

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
Virtual GoToMeeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Thomas Gabelman (Chair); Judge John O'Connor (Vice-Chair); Mary Ellen Malas (Secretary); Matthew Curoe; Mark Davis; Gwen DiMeo; Patrick Garry; Regina Moore; Gary Powell; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.

Board Members Absent: Linda McKenzie (Exc.); Mary Oden, Ph.D. (Exc.); Ashlee Young (Exc.)

Staff Members Present: Patrick Tribbe; Erik Stewart, Ph.D.; Anna Dowell; Linda Gallagher; Jenny Heizman; Renee Kopache; Ann Kuhn; Chevelle Sizemore

- I. **Minutes:** A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

- II. **Virtual Meeting Information:**

Consistent with Am. Sub. H.B. 197, this meeting is being held virtually; providers and public can access virtual Board meetings through the HCMHR SB Facebook page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/HCMHR SB/>. Providers can submit questions/comments after the meeting to Sherrie Thomas-Woodside at Sherriet@hcmhrsb.org.

- III. **President's Report:**

- A. COVID-19 Response**

Patrick Tribbe announced Linda McKenzie has been newly appointed to the Board. Sherrie Thomas-Woodside is on medical leave, Chevelle Sizemore will be covering her duties.

HCMHR SB has received two million dollars in CARES Act funding to assist provider agencies with COVID-19 related expenses. Providers are responding well to changes required by COVID-19, having made necessary adjustments in operations to continue to provide services. Providers appreciate the monthly allocations of PPE (personal protective equipment) that allow clients and workers to interact safely.

- B. GOSH System**

Erik Stewart provided an update on the new GOSH System. The transition is on schedule. Remote training with agency staff has occurred. The SHARES system will be decommissioned September 30th and the new GOSH system is expected to be fully operational October 1st.

C. Awareness Initiatives

Linda Gallagher announced September is Recovery month and Suicide Prevention and Awareness month. Hamilton County had 119 suicides in 2019 according to the Coroner's office. Locally we have a 24-hour hotline 281-CARE or TEXT4HOPE for suicide prevention, plus multiple other resources.

D. K through 12 Prevention Initiative

Hamilton County has been awarded \$1M to implement K - 12 Prevention in Hamilton County School Districts and Community Schools. This will be used to provide evidence-based prevention to help children better cope with life stressors and reduce the likelihood of developing substance use disorder, mental illness, or other related illnesses.

IV. Mental Health and Addiction Services Committee:

A. Deferred to Finance

V. Finance Committee:

A. August 2020 Financial Statement:

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

On the revenue side, HCMHR SB received \$444K due to HHIC (Health and Hospital Indigent Care) and FS&T (Family Services and Treatment) Levies, and \$1,037,000 in Block Grant funds.

On the expenditure side, \$6.2 million in payments were made to agencies during the months of July and August. \$5.4 million (95%) were for CY2020 services and \$342K (5%) were for CY2019 services.

B. Action Items:

1. CARES Act Funding

HCMHR SB has received a \$2 million grant from Hamilton County to be used to assist provider agencies in paying for increased expenses caused by, or in response to, the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in each of the following agencies' CY 2020 allocations by the following amounts to assist them in paying for increased expenses caused by, or in response to, the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Beech Acres Parenting Center	\$71,705.00
Central Clinic Outpatient Services	\$197,418.00
Central Community Health Board	\$115,729.00
Cincinnati Union Bethel	\$68,458.00
Shelterhouse DBA Drop Inn Center	\$49,029.05
Excel Development Company, Inc.	\$45,948.00

First Step Home	\$44,080.00
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	\$277,741.71
IKRON	\$204,362.87
Recovery Center of Hamilton County	\$7,080.00
St Aloysius	\$56,500.00
Talbert House	\$498,500.00
Tender Mercies	\$61,125.00
The Crossroads Center	\$36,121.00
Total	\$1,733,797.63

100% of this project will be funded by Hamilton County as part of their CARES Act Plan.

Motion Approved

2. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)

HCMHR SB has been awarded an additional \$33,500 in funding for SFY 2021 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) with the goal of increasing the number of individuals in Hamilton County Drug Court receiving addiction treatment and recovery supports.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$33,500 to Talbert House covering the period of July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

3. Emergency Crisis Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded \$21,664.48 from OhioMHAS to provide crisis services to individuals who have a severe mental illness or SUD, individuals who are not diagnosed with a severe mental illness, and healthcare workers who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in funding to the following agencies covering the period through December 2020.

Central Community Health Board - \$14,634
 Mobile Crisis Team/Central Clinic - \$ 7,030.48
 Total increase = \$21,664.48

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

4. K-12 Prevention Grant

HCMHRBSB was awarded \$1,073,147 by OhioMHAS for Prevention services in K - 12 in Hamilton County School Districts and Community Schools. This one-time grant will be used to provide evidence-based prevention programming in efforts to help children build resiliency to better cope with life stressors and reduce the likelihood of developing substance use disorders, mental illness, or other related illnesses.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$1,073,147 for the following agencies:

Agency	Allocation
Beech Acres Parenting Center	\$13,338.00
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	\$372,406.50
Children's Home	\$59,934.00
Prevention First!	\$52,891.00
St. Joseph Orphanage	\$8,349.50
Talbert House	\$29,654.50
Total	\$536,573.50

The funding period is July 30, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

5. Special Docket Funds

HCMHRBSB was awarded \$100,864 in additional funding for SFY 2021 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to assist Specialized Dockets certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to serve clients in the community through the provision of treatment and recovery support services.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$63,364 for Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health and \$37,500 for Central Clinic covering the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

VI. Other:

- A.** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Judge John O'Connor
Vice-Chair