

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, April 21, 2022

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Attendance:

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. Education Report

- A. Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D., discussed psychotic symptoms which occur in a subset of heavy amphetamine users. Discussion included the nature of the symptoms presented and the epidemiology of the disorder, the phenomenon of psychosis persisting after the discontinuation of amphetamine use, and the role of amphetamines in triggering unexpressed psychotic disorders.

V. President's Report:

A. Mental Health Levy and Health & Hospitalization Indigent Care (HHIC) Levy

Board staff continue to work with HMA, the Mental Health Levy consultants, and PCG, the HHIC Levy consultants. Final reports with recommendations should be sent to the Tax Levy Review Committee by the end of May. Public hearings will follow with the commissioners setting final rates by early August.

B. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding

Hamilton County Administration has released information regarding planned use of available ARP funding. Eight million dollars have been set aside for strengthening mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse programs. Funding has been earmarked for the following needs:

1. Expand Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) services to be 24/7 countywide (\$5M).

2. Initiate a dedicated marketing campaign to help reduce stigma (\$1M).
3. Leverage and expand programs that build resiliency in youth (\$2M).

No deadlines have been set for distribution of this funding.

C. April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Established in 1987, Alcohol Awareness Month is a health awareness campaign that was formerly sponsored by the National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD). It takes place every April with the aim of raising awareness for communities and to help understand the causes and treatment available for one of the nation's biggest health issues. The campaign also aims to reduce the social stigma associated with alcoholism and to educate people on how the disease can be addressed, offering help and advice for families as well as direct engagement with those affected by alcohol addiction.

Alcohol addiction and abuse claims thousands of lives across the country each year. Some notable statistics on alcohol addiction include:

- More than 65 million Americans report binge drinking or heavy drinking in a one-month period, which is more than 40 percent of those who drink alcohol.
- In 2019, there were 10,142 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, totaling 28 percent of all traffic fatalities for the year.
- Teen alcohol use kills 4,300 people each year, more than all illegal drugs combined.

If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol or other drug use, call the Ohio CareLine at 1.800.720.9616 to be connected to resources in your community, access the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword 4HOPE to 741 741, or visit findtreatment.gov.

D. Prescription Drug Take-Back Day – April 30

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will host its next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 30 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. Click DEATakeback.com to download a promotional toolkit and for a searchable list of collection sites.

E. OhioRISE announces Care Management Entities for Hamilton County

The Ohio Department of Medicaid, along with Aetna Better Health of Ohio, announced Lighthouse Youth & Family Services was chosen as a Care Management Entity (CME) awardee for the new managed care program, OhioRISE. LYFS will serve the central and western parts of Hamilton County. Cincinnati Children's Hospital's Healthvine will serve as the CME for the eastern half of Hamilton County.

OhioRISE CMEs will serve as the providers delivering wraparound care coordination for children and youth enrolled in OhioRISE who have the most complex behavioral health needs. Other provider partners that will play a critical role in delivering care coordination and providing treatment services to support young people and families include several local agencies that are a part of the Child & Family Health Collaborative of Ohio, including, The Children’s Home of Cincinnati, NewPath Child and Family Solutions, Pressley Ridge and Talbert House.

VI. Opportunity for Public Comments

A. None

VII. Finance Committee:

A. March 2022 Financial Statements

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$706K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$6M during the month of March; \$4M (67.2%) were for CY 2022 and \$2M (32.8%) were for CY 2021.

B. Action Items

1. CY 2021 Outcomes Performance Incentive Program

The HCMHR SB wishes to ensure that the best, most efficacious treatment practices are made available to those consumers who rely upon HCMHR SB-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 2021 allocation by the following amounts for meeting the criteria necessary to receive the OPIP:

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| Beech Acres Parenting Center | \$ 2,069 |
| Central Clinic | \$ 8,267 |
| Central Community Health Board | \$ 11,378 |
| Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health | \$ 159,602 |
| IKRON | \$ 11,714 |
| Lighthouse | \$ 467 |
| Pressley Ridge | \$ 930 |
| SJO Kids | \$ 4,914 |
| Talbert House | \$ 97,334 |
| The Crossroads Center | \$ 1,462 |
| The Recovery Center | \$ 1,864 |
| Total | \$ 300,001 |

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

Motion Approved

2. BH Wellness School Coordinator

HCMHR SB was awarded funding from OhioMHAS to build capacity in school staff who can assist in improving access and availability of evidence-based behavioral health promotion, prevention and early intervention practices as well as coordinate efforts to plan, implement, and sustain a student assistance program and staff wellness framework.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase for the following agencies covering the period 4/1/2022 through 6/30/2022.

| Agency | Allocation |
|---|------------|
| Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services | \$85,000 |
| PreventionFIRST! | \$59,000 |
| Total | \$144,000 |

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

3. Mobile Response Stabilization Service

HCMHR SB was awarded \$350,000 from Aetna to plan for implementation of the Mobilization Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS) in Hamilton County.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$350,000 to Talbert House covering the period 4/1/2022 through 6/30/2022.

100% of this project will be funded by Aetna.

Motion Approved

4. CY 2021 FAIR Redistribution

Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services (HCJFS) and the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (HCMHR SB) developed the Family Access to Integrated Recovery (FAIR) program to provide integrated behavioral health access and care management for shared core customers in need of mental health and substance abuse services. Over the past several years, referrals to the FAIR project have exhibited increased clinical needs necessitating additional services and supports.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$21,483.77 to Central Clinic/MHAP for the period through December 2021.

100% of this project will be funded from the FAIR budget.

Motion Approved

5. HOPE Services Managed by HCDJFS Redistribution

The Multi-County Systems Agency (MCSA) is a collaboration of Hamilton County entities including the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), Juvenile Court (JC), Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHR SB). The MCSA coordinates efforts to better serve youth and families with complex needs and has historically contracted with a lead Care Coordination Agency (CCA) to develop, manage, and pay for their services. JFS is the fiscal agent for the out-of-home care services for this project.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$151,100.46 for HOPE Services Managed by JFS for CY 2021.

The source of funds is the Mental Health Levy.

Motion Approved

VIII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judge John O'Connor
Vice Chair

Mary Ellen Malas
Secretary