

## Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 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, Hilari Young, Lisa Davis, John Way, Kelly Proctor, Timothy Madden, Jacqueline Scott, Jim Filipczak, Julie Cleveland, Bruce MacDonald, Stephanie Porter

**Excused:** Andre'a Watkins, Orlando Wright, Stephen Foster

**Unexcused:**

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

**Guests:** Andrea King-Wessels for Jack Kavanagh

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting began at 5:01pm. Janet introduced Magistrate Stephanie Porter who will be replacing Judge William Tucker as ex officio from the Circuit Court.	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve Agenda for December 9, 2020	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve November 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Attendance Review</b>	Andre'a, Orlando and Stephen contacted Tia prior to the meeting regarding their absence.	
<b>LBHA Director Updates</b>	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) launched the Harm Reduction/Syringe Service Program (HR/SSP) RV 12/9/20. The RV is located in the Howard County Health Department (HCHD) parking lot (closest to Stanford Blvd) Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm. Peer support, HR Coordinator and nurses on site to assist with services. A press release will be drafted in lieu of the media event being canceled.</li> <li>• Aetna Health and BBH will hold their next <a href="#">BH Summit</a> on 12/16/20 at 12pm. Topic for this summit: The Telehealth Trend: Navigating Healthcare Through Technology</li> <li>• BBH is providing virtual training for the Overdose Response Program (ORP) and delivering Narcan via mail.</li> <li>• BBH is continuing to provide messaging regarding COVID-19 and coping mechanisms through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.</li> <li>• Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for case management. Information on the RFP is available on the HC Purchasing website.</li> </ul>	<p>Action Item: Roe will mention Optum challenges to the Maryland Association for Behavioral Health Authorities for possible traction.</p> <p>Action Item: Tia will send out the Baltimore Sun article on Optum problems.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The administrative service organization, Optum, has been experiencing challenges with providers receiving payments, authorizations and reconciliations. The Board discussed additional problems with Medicaid authorization rules.</li> </ul>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Jacqueline Scott, Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCRS provides human services for vulnerable community members through 9 offices and 10 commissions. The community members do not have to qualify for services on an economic level.</li> <li>• The 9 different offices capture services for all age groups including newly formed offices such as Disability Services and Human Trafficking Prevention.</li> <li>• FY20 budget for DCRS is over \$21 million which supports approximately 170 employees with 100 working at the nonprofit campus and 70 providing services at various community centers.</li> <li>• With increasing diversity in Howard County, DCRS is working to decrease barriers related to providing care. Barriers include but are not limited to: language, income, self sufficiency and lack of knowledge in finding resources.</li> <li>• A challenge DCRS faces is communication with other departments regarding resources and outreach.</li> </ul>	<p>Action Item: Jackie will send her PowerPoint presentation to Tia for distribution to the Board.</p> <p>Action Item: Jim will contact Jackie about identifying critical indicators for behavioral health, e.g. emergency management statistics.</p>
<b>Program Development Committee Updates</b>	Cindy K. reported that the committee meeting on 1/13/21 will include presentations from the prior and current LEAD project managers.	Action Item: Contact Cindy Kirk or Miriam Bennett to attend this meeting.
<b>Board Development Committee Updates</b>	Michele reported that there are 4 vacant Board positions.	Action Item: Janet will follow up with Kim Pruiim regarding the Board vacancy press release.
<b>Strategic Development Committee Updates</b>	Brook reported that the committee is awaiting the FY22 Annual Plan draft in order to review. Draft must be done by 1/13/21 in order for the Board to approve at the 2/10/21 meeting.	
<b>Proposal Review Committee Updates</b>	Mike shared the most recent draft of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The items in question were total funding availability and application due date.	Action Item: There was a motion to set funding amount at \$5,000, application deadline for 1/22/21 and approving NOFA as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
<b>Critical Indicator Committee Updates</b>	Jim would like to create a method to routinely capturing data for the 10 sets of critical indicators.	Action Item: Schedule a committee meeting for a Wednesday evening at 5pm.

<b>Chairperson Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet is working on the Annual Report draft to be presented at the next Board meeting.</li> <li>• Janet attended the Maryland Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health meeting held on 12/8/20.</li> </ul>	
<b>Announcements</b>	None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm	

**Next Meeting Dates: January 13, 2021, February 10, 2021, March 10, 2021**