

## HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

### Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, August 18, 2022

#### I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:33 a.m.

#### II. Attendance:

- A. Board Members Present: Thomas Gabelman (Chair); Mary Ellen Malas (Secretary); Matt Curoe; Gwen DiMeo; Sandra Driggins-Smith; Patrick Garry; Gary Powell; Linda McKenzie; Ashlee Young
- B. Board Members Absent: Traci Henry (Exc.); Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D. (Exc.); Christine Wilder, M.D. (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: Erik Stewart, Ph.D.; Ann Briccio; Anna Dowell; Linda Gallagher; LaNora Godfrey; Jenny Heizman, Chevelle Sizemore

#### III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Motion Approved**

#### IV. President's Report:

##### A. Mental Health Levy Resolution Passed

On August 9, the Hamilton County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution allowing the placement of a renewal of the existing mental health levy (2.99 mills) with an increase (0.38 mills) on the ballot for the upcoming election on November 8, 2022. The levy would total 3.37 mills for five calendar years, 2023 through 2027.

##### B. Annual Meeting

The HCMHRSB annual meeting and awards presentation will be held on Friday, September 9, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Registration and reception begin at 11:30 and the program and lunch begin at noon. Our keynote speaker this year will be Hamilton County's commission president, Stephanie Summerow Dumas, and the theme will be Succeeding Together.

##### C. Unused OhioMHAS SFY 21-22 Capital Funding Coming to Hamilton County

Periodically, unused state capital funding from a previous biennium may become available to counties that submit multiple projects for funding during the period. OhioMHAS has extended an opportunity to fund additional projects in Hamilton County with SFY 2021-22 Community Capital and Youth Resiliency Funding. Excel Development Corporation will receive \$750,000 in Community Capital funding in

support of its permanent supportive housing project. Excel is in the process of renovating two properties that will offer eighteen single occupancy apartments to individuals with SPMI that are homeless or housing insecure. The project will revitalize two buildings in the Camp Washington neighborhood in Cincinnati.

NewPath Child and Family Solutions has been awarded \$750,000 in Youth Resiliency funding to support the purchase and renovation of a building to house 30 single occupancy apartments. The project will house transition-age youth in a complex that will include an onsite staff office to assist youth with independent living and life skills.

#### **D. Overdose Awareness Day**

Ohio's second annual Overdose Awareness Day will be August 31, 2022, providing us with an important opportunity to remember loved ones lost to the drug epidemic and to raise awareness of state and local efforts to fight addiction.

In support of Ohio Overdose Awareness Day and September's Recovery Month, OhioMHAS is providing up to \$12,000 to each ADAMH board to support the implementation of local activities or events in collaboration with local partners. This effort is being funded from the State Opioid Response 2.0 grant.

HCMHRBSB is partnering with multiple agencies to fund several educational videos using Hamilton County Peer Recovery coaches. Messaging will focus on awareness resources, with an emphasis on naloxone access, counterfeit pill education, and stigma reduction. The state is preparing an informational toolkit that will be used as well. Additionally, Addiction Services Council is hosting an event for the community on Friday, August 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Vernon Place.

#### **E. Suicide Prevention Line (988) Launched**

Beginning on July 16, 2022, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) transitioned to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Individuals experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, and their family members, can call, chat, or text the 988 number in order to reach a trained counselor who can offer help and support. Moving to the easy-to-remember, 3-digit number will provide greater access to life-saving services. It is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or addiction concerns, or any other kind of emotional distress. HCMHRBSB funds Talbert House for the local hotline, 281-CARE.

### **V. Opportunity for Public Comments**

- A.** Neil Tilow, president of Talbert House, thanked the board for all their hard work on the Levy, specifically acknowledging Patrick Tribbe for his initiative in seeking an increase following 15 years of level funding.

**VI. Finance Committee:**

**A. July 2022 Financial Statements**

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$2.5M.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$13.5M during the months of May through July; \$12.3M (91%) was for CY 2022 services and \$1.2M (9%) was for CY 2021 services.

**B. Action Items**

**1. Special Docket Funds**

HCMHR SB was awarded funding for SFY 2023 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to assist Specialized Dockets certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to serve clients in the community through the provision of treatment and recovery support services.

The Board of Trustees approves an increase of \$75,000 in funding to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court and \$5,000 for Talbert House in support of the CHANGE Court Human Trafficking Court. These funds cover the period July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

**Motion Approved**

**2. Emergency Crisis Grant**

HCMHR SB was awarded an additional \$19,357 from OhioMHAS to provide crisis services for healthcare workers and for individuals experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Trustees approves an increase of \$19,357 to CCHB covering the period through December 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

**Motion Approved**

**3. Indigent Patient Placement Program**

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

The Board of Trustees approves an increase of \$75,000 to Central Clinic MHAP to be used for the Indigent Patient Placement Program beginning July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

**Motion Approved**

**4. Price Hill Hot Spot/HCJC Peer Recovery Projects**

HCMHR SB agreed to provide continued funding for several strategies of the Ohio HEALing Communities Study Grant that ended June 30, 2022. Funding in the amount of \$107,000 will support two projects providing outreach and connection to medication assisted treatment for high-risk populations.

The Board of Trustees approves an increase of \$7,000 to The Crossroads Center for the Price Hill Hot Spot project and \$100,000 for the Addiction Services Council for the Peer Recovery project covering the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 100% of this project will be funded by the HCMHR SB.

**Motion Approved**

**5. Multisystem Adults Project**

HCMHR SB has \$411,907 from OhioMHAS to be allocated for the Multisystem Adults (MSA) Enhancing Wellness Project for SFY 2023.

The Board of Trustees approves an increase to the following agencies for the period July 2022 through December 2022:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Excel Development	\$65,000
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral	\$13,739
Mental Health Access Point	\$30,000
Talbert House	\$13,740
Total	\$122,479

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

**Motion Approved**

**VII. Executive Session**

**A. Real Estate**

HCMHR SB has selected a property to replace the ADAS Center.

The Building Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the President/CEO to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, and SILA Realty Trust for the purchase of property owned by SILA Realty Trust and execute, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, all necessary documents and agreements related to the acquisition of the property for the purchase price of Sixteen Million and No/100 dollars (\$16,000,000).

**Motion Approved**

**B. Personnel**

To amend and revise the current employment agreement for Patrick Tribbe, President/CEO.

The Executive Committee recommends that effective August 18, 2022 the Board amend and restate the employment agreement for Patrick Tribbe, as President/CEO, to provide an extension through December 31, 2023 and make adjustments necessary for retirement planning purposes.

**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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Mary Ellen Malas  
Secretary