

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021, 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, Mark Donovan, Hilari Young, Lisa Davis, John Way, Kelly Proctor, Timothy Madden, Julie Cleveland, Bruce MacDonald, Stephanie Porter, Andre’a Watkins, Orlando Wright, Stephen Foster

Excused: Jacqueline Scott, Jim Filipczak, Brook Hubbard

Unexcused: Andrea King-Wessels

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

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began at 5:03pm.	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve Agenda for January 13, 2021	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve December 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Attendance Review	Jacqueline, Jim and Brook were excused from this month’s meeting.	
LBHA Director Updates	<p>Roe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) launched the Harm Reduction/Syringe Service Program (HR/SSP) RV in December 2020. The HR/SSP RV was featured in articles by the Baltimore Sun and POZ print and online publication. • Aetna Health and BBH will hold their next BH Summit on 2/17/21 at 12pm. Topic for this summit: Behavioral Trends in Youth • An intro for the cultural competency videos was sent out on 12/30/20 for review by the Board. Feedback was received and forwarded to BBH staff. • Howard County Health Department (HCHD) is running clinics for the COVID-19 vaccine. The HCHD clinic is currently servicing 1st responder and healthcare professionals in Howard County. Link for information and/or making an appointment can be found here. • Commission to Study Mental & Behavioral Health on 1/19/21 4pm – 6pm. View live stream here. • BBH is creating a list of speakers, panelists, presenters, etc. to speak at various functions/events related to mental and behavioral health. The interest form can be found here. 	<p>Action Item: Roe will forward to the Board copies of the Baltimore Sun and POZ articles.</p> <p>Action Item: Roe will provide to the Board notes from the MIA virtual session.</p> <p>Action Item: Roe and Janet will discuss specifics of having guest presenters at Board meetings.</p> <p>Action Item: Board members will return feedback on <i>Resources for Parent Following Suicide Attempt</i> by 1/19/21.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) held a virtual session on 1/12/21 Understanding How to Access Insurance Coverage for Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Virtual Session for Consumers and Providers. • On 1/11/21 a <i>Resources for Parents Following Suicide Attempt</i> guide was sent to the Board for review. • Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (GBRICS), which is a collective of hospitals, BH health authorities and BH experts, received \$45 million to expand community services for people in crisis. Baltimore City has taken lead on this project. Staff is currently being hired to run programs/services. • Suggestion made to have guest presenters (such as LEAD) to speak at future Board meetings. 	
Presentation	<p>Robert Ehrhardt, Esq – District Public Defender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides legal services to clients with criminal cases who do not have income/resources to do so on their own. • He has worked as a social worker for 20 years and sees his position as a great way to advocate for consumers with behavioral health issues. • The office recommends programs and treatment services vs. the client being incarcerated. • Challenges include being able to maintain contact with BH/MH clients, office/courthouse located in Ellicott City makes it difficult for Columbia clients to get there, COVID-19 has disrupted meeting/appointment routines, having to use virtual platforms to meet with clients takes away from the effectiveness of in-person counseling. • The office is appreciative to have BBH screeners in-house which provide easier access to their services. • LBHA can assist by advocating treatment/rehab vs. jail. This would help to remove the stigma of felony convictions where BH issues are a factor. More employment and housing options for clients would also be helpful. 	
Program Development Committee Updates	<p>Cindy K. reported that committee received a presentation from Justine Muyu and Ben Ferguson from BBH & the LEAD program. Also, Cindy K. will develop meeting agendas for the committee moving forward.</p>	
Board Development Committee Updates	<p>Michele had nothing to report. Janet asked that the Board member roster be edited to reflect that newer members have not quite on-boarded as of yet.</p>	<p>Action Item: Tia will edit roster to reflect that the newer member(s) are in the process of being inducted.</p>
Strategic Development Committee Updates	<p>Janet reported that the committee is currently reviewing the FY22 Annual Plan draft.</p>	

Proposal Review Committee Updates	Mike asked that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) be resent to providers as Roe reported that applications have yet to be received.	Action Item: Tia will send NOFA to providers.
Critical Indicator Committee Updates	The most recent meeting was canceled and is due to be rescheduled soon.	Action Item: A new date needs to be provided so that meeting can be scheduled.
Chairperson Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve committee member appointments – Orlando to the Critical Indicators committee, Kelly to the Program Development committee and Jack to be removed from the Critical Indicators committee. • Janet sent the 2020 LBHA Annual Report to the Board for review. Motion to accept the Annual Report. • There is a meeting to be held on 1/14/21 to clarify Board member appointment terms and if the LBHA was formally approved by the State of Maryland. 	<p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Vote: The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>
Announcements	Kelly reported that Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Management Systems (MIEMMS) & Howard County Fire Department are in the process of creating a system to help with injectables and follow-up visits with client. This information is also being shared with Grassroots for further assistance.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm	

Next Meeting Dates: February 10, 2021, March 10, 2021, April 14, 2021