

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, January 19, 2023

I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:36 a.m.

II. Attendance:

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations

During the COVID-19 pandemic, States received additional federal Medicaid funding to maintain enrolled individuals on Medicaid during the declared Public Health Emergency (PHE). With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act on December 23, 2022, Congress has now untied the Medicaid redetermination process from the PHE. Effective April 1, 2023, States are permitted to begin terminating Medicaid coverage for ineligible enrollees.

B. \$175M Investment for Mental Health in Ohio

Governor DeWine signed into law an additional \$175M investment in support of mental health infrastructure expansion and workforce development. Funding of \$90M will support the needed expansion of crisis infrastructure. The law specifies those funds be spent on construction, renovation, and technology upgrades. An additional \$85M is intended to bolster the BH workforce by funding programs that focus on growing high quality training and academic programs in Ohio's two and four-year colleges.

C. SAMHSA Releases 2021 NSDUH Report

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released the results of its 2021 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), which reflects American's self-reported experience with mental health conditions, substance use, and pursuit of treatment. The 2021 report includes selected estimates

by race, ethnicity, and age group. The survey found that in 2021, among people aged 12 or older, 21.9% of the population used illicit drugs and the most commonly used illicit drug was marijuana.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A. Gloria Walker, NAMI, noted after a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, their Family-to-Family education program is back and available both in person and online. NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions.
- B. Vicki Mack is the Executive Director of Sterling Solutions, a consumer-operated nonprofit in California that engages in workforce education, training and advocacy initiatives to increase and enhance wellness and recovery for mental health consumers. Vicki recently moved to Cincinnati and is interested in learning more about how Hamilton County implements mental health services and programs. They recently opened a branch in Cincinnati and their main area of focus will be housing.

VI. Finance Committee:

A. November 2022 Financial Statements

Anna Dowell reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Nothing significant to report.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$4.7M during the month of December; \$4.65M (99.4%) were for CY 2022 services and \$28K (.6%) were for CY 2021 services.

B. Action Items

1. 281-CARE Crisis Services

The COVID pandemic has impacted the health system with an unprecedented need for behavioral health services. The need for additional crisis services is particularly important as individuals and families attempt to cope with social isolation, anxiety, and depression. HCMHR SB continues to support crisis response in the community.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$75,000 to Talbert House through December 2023.

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

Motion Approved

2. SOR 2.0 NCE Crisis Assistance Funding

HCMHR SB has received a grant funding award of \$537,930 from Ohio MHAS for the Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) to address ongoing behavioral health needs post COVID -19.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$537,930 to the following agencies through September 28, 2023:

Agency	Award
Addiction Services Council	\$147,720
Central Clinic – MHAP	\$50,000
Excel Development	\$91,710
IKRON	\$128,500
Mental Health America	\$40,000
Talbert House	\$80,000
Total	\$537,930

100% of this allocation increase will be funded by OhioMHAS with SOR 2.0 NCE funds.

Motion Approved

3. Forensic Center Workforce

HCMHR SB was awarded \$456,000 from OhioMHAS to support workforce challenges in Ohio’s Forensic Centers.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$456,000 to Central Clinic Outpatient Services covering the period November 1, 2022, through June 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

4. Collective Impact Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded an additional \$55,342 from Ohio University to provide Prevention and Mental Health promotion within underserved communities.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$55,342 to PreventionFIRST! for Phase 3 funding covering the period October, 2022 through March 15, 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by Ohio University.

Motion Approved

5. Family Access to Integrated Recovery (FAIR)

Since 2010, the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (HCMHR SB) have been Partners in the Family Access to Integrated Recovery (FAIR) project. Additional funding is needed to address the behavioral health issues of youth and families involved with the child welfare system.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$200,000 to Central Clinic-FAIR through December 2023.

100% of this allocation will be redistributed from unused FAIR funds.

Motion Approved

VII. Other:

- A. Sandra Driggins-Smith volunteered to join the MHAS Committee.
- B. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Mary Ellen Malas
Secretary