

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, August 24, 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); Gary Powell (Vice-Chair); Ashlee Young (Secretary); Matt Curoe; Sandra Driggins-Smith; Gregory Hogg; Linda McKenzie; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.
- B. Board Members Absent: Gwen DiMeo (Exc.); Traci Henry (Exc.); Mary Ellen Malas (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: LaNora Godfrey; Linda Gallagher; Jenny Heizman; Denise Garrett; Ann Briccio

III. Executive Session

A motion was made by Tom Gabelman to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. A roll call was taken at 8:37 AM.

Name	Yes	No	Not Present
Matt Curoe	X		
Gwen DiMeo			X
Sandra Driggins-Smith	X		
Tom Gabelman	X		
Traci Henry			X
Gregory Hogg	X		
Mary Ellen Malas			X
Linda McKenzie	X		
Gary Powell	X		
Jonathan Steinberg	X		
Christine Wilder	X		
Ashlee Young	X		

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 AM.

A. Appointment of President/CEO

The Executive Committee recommends that the Board appoint LaNora I. Godfrey as President/CEO effective immediately.

Motion Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

V. President's Report:

A. Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2023 marked the third annual Overdose Awareness Day as a day to remember those we've lost to overdose, acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind, and renew our commitment to end overdose deaths. HCMHR SB received \$20,000 from OhioMHAS to support local activities related to this event.

B. OhioMHAS SFY 23-24 Capital Funding to support Permanent Supportive Housing Project

Beginning July 1, 2023, OhioMHAS implemented two changes to support community capital applications. First, the state increased the per project state share maximum from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and changed the forgivable term of the mortgage and note from 30 to 20 years. For SFY 23-24, OhioMHAS will support the Talbert House Carthage Flats project that will offer 45 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless and dealing with substance abuse and mental illness. In partnership with OhioMHAS the MHR SB approves this project with an assurance of intent to support the Applicant's program consistent with the application and, in addition, to annually monitor the program and operations of the facility to assure compliance with OhioMHAS capital project terms.

C. HB 33 Update

Rule development will continue over the next several months to establish requirements regarding the statutory changes in HB 33. The main changes include new requirements of OhioMHAS responsibilities to include the MHR SB's role related to licensure, certification and investigations of facilities and the new composition of ADAMH Board members.

VI. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A. Josh Arnold, CEO, Talbert House, congratulated LaNora Godfrey on her appointment to President/CEO.
- B. Eric Cummins, CEO, NewPath, congratulated LaNora Godfrey on her appointment to President/CEO, and thanked the staff and the board for their dedication.

VII. Finance Committee:

A. July 2023 Financial Statements

LaNora Godfrey reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Levies increased by \$453K. Inter-County Revenue increased by \$421K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$4.7M during the month of July; \$4.7M (99%) were for CY 2023 services and \$75K (1%) were for CY 2022 services.

B. Action Items

1. Alcohol Use Disorder Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded \$300,000 from OhioMHAS to enhance and expand innovative approaches to treating persons with an Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD).

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase for the following agencies covering the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Agency	Total
The Crossroads Center	\$22,500
First Step Home	\$12,500
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	\$28,181
Talbert House	\$86,819
Total	\$150,000

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

2. Overdose Awareness Grant

HCMHR SB was awarded \$20,000 from OhioMHAS to support local activities connected to Overdose Awareness Day.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$20,000 to Addiction Services Council covering the period through December 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

3. SFY 24 PATH Grant

HCMHR SB contracts with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS) to implement the Projects for Assistance Through Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program. PATH serves homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless, who have serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in Hamilton County. The PATH grant is funded by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) with a match requirement that is funded by MH Levy. Additional federal funding is available for allocation to GCBHS. The agency will use MH Levy funding already allocated to the provider to cover the required match of \$4,079.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following increase to the PATH allocation for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

Agency	Allocation
GCBHS – PATH Program Federal Grant	\$12,236

The Federal PATH will be funded by OhioMHAS and match will be funded by the Hamilton County Mental Health Levy already allocated to the provider.

Motion Approved

4. SUD Outreach for PATH

The HCMHRBS was awarded \$33,087.28 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 the Board of Trustees approve an increase to Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services' allocation in the amount of \$33,087.28 for the period ending September 29, 2023.

100% of this increase will be funded with SOS funds from OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

5. Hospital Access Program

HCMHRBS has received \$75,200 from OhioMHAS for indigent patient care at local hospitals.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$75,200 to Central Clinic Central Connection to be used for the Hospital Access Program beginning July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

Motion Approved

VIII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Ashlee Young
Secretary