the facility faces is finding specialized housing for inmates suffering from MH challenges. • The facility is supported by BBH when it pertains to SUD, peer support, clinical guidance and receiving grant money. • Ways that the Advisory Board could help his department - LEAD will be an important support system that BBH has already helped implement. Maybe the Board could advocate for a MH Court in Howard County in the future. 	
Announcements	None	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm	

Next Meeting Dates: November 18, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 13, 2021