

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. Mental Health Levy Update

On November 8 voters overwhelmingly supported Hamilton County's 3.37 mill mental health levy that will provide \$44.9 million per year for the next five years. The measure was favored 63.6% to 36.4% allowing the board to maintain current levels of service while also providing additional resources to address priorities including crisis services, housing needs, vocational/employment services, and suicide prevention efforts. Special thanks to all of our partners that contributed in enumerable ways to ensuring this success.

B. COVID-19 Unwinding

At this time, it appears that the Public Health Emergency (PHE) that was instituted as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and last extended on October 13, will not be renewed again. During the PHE, states were prohibited from disenrolling Medicaid members. Once the PHE is lifted, it is expected that Ohio will reinstate procedures for redetermination of eligibility for Medicaid. During the PHE states received a higher federal Medicaid matching rate which will end upon expiration of the PHE. This results in a financial incentive to states to work expeditiously in redetermining eligibility to shed the costs of carrying ineligible individuals from the Medicaid rolls. Ohio has 3.1 million Medicaid enrollees.

C. Resolution of Respect and Condolence in Honor of Patrick Tribbe

Motion adopted by the Hamilton County MHRBSB.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

A. None

VI. Finance Committee:

A. October 2022 Financial Statements

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$873K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$4.9M during the month of October; \$4.7M (97.1%) were for CY 2022 services and \$141K (2.9%) were for CY 2021 services.

B. Action Items

1. DOJ BJA Grant

HCMHRSB has been awarded a grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) FY '22 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program to begin planning and implementation of a Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center. The award is for \$550,000 over three years.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$7,177 to Mental Health America and \$5,323 to Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services covering the period through December 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by BJA FY22 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant.

Motion Approved

2. K – 12 Prevention Grant

HCMHRSB 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 are to be used to provide evidence-based prevention programming in efforts to help children build resilience 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 Beech Acres Parenting Center for \$113,073 and \$30,585 to Bestpoint for a total of \$143,658. The funding period began July 2022 and continues through December 31, 2022.

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

Motion Approved

3. Mobile Response Stabilization Service

HCMHR SB has been awarded \$113,945 from OhioMHAS to be used for non-Medicaid eligible youth who receive Mobilization Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS) in Hamilton County.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$56,973 to Talbert House covering the period July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

4. Overdose Awareness Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded \$12,000 from OhioMHAS to support local activities connected to Overdose Awareness Day.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$12,000 to Addiction Services Council covering the period through December 2022.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

5. American Rescue Plan Funding

HCMHR SB has partnered with the Hamilton County Bureau of County Commissioners (BOCC) to expand the current mobile crisis service program using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). HCMHR SB will allocate \$5,000,000 over the next 3 years, to be concluded in 2026.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$1,000,000 to Central Clinic Outpatient Services to be used for the Mobile Crisis Team through December 2022.

100% of this allocation increase will be funded by American Rescue Act funds.

Motion Approved

6. State Opioid and Stimulant Grant (SOS) 3.0

HCMHR SB has received \$3,185,980.71 from OhioMHAS for the first year from the State Opioid and Stimulant (SOS) 3.0 Grant. These funds will be used to continue the projects begun previously with the SOR grant through contracts with ten local behavioral healthcare providers.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$796,495.18 to the following agencies for the budget period beginning September 30, 2022, through December 2022. The remainder of the grant funds will be distributed in CY 2023.

Agency	SOS 3.0
Addiction Services Council	\$37,271.04
Center for Addictions Treatment	\$83,266.62
Central Clinic-MHAP	\$4,877.97
Central Community Health Board	\$37,851.95
The Crossroads Center	\$38,723.69
First Step Home	\$125,004.30
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$48,692.29
PreventionFIRST!	\$15,337.09
Talbert House	\$279,720.23
UMADAOP	\$125,750.00
TOTAL	\$796,495.18

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from the State Opioid System 3.0 year grant from OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

7. CY 2022 Personnel Budget Revision

The calendar year 2022 personnel budget will require an allocation increase.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the CY 2022 salaries, benefits, and taxes in the amount of \$362,000.

The HCMHR SB’s MH Levy will be the source of funds for this allocation increase.

Motion Approved

8. CY 2023 AOD Agency Allocations

Formal adoption of the CY 2023 AOD agency allocations is required in order to authorize the contracting, expenditure and disbursement of funds for the upcoming period.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the annual AOD agency allocations, detailing the projected financial expenditures for services to each AOD agency from the HCMHR SB in CY 2023.

Adoption by the Board fulfills the legal requirement for authorization of budgeted expenditures of a political entity by its governing body.

Motion Approved

9. CY 2023 MH Agency Allocations

Formal adoption of the CY 2023 MH agency allocations is required to authorize the contracting, expenditure, and disbursement of funds for the upcoming period.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the annual MH agency allocations, detailing the projected financial expenditures for services to each MH agency from the HCMHRSB in CY 2023.

Adoption by the Board fulfills the legal requirement for authorization of budgeted expenditures of a political entity by its governing body.

Motion Approved

10. HCMHRSB Budget Resolution

The annual operating budget is generated by HCMHRSB staff prior to the start of the upcoming year. Formal adoption of the budget is required to authorize the contracting, expenditure, and disbursement of funds for the reporting period.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the CY 2023 budget, which details the financial expectations of revenues and expenditures and authorizes the Interim President/CEO to approve necessary consulting contracts.

Motion Approved

VII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Mary Ellen Malas
Secretary