

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, May 18, 2023

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; Traci Henry; Gregory Hogg; Gary Powell; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.; Ashlee Young
- B.** Board Members Absent: Mary Ellen Malas (Exc.); Linda McKenzie (Exc.)
- C.** Staff Members Present: Erik Stewart, Ph.D.; Ann Briccio; Linda Gallagher; Denise Garrett; LaNora Godfrey; Jenny Heizman

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A.** A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. OhioMHAS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Grant

HCMHR SB will be submitting a capital application to OhioMHAS on May 19 for funding to support the construction of a new facility based upon the "Adam and Amanda" model. Forty-five million dollars is available statewide in support of these facilities and \$7.5M is available in each of the six state regions. HCMHR SB is working with Talbert House and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health in the development of our local, Hamilton County submission.

B. Hamilton County Commissioners announce \$5M Expansion of Mobile Crisis

On May 17, Hamilton County and UC Health held a press conference announcing the allocation of \$5M in American Rescue Plan Act funds to HCMHR SB to be used for the expansion of the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT). Funding will be used to expand operational hours to 24/7, increase staff to support expanded hours, diversify staffing to include the addition of peer specialists and a program coordinator, as well as raise awareness of the MCT and its services.

C. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and HCMHR SB participated in several events to raise public awareness. JOURNEY to Successful Living, HCMHR SB, and the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition partnered to promote the Life is Better with You Here suicide prevention media campaign. Mayor Aftab Pureval visited HCMHR SB offices to proclaim Thursday, May 11, 2023, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Cincinnati. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners recognized National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in Hamilton County with a proclamation.

D. HCMHR SB recognized at Cincinnati Reds Mental Health Awareness Night

RecoveryOhio along with the Reds Community Cares team recognized local advocates of child-serving agencies at an on-field pre-game event on May 10. More than 1,000 Reds tickets were made available to youth, their families, and agency staff for the game. Staff from HCMHR SB, Lighthouse Youth and Families Services, Talbert House, Child Focus, and Fernside Center for Grieving Children were recognized at the event.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A.** Neil Tillow, Talbert House, asked for an update on the President/CEO search for the HCMHR SB. He was informed that we are still on target to have a CEO identified by the end of June.
- B.** Patrick Garry, Prospect House, announced they recently hosted a peer group lunch. The lunch was an opportunity for service providers to network and become familiar with the services offered by other service providers.
- C.** Pam McKie, Best Point, thanked the board for their efforts in expanding mobile crisis.

VI. Finance Committee:

A. April 2023 Financial Statements

LaNora Godfrey reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Levies increased by \$685K. State General Revenue Funds increased by \$942K. Block Grant Funds increased by \$1.3M. Inter-Governmental Revenue increased by \$247K. Miscellaneous increased by \$189K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$5.4M during the month of April; \$4.5M (83%) were for CY 2023 services and \$940K (17%) were for CY 2022 services.

B. Action Items

1. SUD Outreach for PATH

The HCMHR SB was awarded \$35,763.17 in funding from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to provide a substance use disorder (SUD) outreach position to work alongside the PATH team. This position will provide street outreach to individuals that are homeless and experiencing a substance use disorder.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve an increase to Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services' allocation in the amount of \$35,763.17 for the period ending September 29, 2023.

100% of this increase will be funded from OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

2. 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 that the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$400,000 to Central Clinic-FAIR through December 2023.

100% of this allocation will be funded by Hamilton County Job and Family Services.

Motion Approved

3. Specialized Outreach Care Management

HCMHR SB is partnering with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) to pilot a program to address the needs of persons with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are also homeless.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$170,760 covering the period May 2023 through December 2023.

50% of this project will be funded by 3CDC and 50% will be funded through the HC Mental Health Levy.

Motion Approved

4. Provider CY 2021 Reimbursement

Claims for all services provided in Calendar Year 2021 have been submitted by agencies and processed. During year-end close out, the HCMHR SB identified two agencies that did not receive full payment for services provided. Payment to reconcile these services will be made with unused funding. Reimbursing these funds will finalize Calendar Year 2021 year-end close out.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in funding to Talbert House of \$4,433.45 and The Crossroads Center of \$2,021.81 for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

100% of this payment will be funded by HHIC funds.

Motion Approved

VII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Tom Gabelman to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. A roll call was taken at 9:10 AM.

Name	Yes	No	Not Present
Matt Curoe	X		
Gwen DiMeo	X		
Tom Gabelman	X		
Traci Henry	X		
Gregory Hogg	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 9:50 AM.

VIII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Mary Ellen Malas
Secretary