

## HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

### Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Virtual GoToMeeting

Thursday, April 15, 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 Denise Garrett at [deniseg@hcmhrsb.org](mailto:deniseg@hcmhrsb.org).

#### II. Attendance:

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

B. Board Members Absent: Mark Davis (Exc.); Linda McKenzie (Exc.); Gary Powell (Exc.)

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

#### III. Approval of Minutes:

A. A motion was made (Steinberg) to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Motion Approved**

#### IV. President's Report:

##### A. CARES Funding

MHR SB has been reliant on CARES funding provided by the HCBOCC to access PPE for the public behavioral healthcare system. CARES funding ended in December 2020 and it is now uncertain how to continue to acquire PPE for the system. Provider staff members continue to work in residential settings and make critical in person contact so there is still a need for PPE. Special thanks to Talbert House for picking up and distributing literally truckloads of PPE on behalf of the system.

Additional funding related to the pandemic is expected in 2021 although the amount and date are still uncertain. MHR SB is putting together an appeal for the HCBOCC to request funds to address current challenges in service capabilities, crisis services, and housing.

**B. National Alcohol Awareness Month**

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month. Alcohol is the most used substance by youth and adults in the United States and the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. While alcohol use is extremely prevalent, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, drinking by 12 - 17-year-olds decreased from 17.6% in 2002 to 9.4% in 2019. All the work providers do every day, has made an impact on youth alcohol abuse and use.

**C. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

Saturday, April 24, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This was started some years ago to build awareness about cleaning out medicine cabinets and to provide a safe place to go to drop off unused prescriptions. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives. You can go to [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov) and type in your zip code to find a drop off.

**VI. Finance Committee:**

**A. April 2021 Financial Statements**

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: State General Revenue Funds increased by \$682K. Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$890K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$5.4 million in payments to agencies during the month of March; \$3.4M (63%) were for CY 2021 and \$2M (37%) were for CY 2020.

**B. Action Items**

**1. CY 2020 Outcomes Performance Incentive Program (OPIP)**

The HCMHRSB wishes to ensure that the best, most efficacious treatment practices are made available to those consumers who rely upon HCMHRSB-funded services. Outcomes data resources are available to allow analyses that can determine consumer progress in treatment. Use of this data in an incentive program encourages agencies to implement those practices evidenced to be most effective in facilitating consumer progress toward recovery.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in each agency's CY 2020 allocation by the following amounts for meeting all of the criteria necessary to receive the OPIP:

Beech Acres Parenting Center	\$ 2,489
Central Clinic	\$ 7,370
Central Community Health Board	\$ 15,332
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$ 156,146
IKRON	\$ 11,344
Lighthouse	\$ 1,219
Pressley Ridge	\$ 385
St. Joseph Orphanage	\$ 24,812
Talbert House	\$ 82,156
The Crossroads Center	\$ 4,153
The Recovery Center	\$ 1,940
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 307,346</u>

The HCMHR SB's MH Levy will be the Source of Funds for the OPIP.

**Motion Approved**

## **2. Indigent Patient Placement Program**

HCMHR SB has received \$50,000 from OhioMHAS for indigent patient care at local hospitals.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$50,000 to Central Clinic MHAP to be used for the Indigent Patient Placement program beginning April 5, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

**Motion Approved**

## **3. Mobile Crisis Team Enhancements**

HCMHR SB received \$234,706 from OhioMHAS to fund Infrastructure enhancements for crisis services throughout Hamilton County.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$234,706 to Central Clinic Outpatient Services to be used for the Mobile Crisis Team through December 2021.

This allocation increase will be funded by OhioMHAS and Mental Health Levy funds.

**Motion Approved**

#### **4. Mobile Crisis Team Expansion**

HCMHR SB has signed an agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of expanding Mobile Crisis Services. The City of Cincinnati will fund HCMHR SB \$403,904 to support an expansion of services during calendar years 2021 and 2022.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$204,704 to Central Clinic Outpatient Services to be used for the Mobile Crisis Team expansion through December 2021.

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from the City of Cincinnati.

**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