

## HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

### Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, October 20, 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); Mary Ellen Malas (Secretary); Matt Curoe; Gwen DiMeo; Sandra Driggins-Smith; Patrick Garry; Traci Henry; Gary Powell; Linda McKenzie; Christine Wilder, M.D.
- B. Board Members Absent: Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D. (Exc.); Ashlee Young (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 August 18, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Motion Approved**

#### IV. President's Report:

##### A. Mental Health Levy Update

In less than three weeks voters will decide on the mental health levy that appears on the ballot November 8. Mail-in voting has begun, and Mental Health Works continues to rally support for the levy through dissemination of mailers, yard signs, and speaking engagements. Fund raising efforts have garnered a great deal of support and continue today. As election day draws near there will be additional opportunities for individuals to show support including honk-n-waves and levy advocates positioned at the various polling sites to greet voters.

##### B. HCMHRSB Annual Meeting

Special thanks to all who attended the HCMHRSB Annual Meeting held on September 9 at the Hall of Mirrors. We enjoyed an excellent turnout of 350 individuals following a COVID-induced absence of nearly three years. Special thanks to the event sponsors: Keating Muething & Klekamp, Cassady Schiller, and Frost Brown Todd.

##### C. Harbor/CCHB

Harbor, Inc., a Toledo-based behavioral health agency, assumed management of Central Community Health Board (CCHB) in 2019. This past month we were informed that due to difficulties experienced in managing CCHB from a distance, and associated financial losses, Harbor plans to discontinue CCHB services effective

December 16, 2022. Talbert House is working with Harbor to assume the agency's programs and services to ensure their continuation/continuity. Talbert House's transition plan includes arrangements for CCHB employees to maintain their employment while offering a seamless transition for clients. CCHB provides several unique programs critical to Hamilton County including the Adult Care Facility – Community Mental Health Home Program, and the Crisis Stabilization Unit for adults.

**D. 2022 Best Places to Work in Cincinnati**

Last month the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board was named one of 77 finalists for the Best Places to Work in Cincinnati. Participating organizations were classified by size ranging from Grand, Large, Medium, Small and Micro. HCMHR SB ranked in the top 5% for the Micro organization category with an average survey score of 96%. HCMHR SB was recognized by 100 percent of respondents for having senior leaders of the organization that "value people as their most important resource."

**E. SOS 3.0 Award**

HCMHR SB will receive \$3.185M in funding from OhioMHAS for the State Opiate and Stimulant Response grant beginning September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023. HCMHR SB has begun working with providers on projects and budgets for this funding period. Agency allocations are expected to remain static for 3.0. The population of focus remains Opiate and Stimulant use disorders as primary. Funding will sustain many of the projects begun in the community, such as the Engagement Center, outreach to underserved communities, and access to MAT as well as the full range of the continuum of services: prevention, treatment and recovery supports.

**F. DOJ grant Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center**

HCMHR SB has been awarded a grant from the FY 2023 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration System, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, to begin planning and implementation of a Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center. The award is for \$550,000 over three years. This is a collaborative effort with the Cincinnati Police Department, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health and Mental Health America to plan and implement a 24 hour, no wrong door, crisis receiving and stabilization center focused on law enforcement drop-off for persons with a mental health or co-occurring substance use disorder. The program will focus on efficient law enforcement drop off, crisis de-escalation, address safety needs, and linkage to services.

**G. Red Ribbon Week**

The 2022 National Red Ribbon Week commences on October 23 and ends October 31. This year's Theme: Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free. Red Ribbon week raises awareness of drug use and problems related to drugs facing our community and encourages parents, educators, and community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles. HCMHR SB works with providers and community stakeholders to reduce

stigma with prevention and education services and to increase access for individuals suffering from a substance use disorder.

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

- A.** Dr. Roberto Soria, Chief Medical Officer and interim CEO with The Crossroads Center, introduced himself and expressed that if the board needed anything from The Crossroads Center to not hesitate to reach out to him.
- B.** Pam McKie expressed her condolences and stated her heart goes out to the board and staff. She's been a part of the mental health system in Cincinnati for a long time and Pat has done an excellent job.
- C.** Leah Dennis-Ellsworth, CEO and Executive Director of UMADAOP Cincinnati, commended Patrick Tribbe for his contributions in the behavioral health field. Leah shared her admiration for Pat and his innovations over the years.

## **VI. Finance Committee:**

### **A. September 2022 Financial Statements**

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by \$1.8M.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$10.8M during the months of August and September; \$9.8M (91.2%) was for CY 2022 services and \$935K (8.8%) was for CY 2021 services.

### **B. Action Items**

#### **1. SFY 2021 Treatment (Tx) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during SFY 2021 have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2021 totaling \$334,169 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2021 Tx-MFS.

**Motion Approved**

#### **2. SFY 2021 Prevention (Prev) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during SFY 2021 have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is

necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2021 totaling \$178,611 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2021 Prev - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

**3. SFY 2022 Treatment (Tx) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during CY 2021, which includes the first half of SFY 2022, have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling \$153,086 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 Tx-MFS.

**Motion Approved**

**4. SFY 2022 Prevention (Prev) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

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The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling \$39,451 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 Prev - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

**5. SFY 2022 Problem Gambling & Addictions Treatment Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during CY 2021, which includes the first half of SFY 2022, have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the agency allocation for SFY 2022 totaling \$21,018 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 PG&A Treatment funding.

**Motion Approved**

#### **6. SFY 2022 Problem Gambling & Addictions Prevention Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during CY 2021, which includes the first half of SFY 2022, have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling \$39,483 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 PG&A Prevention funding.

**Motion Approved**

#### **7. CY 2021 Health & Hospital Indigent Care Levy Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during CY 2021 have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the agency allocations for CY 2021 totaling \$35,929 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent CY2021 HHIC funding.

**Motion Approved**

#### **8. SFY 2022 System of Care Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for services provided during CY 2021, which includes the first half of SFY 2022, have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided services exceeding their allocated funding. Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced services exceeding their allocations to reimburse agencies for those services and fully utilize funding.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the agency allocation for SFY 2022 totaling \$19,530 as proposed above.

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 System of Care funding.

**Motion Approved**

**VII. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Tom Gabelman to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters. A roll call was taken at 9:05 AM.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Matt Curoe	X		
Gwen DiMeo	X		
Patrick Garry	X		
Tom Gabelman	X		
Traci Henry	X		
Mary Ellen Malas	X		
Linda McKenzie	X		
Gary Powell	X		
Sandra Driggins-Smith	X		
Jonathan Steinberg			X
Christine Wilder	X		
Ashlee Young			X

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 AM.

**A. Personnel**

A motion was made to appoint Erik Stewart as interim President and CEO of the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

**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