

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020, 5:00 pm

Howard County Health Department (HCHD), WebEx Platform

Present: Michele Brown, Janet Edelman, Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Genny LaPorte, Cindy Johnson, Robert Ehrhardt, Cindy Kirk, Mike Demidenko, Brook Hubbard, Mark Donovan, Andre’a Watkins, Jack Kavanagh, Hilari Young, Lisa Davis, John Way, Kelly Proctor, Orlando Wright

Excused: Timothy Madden, Jacqueline Scott, Jim Filipczak

Unexcused: Stephen Foster, Julie Cleveland, Bruce MacDonald, William Tucker

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

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:06pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for November 14, 2020	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve October 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Timothy and Jacqueline contacted Tia prior to the meeting regarding their absence. Jim contacted Janet prior to meeting.	
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aetna Health and Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) launched the monthly Behavioral Health (BH) Summit webinar series on 11/18/20 at 12pm. The next BH Summit will be on 12/16/20 at 12pm. • BBH opened the Harm Reduction/Syringe Service Program (HR/SSP) RV. The RV is located in the Howard County Health Department (HCHD) parking lot Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm. RV services will include health screenings, referrals to treatment and safe use/safe sex supplies. There will be a media launch for the RV on 12/9/20. • BBH and the Howard County Police Department are working on a pilot program and soft launch for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). • Regional group including Howard County, Carroll County, Baltimore City and Baltimore County are approved to receive grant monies from the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) to assist with regional efforts in managing behavioral health crisis. Article found here. 	Action Item: Contact Roe if you would like to share/participate in the future sessions of the BH Summit webinar series.
Program Development Committee Updates	Cindy K. reported that the committee meeting on 11/18/20 included discussing the LEAD program which the committee is looking forward to in the future.	

Board Development Committee Updates	Nothing to report	
Strategic Development Committee Updates	Brook reported that the committee is awaiting the FY22 Annual Plan draft in order to review.	
Proposal Review Committee Updates	Mike shared the sample draft of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).	Action Item: Mike will send NOFA to the Board for review.
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	Janet shared that 10 sets of critical indicators for Service Providers, Corrections, Howard County Public Schools, Hospitals, Howard County Police Department and Optum were sent by Jim for the Board to review.	
Chairperson Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet presented a motion to date change a Board meeting date from May 12, 2021 to May 19, 2021 due to religious holiday Eid Ul Fitr. • Janet attended the Sequential Intercept Model Summit 11/17/20. This virtual event brought together behavioral health and criminal justice system stakeholders from across Maryland to explore how the SIM framework can be used to improve outcomes for adults with mental and substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system. The summit may be viewed via YouTube. 	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Action Item: Tia will send new Board meeting dates.</p> <p>Action Item: Janet will share with the Board the documents from summit.</p>
Presentation	<p>Hilari Young, Field Supervisor II for the Division of Parole and Probation in Howard County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of 12 agents and 2 monitors supervise parolees to ensure they are meeting goals and completing recommendations set by the courts, judges and parole commissioner. Office currently has 800 active cases • BH cases are the most challenging to supervise due to lack of resources. Finding housing for the parolees is the biggest issue. • Due to COVID-19, office interaction has been limited to appointment only for most parolees with more serious offenses. Some home visits are still occurring but most appointments are being taken virtually. • BBH can help by notifying them of resources when they are available. A mental health court will also be helpful in the future. 	Action Item: Cindy J. will contact Rick Gibson about a presentation to the Board on Mental Health Courts.
Announcements	Kelly shared that the Howard County Fire Department has a mobile unit, Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH), which provides access to care for community members who are lacking resources. MICH services includes delivering medications and COVID-19 testing. MICH could also serve the community by providing injectables as needed.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm	

Next Meeting Dates: December 9, 2020, January 13, 2021, February 10, 2021