

## HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

### Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Virtual GoToMeeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021

#### I. Call to Order:

A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:30 a.m.

#### B. Virtual Meeting Information:

Consistent with Am. Sub. H.B. 197 and H.B. 404, this meeting was 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 and public can submit questions/comments after the meeting to Chevelle Sizemore at [chevelles@hcmhrsb.org](mailto:chevelles@hcmhrsb.org).

#### II. Attendance:

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

B. Board Members Absent: Regina Moore

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

#### III. Approval of Minutes:

A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Motion Approved**

#### IV. Education Report:

Mark Davis presented on the topic of Addressing Questions About Medical Marijuana Use. This presentation provided research based information in relation to key questions about medical marijuana use. Learning objectives included: Identifying the differences between Marijuana THC and Marijuana CBD, describing how research studies are contradictory on the effects of medical marijuana use, recognizing the published positions of professional associations on the medical use of marijuana, and identifying the legal positions of US states and Federal government regarding medical and recreational use of marijuana.

#### V. Presidents Report:

## **A. Announcements**

Fortunately, using funding from the CARES Act the EMA (Emergency Management Agency) was able to provide PPE (personal protective equipment) to our providers throughout 2020. However, CARES Act funding was required to be spent by December 2020 causing concerns that there would be no funding left for the purchase of PPE in 2021. HCMHR SB is aware that the EMA has some remaining items (e.g., masks, vinyl gloves, gowns, and face coverings), and the Board will continue to utilize this resource, but it is uncertain what happens when the stock is depleted. Providers continue to struggle to find disinfectant and cleaning supplies. The Board has received sporadic supplies from OhioMHAS which has also helped to fill needs. Talbert House has assisted in picking up and distributing truckloads of PPE from the local EMA and from OhioMHAS in Columbus. The Board greatly appreciates their efforts. The Board is hopeful that legislation will soon be passed that will free up funding for more PPE.

## **B. Awareness Initiatives**

HCMHR SB is excited about some upcoming projects that will enhance, sustain, and support the recovery-oriented system of care in our community. Projects will be funded by the State Opioid Response 2.0 (SOR 2.0) and SOR No Cost Extension (NCE). SOR 2.0 funding can be used in treating clients who not only have an opiate use disorder but may also have a stimulant use disorder. While NCE funding still only covers clients with an opiate use disorder, we will be able to use this funding to sustain, support, and grow critical core services, such as use of evidence-based prevention and treatment services, our 20-bed engagement center, and peer services. NCE will also help to expand core services including medication-assisted treatment, outreach engagement and messaging to underserved and minority populations.

## **VI. Finance Committee:**

### **A. Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period**

Revenue: Federal Grants increased by \$2.7 million. Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$1 million.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$3.5 million during the month of January, \$164K million (5%) were for CY 2021 services and \$3.3 million (95%) were for CY 2020.

### **A. Action Items**

#### **1. State Opiate Response (SOR) 2.0 and NCE**

HCMHR SB has received \$3,185,980.71 from OhioMHAS from the State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 grant. OhioMHAS also authorized \$3,146,970 in No Cost Extension (NCE) grant funds.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase totaling \$4,507,823.13 to the following agencies for the budget period through September 29, 2021.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>SOR 2.0</b>	<b>NCE/High Risk Family/Minority Communities</b>	<b>Workforce BH</b>	<b>ADAS Funding</b>	<b>Total</b>
Addiction Services Council	\$149,084.17		\$31,444.08		\$180,528.25
Center for Addictions Treatment	\$333,066.48	\$226,182.28			\$559,248.76
Central Clinic- MHAP	\$19,511.87				\$19,511.87
Central Community Health Board	\$151,407.78	\$91,665.20			\$243,072.98
CCHMC Drug and Poison Information Center			\$31,189.66		\$31,189.66
The Crossroads Center	\$154,894.74				\$154,894.74
First Step Home	\$500,017.21	\$234,410.57			\$734,427.78
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health PreventionFIRST!	\$194,769.15 \$61,348.39	\$79,809.91			\$274,579.06 \$61,348.39
Talbert House	\$1,118,880.92	\$168,144.14	\$71,582.00	\$5,825.00	\$1,364,432.06
UMADAOP	\$503,000.00	\$356,587.58	\$25,000.00		\$884,587.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,185,980.71</b>	<b>\$1,156,799.68</b>	<b>\$159,215.74</b>	<b>\$5,825.00</b>	<b>\$4,507,821.13</b>

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from the State Opioid Response 2.0 grant award, NCE funding from OhioMHAS and \$5,825 from the HCMHR SB.

**Motion Approved**

**2. State Opioid Response 60-day Extension**

HCMHR SB has been allocated an additional \$179,446.33 from OhioMHAS from the State Opioid Response (SOR) 1.0 No Cost Extension (NCE) grant.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase totaling \$179,466.33 to the following agencies for the budget period October 1, through November 30, 2020.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total</b>
Addiction Services Council	\$5,280.21
CAT	\$31,180.18
First Step Home	\$83,623.73
GCBH	\$8,000.19
Talbert House	\$51,362.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$179,446.33</b>

100% of this project will be funded from the state Opioid Response 1.0 grant award 60-day extension for local project.

**Motion Approved**

**VII. Other:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Gabelman  
Chair

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Judge John O'Connor  
Vice-Chair