

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 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); Matthew Curoe; Mark Davis; Gwen DiMeo; Linda McKenzie; Gary Powell; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.; Ashlee Young
- B. Board Members Absent: Mary Ellen Malas (Secretary) (Exc.); Patrick Garry (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 February 17, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. Mental Health Levy & HICC Levy

Board staff continue to provide background materials to the two separate sets of consultants that are performing the reviews for the levies. The reviews are in an early stage with recommendations set for late Spring ending with final reports due to the Tax Levy Review Committee in late May. Commissioners will have until early August to make a decision about the millage and any potential increases. A presentation regarding the findings from the Board's recent needs assessment was provided to the Trustees.

B. March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

According to Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG), problem gamblers are three times as likely to develop a dependency on alcohol or drugs, twice as likely to experience mood disorders (like depression), and 32 percent of individuals struggling with problem gambling consider suicide. Get Set Before You Bet is Ohio's nationally recognized prevention and awareness campaign. HCMHRSB funds prevention providers to share this message and funds treatment providers to screen for and address problem gambling.

If someone you know needs help, please call the Ohio Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-589-9966 or contact Recovery Health Access Center (RHAC) at 513-281-7422.

C. PSH and BH Program Expansion Funded with OhioMHAS Capital

Tender Mercies, Inc. will receive \$750,000 in OhioMHAS Capital funding in support of the Slater Hall project that will provide 62 efficiency units to the agency's housing portfolio. Slater Hall, located in Cincinnati's West End, will provide permanent housing with supportive services on-site for formerly homeless adults with histories of severe mental illness. The new construction will offer common lounge/dining room, 24/7 front door staff, secured building entrances and support service offices.

The Children's Home of Cincinnati (Best Point Educational & BH) will receive OhioMHAS earmark capital in the amount of \$934,000 to support renovation of the Sheakley Day Treatment Center. When complete the Sheakley Center will hold nine state-of-the-art classrooms as well as two comfort rooms, a conference room, a meeting/playroom and space for teachers and BH professionals to plan lessons and confer with parents. The center will serve children ages 3-12, families, and transition-age youth ages 13-22.

D. BH Agencies Integration Nets 350 Years of Dedication to Children

This past month St. Aloysius Orphanage and The Children's Home of Cincinnati integrated their organizations into Best Point Education & Behavioral Health to provide over thirty campus and community-based programs specializing in educational, behavioral, therapeutic and autism services for at-risk youth and their families.

- E. Mr. Tribbe congratulated Ashlee Young on her new position as Vice President, Policy and Engagement, at Interact for Health. Ms. Young will assume her new position effective April 4, 2022.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A. None

VI. Finance Committee:

A. February 2022 Financial Statements

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$1M.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$3.6M during the month of February; \$1.3M (35.7%) were for CY 2022 and \$2.3M (64.3%) were for CY 2021.

B. Action Items

1. 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 \$73,084 has been approved to support two projects providing outreach and connection to medication-assisted treatment for high-risk populations.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$62,084 to Talbert House, the fiscal agent for the AAEW, and an additional \$11,000 for the Addiction Services Council covering the period through June 30, 2022.

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

Motion Approved

2. COVID Mitigation Funds

HCMHR SB has received one-time block grant COVID Mitigation funding from OhioMHAS.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase to the following agencies:

Addiction Services Council	\$5,000.00
Beech Acres Parenting Center	\$5,000.00
Camelot Community Care	\$5,000.00
Center for Addictions Treatment	\$15,885.24
Central Community Health Board	\$15,885.25
Central Clinic	\$5,000.00
Cincinnati Union Bethel	\$5,000.00
The Crossroads Center	\$15,885.25
Excel Development	\$12,063.87
First Step Home	\$15,885.24
Freestore Foodbank	\$5,000.00
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral	\$12,063.87
GLAD House	\$5,000.00
IKRON	\$5,000.00
Lighthouse Youth and Family Services	\$12,063.87
New Path	\$12,063.87
PreventionFIRST!	\$5,000.00
Prospect House	\$15,885.25
Recovery Center	\$5,000.00
Salvation Army	\$12,063.87
Shelterhouse	\$15,885.25

St. Aloysius	\$5,000.00
Talbert House	\$15,885.24
Tender Mercies	\$12,063.87
UMADAOP	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$243,579.94

100% of these allocation increases will be funded from OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

3. ADAPT funding

The Alcohol & Drug Addiction Partnership for Treatment (ADAPT) program has been operated collaboratively by Talbert House and Central Community Health Board (CCHB) serving and referring participants to community providers for substance use disorder treatment. Talbert House and CCHB decided to dissolve the partnership effective December 31, 2021.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase to the CCHB CY 2022 contract in the amount of \$183,810.

100% of this project will be funded by FS&T Levy funds previously allocated within agency contracts.

Motion Approved

4. Psychotropic Drug Reimbursement Program

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) established a psychotropic drug reimbursement program to provide reimbursement to counties for the cost of psychotropic drugs that are dispensed to inmates of county jails in Ohio. OhioMHAS has allocated funding to the HCMHR SB to reimburse the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase to the Hamilton County Sheriff's SFY 2022 contract for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$60,409.00.

OhioMHAS will fund 100% of the allocation.

Motion Approved

VII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Judge John O'Connor
Vice Chair