

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 17, 2022

I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:35 a.m.

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; Gary Powell; Ashlee Young
- B. Board Members Absent: Patrick Garry (Exc.); Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D. (Exc.); Christine Wilder, M.D. (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: Patrick Tribbe; Erik Stewart, Ph.D.; Anna Dowell; Linda Gallagher; Denise Garrett; LaNora Godfrey; Jenny Heizman; Ann Briccio

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC)

Board staff have begun the levy review process with the TLRC. The first meeting was February 7 for the Mental Health Levy, and February 14 for the Health and Hospitalization Indigent Care Levy (HHIC). The review process will last for several months with recommendations coming in late May. The group conducting the review for the Mental Health Levy is Health Management Associates, who reviewed the Board in the 2017 levy process. Board staff provided a presentation shared with the TLRC on February 7 related to the status of that levy. That presentation detailed the populations served, key collaborative partners involved locally, mental health revenues by source of funds, expenditures by category, forecasted critical service needs and a proposed 5-year plan.

B. Two Local Projects Receive OhioMHAS Funding

Bethany House Services has received OhioMHAS capital funding of \$650,000 to support the construction of a new 54,071 square foot emergency shelter. This new family homeless shelter and comprehensive services center will have 43 individual bedrooms to house over 1,100 families each year while offering supportive services. The shelter's new home will be at 4769 Reading Road in Roselawn.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will receive \$10M in State ARPA funds to replace their current College Hill facility with a new facility that will include their current MH inpatient/residential care and outpatient services. The expansion will also house a specialized partial hospitalization program and severe BH day treatment program to address the needs of children and adolescents in our region.

C. Hamilton County Commissioners Recognize Local Trailblazers

This month, the Hamilton County Commissioners honored local leaders who have dedicated their lives towards the improvement of our community. Each were presented a Proclamation at the BOCC last week recognizing their contributions to the citizens of Hamilton County.

February 11, 2022 was declared Carolyn Jones Day in honor of Carolyn's contributions and dedication towards improving mental health services for the children and youth of Hamilton County. Carolyn retired from HCMHR SB after 40 years of service in both the private and public sector.

February 17, 2022 was declared Margo Spence Day in honor of her service to the community as a licensed social worker, chemical dependency counselor, and as President and CEO of First Step Home. Margo has held various leadership roles in local and state organizations in support of advancing mental health care and supporting social services in the community.

February 18, 2022 was declared Jamahal C. Boyd, Sr. Day in honor of his dedication to providing addiction treatment services to underserved populations with a focus on diversity and inclusion. Jamahal is the CEO of The Crossroads Center, an award-winning mental health and substance use disorder treatment agency serving Cincinnati.

Dave Logan was acknowledged for his years of service as CEO at Prospect House. Dave retired on February 15, 2022.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A. Margo Spence thanked the Board for everything they do and expressed her appreciation for her recognition.

VI. Finance Committee:

A. January 2022 Financial Statements

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$1.7M.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$3.6M in payments to agencies during the month of January; \$3.5M (99%) were for CY 2022 and \$35K (1%) were for CY 2021.

B. Action Items

1. Alcohol Use Disorder Grant

HCMHR SB has been awarded \$302,596 from OhioMHAS to enhance and expand innovative approaches to treating individuals with an Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD).

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase for the following agencies covering the period 1/21/2021 through 3/14/2023.

Agency	Total
The Crossroads Center	\$45,000
First Step Home	\$25,000
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	\$58,111
Talbert House	\$174,485
Total	\$302,596

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

2. Collective Impact Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded \$20,000 from Ohio University to provide Prevention and Mental Health promotion within underserved communities.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$20,000 to PreventionFIRST! for Phase 1 and Phase 2 funding covering the period December, 2021 through September, 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by Ohio University.

Motion Approved

3. HEALing Communities Study Grant

HCMHR SB is the fiscal agent for several strategies of the Ohio HEALing Communities Study Grant in Hamilton County. Funding in the amount of \$76,780 has been approved to support two pilot projects that will provide outreach and connection to medication-assisted treatment for high-risk populations.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$76,780 to Addiction Services Council for funding covering the period through June 30, 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by the HEALing Communities Study Grant.

Motion Approved

4. Indigent Patient Placement Program

HCMHR SB has received an additional \$75,000 from OhioMHAS for indigent patient care at local hospitals.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$75,000 to Central Clinic MHAP to be used for the Indigent Patient Placement program beginning January 16, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

Motion Approved

5. OCJS Grant

HCMHRSB was awarded \$150,000 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to provide peer coaches to engage and support the re-entry of individuals currently incarcerated in a jail-based treatment program.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$150,000 for Talbert House covering the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

6. SFY 2020 Treatment (Tx) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments

Claims for SFY 2020 services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies which produced more services than their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2020 totaling \$273,909 to the following agencies:

Agency	SFY 2020 Tx-MFS Allocation	Proposed Increase	Proposed Increase %
Crossroads Center	\$308,892	\$144,511	46.78%
First Step Home	62,967	29,458	46.78%
Prospect House	367,370	99,940	27.20%
Total	\$739,229	\$273,909	

The funding source is unspent SFY 2020 Tx-MFS.

Motion Approved

7. SFY 2020 Prevention (Prev) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments

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The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2020 totaling \$93,480 to the following agencies:

Agency	SFY 2020 Prev-MFS Allocation	Proposed Increase	Proposed Increase %
Crossroads Center	195,482	69,756	35.68%
Drug & Poison Information Center	222,962	15,286	6.86%
GLAD House	23,646	8,438	35.68%
Total	\$442,090	\$93,480	

The funding source is unspent SFY 2020 Prev - MFS funding.

Motion Approved

8. SFY 2020 Problem Gambling & Addictions Treatment Allocation Adjustments

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The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the agency allocation for SFY 2020 totaling \$57,197 to the following agencies:

Agency	SFY 2020 PG&A Treatment Allocation	Proposed Increase	Proposed Increase %
Crossroads Center	\$11,699	\$47,262	403.99%
First Step Home	11,699	9,867	84.64%
Prospect House	11,699	68	.59%
Total	\$35,097	\$57,197	

The funding source is unspent SFY 2020 PG&A Treatment funding.

Motion Approved

9. SFY 2020 Problem Gambling & Addictions Prevention Allocation Adjustments

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The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2020 totaling \$105,393 to the following agencies:

Agency	SFY 2020 PG&A Prevention Allocation	Proposed Increase	Proposed Increase %
Crossroads	\$ 26,323	\$ 67,015	254.59%
Glad House		38,378	100.00%
Total	\$ 26,323	\$ 105,393	


The funding source is unspent SFY 2020 PG&A Prevention funding.

Motion Approved

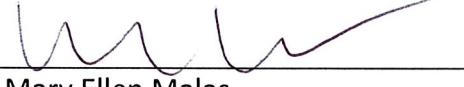
VII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Gabelman
Chair



Mary Ellen Malas
Secretary