

## HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

### Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, May 19, 2022

#### I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:40 a.m.

#### II. Attendance:

- A. Board Members Present: Thomas Gableman (Chair); Judge John O'Connor (Vice-Chair); Mark Davis; Gwen DiMeo; Patrick Garry; Gary Powell; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.; Ashlee Young
- B. Board Members Absent: Matt Curoe (Exc.); Mary Ellen Malas (Exc.); Linda McKenzie (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: Erik Stewart, Ph.D.; Anna Dowell; Linda Gallagher; Denise Garrett; LaNora Godfrey; Ann Briccio

#### III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Motion Approved**

#### IV. Education Report

- A. Christine Wilder gave a presentation on slot machines and how behavioral manipulation is used in slot machines to accelerate addictive behavior.

#### V. President's Report:

##### A. Update on Proposed November Levies

Reports developed by PCG (HHIC levy) and HMA (mental health levy) were due to the Tax Levy Review Committee this past Monday, May 16. PCG will be conducting a presentation of their work on Tuesday of next week to the TLRC while HMA will provide their presentation on Wednesday. Board staff along with representatives from agencies and Mental Health Works met with the editorial board of the Cincinnati Enquirer this week to share information and discuss the mental health levy.

##### B. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. Mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental disorders and live full and productive lives.

Also, May 5 was recognized as National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day, which provides an opportunity for communities across the United States to highlight emerging issues impacting the mental health of children and the resources available to address these issues. This year, JOURNEY to Successful Living and 1N5, a non-profit that serves to increase awareness and education about mental health in teens and adults, partnered together to raise awareness of the importance of mental health.

Vice Mayor, Jan Michelle-Kearney presented a Proclamation on May 5, at the HCMHR SB. Later that same day JOURNEY staff, 1N5, and a transition-aged youth in the JOURNEY program, attended the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners meeting where HCMHR SB was presented with a Proclamation for Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day.

**C. #askmewhoiam Conference on Youth Culture**

The #askmewhoiam Conference on Youth Culture brings together youth, and people invested in youth, to promote a better understanding of youth culture, specifically as it relates to transition-age youth and young adults with mental health challenges. This event will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Schiff Family Conference Center at Xavier University. This year’s theme is Reflect, Reimagine and Recharge. Keynote speakers include Frank King, The Mental Health Comedian and suicide prevention speaker and trainer, Nyla Barnes, Youth Speaker and Author of the book “Hi & Bye,” Dr. Ebony Butler, developer of My Therapy Cards, and a student at Walnut Hills High School. For more information or to register contact Evelyn Sears at HCMHR SB.

**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%) was for CY 2022 services and \$2M (32.8%) was for CY 2021 services.

**B. Action Items**

**1. Excel Housing Services**

U.S. rental housing costs continue to exhibit steep year-over-year growth resulting in limited access to affordable housing in Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati for individuals served by the community mental health housing continuum.

Approximately 8-10 individuals in need of housing each month remain on hold until the opportunity for housing is afforded.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$800,000 to Excel Development for additional HAP subsidy certificates in support of housing individuals/families through December 2022.

100% of this increase will be funded by the Mental Health Levy.

**Motion Approved**

## **2. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)**

HCMHR SB received notice from OhioMHAS that dockets adhering to the Drug Court Model could be considered Drug Courts and thus are eligible for Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funds. The Changing Habits and Setting New Goals is Empowering (CHANGE) Court is now eligible for ATP funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$20,000 to Talbert House covering the period April 1, 2022, through June 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

**Motion Approved**

## **3. Community Transition Program Funding Adjustments (CTP)**

HCMHR SB has received additional funds to support the Community Transition Program (CTP), to be used to provide treatment and recovery supports for clients with a substance use disorder (SUD) and/or severe mental illness (SMI) who are released from a criminal justice institution.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase to the following agencies for funding covering the period through June 30, 2022.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>
Addiction Services Council	\$55,500
Central Clinic MHAP	\$12,500
Central Community Health Board	\$7,500
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$50,000
Talbert House SUD	40,000
Talbert House MH	\$9,000
UMADAOP	\$5,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

**Motion Approved**

## **4. K – 12 Prevention Grant**

HCMHR SB was awarded funding by OhioMHAS for Prevention services in grades K – 12 in Hamilton County School Districts and community schools in 2020. These one-time grant funds were used to provide evidence-based prevention programming in an effort to help children build resiliency to better cope with life stressors and reduce

the likelihood of developing substance use disorders, mental illness, or other related illnesses.

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

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Central Clinic	\$20,000
Children’s Home / Bestpoint	\$9,350
PreventionFIRST!	\$60,000
Talbert House	\$29,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,550</b>

The funding period began July 30, 2020 and continues through December 31, 2022.

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

**Motion Approved**

**5. State Opiate Response (SOR) 2.0**

HCMHR SB has received \$1,029,376.50 from OhioMHAS carryover funding from year one of the State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 grant. These funds will be used to continue the projects initiated last year in the Recovery Oriented System of Care in Hamilton County through contracts with ten local behavioral healthcare providers.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase totaling \$1,029,376.50 to the following agencies for the budget period beginning January 2022 through September 29, 2022.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>SOR 2.0</b>
Addiction Services Council	\$28,910.00
Center for Addictions Treatment	\$204,520.86
Central Clinic-MHAP	\$44,861.00
Central Community Health Board	\$57,000.00
The Crossroads Center	\$173,962.44
First Step Home	\$133,859.51
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$40,000.00
Talbert House	\$168,705.69
UMADAOP	\$177,557.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,029,376.50</b>

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from the State Opioid Response 2.0 grant from OhioMHAS.

**Motion Approved**

**VIII. 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