

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, June 15, 2023

I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:40 a.m.

II. Attendance:

- A. Board Members Present: Thomas Gabelman (Chair); Gary Powell (Vice-Chair); Ashlee Young (Secretary); Matt Curoe; Gwen DiMeo; Sandra Driggins-Smith; Gregory Hogg; Linda McKenzie; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.
- B. Board Members Absent: Mary Ellen Malas (Exc.); Traci Henry (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: 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 May 18, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. OhioMHAS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Phase 2

HCMHRSB submitted an application to OhioMHAS for funding to support the development of a Behavioral Health Crisis Campus. Forty-five million dollars is available statewide for Board or state regions. The budget period for this grant is twelve months, ending June 30, 2024.

B. HB 33 - 135th General Assembly FY 2024 – 2025

The state budget has passed the House and is currently in the Senate Finance Committee. HCMHRSB is following several items that may affect the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services budget.

C. Ohio SB 105

Ohio Senate Bill 105 (first reported to the Board in April) has been assigned to the Senate Community Revitalization Committee for review. MHRHSB has submitted a letter to the bill sponsors and Hamilton County representatives opposing any legislative action on ORC 340 until all stakeholders have collectively agreed upon any necessary changes. Once reported by the Committee, a vote from the full Senate is required to introduce the bill in the House.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A. Josh Arnold, Talbert House, stated the transition of Central Community Health Board's programs, services and staff into Talbert House is complete. He also thanked the board for our assistance and support.

- B. Wanda Hughes, Dubose Adult Care Facility, expressed a concern that she was not able to resolve at the residential services level. Josh Arnold, Talbert House, spoke up and offered to speak with Ms. Hughes after the meeting to work on a resolution.

VI. Finance Committee:

A. May 2023 Financial Statements

LaNora Godfrey reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Levies increased by \$2.1M. State General Revenue Funds increased by \$159K. Block Grant Funds increased by \$755K. Inter-County Revenue increased by \$294K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$5.5M during the month of May; \$5M (90%) were for CY 2023 services and \$531K (10%) were for CY 2022 services.

B. Action Items

1. Health and Hospital Funding Distribution

There remains Health and Hospital Indigent Care Funding originally designated from the Heroin Coalition. Not all of the funds were expended during the period allocated and Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations so that agencies have access to the fund source.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve a one-time increase of \$355,706 in Treatment funds and \$22,947 in Prevention funding to the following agencies through December 2023.

Agency	Treatment Funds	Prevention Funds
Addiction Services Council	\$15,812	
Center for Addiction Treatment	\$36,080	
Central Clinic-MHAP	\$23,479	
Central Clinic-outpatient Services	\$13,112	
The Crossroads Center	\$43,440	
First Step Home	\$23,260	
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$3,641	
Prospect House	\$12,572	
Talbert House	\$173,266	\$22,947
UMADAOP	\$11,044	
Total	\$355,706	\$22,947

100% of this increase will be funded by the Hamilton County Health and Hospital Indigent Care Levy.

Motion Approved

2. OneOhio Funding

HCMHR SB has received \$212,000 through the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners from the OneOhio Distributor Settlement Payment to support projects and people who were adversely affected by the opiate crisis.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase for the following agencies covering the period through 12/31/2023.

Treatment Abatement Strategy	
Agency	Total
Addiction Services Council	\$7,201
Center for Addiction Treatment	\$16,432
Central Clinic-MHAP	\$10,693
Central Clinic- Outpatient services	\$5,971
The Crossroads Center	\$19,784
First Step Home	\$10,593
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	\$1,658
Prospect House	\$5,726
Talbert House	\$78,912
UMADAOP	\$5,030
Total	\$162,000

Prevention Abatement Strategy	
Agency	Total
Talbert House	\$ 50,000

100% of this project will be funded from the OneOhio Distributor Settlement allocation.

Motion Approved

VII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Ashlee Young
Secretary