

HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, September 21, 2023

I. Call to Order:

- A. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Powell) 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.
- B. Board Members Absent: Gwen DiMeo (Exc.); Traci Henry (Exc.); Mary Ellen Malas (Exc.); Christine Wilder, M.D. (Exc.)
- C. Staff Members Present: LaNora Godfrey; Linda Gallagher; Denise Garrett; Ann Briccio

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

IV. President's Report:

A. Clear Pathways Pilot

Hamilton County has been selected as a pilot site for the Clear Pathways' Crisis Response Pilot focusing on 9-1-1 and 9-8-8 interoperability. Clear Pathways is an initiative of Peg's Foundation designed to sustainably align systems for improved care to individuals experiencing a behavioral health emergency.

Hamilton County is one of five Ohio Boards who were chosen to participate, along with our local 988 provider, Talbert House and the City of Cincinnati 911 Emergency Services, to ultimately establish decision making protocols, improved cross system collaboration and joint policy and procedures to improve outcomes for people before a crisis begins or otherwise at the earliest possible stage of systems interaction.

B. September is Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. During the month of September mental health advocates, mental health organizations, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. The Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition is participating in numerous activities to continue to spread the messages that "Life is Better With You Here" and promote the 988 Suicide Hotline.

C. African American Engagement Workgroup hosts Resource Fair

The mission of the AAEW is to raise awareness and provide a bridge connecting the African American community to accessible, available, affordable addiction treatment and recovery services.

September 16, the AAEW membership partnered with Living God Church's, A-1 Stigma Free Coalition for a resource fair. Almost 100 individuals attended and spoke with local providers.

D. September is Recovery Month

National Recovery Month, started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible. SAMHSA 2023.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments

- A.** Dave Karol, UC Medical Center, congratulated LaNora on her appointment to President/CEO.
- B.** Gloria Wallker, NAMI, congratulated LaNora on her appointment to President/CEO. She also asked to be included if a meeting takes place between HCMHRBSB and City of Cincinnati Police Chief, Teresa Theetge. This relates to a recent incident in the news involving an individual with a mental health disorder and a City of Cincinnati police officer.
- C.** Randy Strunk, IKRON, congratulated LaNora on her appointment to President/CEO. He also shared the results of a health disparities report with the Board.

VI. Finance Committee:

A. August 2023 Financial Statements

LaNora Godfrey reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: State General Revenue Funds increased by \$1.5M. Block Grant Funds increased by \$1.9M. Inter-County Revenue increased by \$294K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled \$5.5M during the month of August; 100% were for CY 2023.

B. Action Items

1. Queen City Clubhouse

In early 2022, HCMHR SB conducted a community needs assessment. Several priorities were identified through that process and vocational/employment services were identified as one of those priorities.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$100,000 for funding Recovery Center of Hamilton County covering the period April 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by the Hamilton County MHR SB Mental Health Levy.

Motion Approved

2. SFY 2024 OhioMHAS Recovery Housing Grant

The HCMHR SB has been awarded \$50,900 in funding for SFY 2024 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to be used to expand and/or sustain recovery housing within the Board area. The funds will be allocated to three provider agencies to support recovery housing services. Board action is necessary to increase those agencies' allocations.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the following agency SFY 2024 allocations for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The remaining funding will be allocated in CY 2024:

| Agency | Allocation |
|-----------------|-------------|
| First Step Home | \$ 983.33 |
| Sunstone | \$ 8,483.33 |
| Talbert House | \$ 983.33 |
| Total | \$10,449.99 |

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

3. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement Program

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) established a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) drug reimbursement program to provide reimbursement to counties for the cost of MAT drugs that are dispensed to inmates of county jails in Ohio. OhioMHAS has allocated funding to the HCMHR SB to reimburse the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase to the Hamilton County Sheriff's SFY 2023 contract for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$41,110.

OhioMHAS will fund 100% of the allocation.

Motion Approved

4. FFY 2024 OOD Behavioral Health Vocational Project

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) continues to contract with local boards through FFY 24 to provide vocational/employment and rehabilitation services to individuals with mental health issues and/or drug and alcohol addictions as well as individuals with developmental disabilities. The Pathways Project is a partnership between the HCMHR SB, Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities (DDS), Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries (OVGI), Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS) and IKRON. The FFY 24 OOD contract requires a local match of \$348,893, which consists of \$270,392 of HCMHR SB funding and \$78,500 of funding from other partners. Board action is necessary in order to increase the Direct Purchases allocation to provide for one-half of the match payment of \$174,446, which is due in November 2023.

In addition, this Action Item increases the allocation of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS) in the amount of \$115,098.24. The increase will be for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in order to bring the administrative allocations in-line with the FFY 24 OOD contract.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following allocation increases for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

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|---|------------------|
| Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services | \$115,098 |
| Direct Purchases | <u>\$174,446</u> |
| Total | \$289,544 |

OOD funding (\$115,098) and Mental Health Levy funding (\$135,196) and partner match (\$39,250) will fund the increase.

Motion Approved

5. Access to Wellness

HCMHR SB has received \$825,000 from OhioMHAS for the Access to Wellness Project for SFY2024.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$188,062 to the following providers to be used for the Access to Wellness Project for the period through December 2023. The remaining funds will be available January 2024.

| AGENCY | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health | \$167,812 |
| Talbert House | \$ 20,250 |
| TOTAL | \$188,062 |

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

Motion Approved

6. State Opiate & Stimulant (SOS) Recovery Housing funds

HCMHRBSB received an additional \$138,000 from OhioMHAS from the State Opioid & Stimulant (SOS) grant. The funds will be used to support Recovery Housing and support services at First Step Home, Sunstone and Talbert House.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase for the following agencies through September 29, 2023:

| Agency | Allocation |
|-----------------|------------|
| Talbert House | \$ 36,000 |
| First Step Home | \$ 64,000 |
| Sunstone | \$ 38,000 |
| Total | \$138,000 |

100% of this allocation increase will be funded from the State Opioid & Stimulant grant award.

Motion Approved

7. Addiction Treatment Program Administrative funds

HCMHRBSB has been awarded \$24,061 in funding for SFY 2024 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services' (OhioMHAS) Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) to be used in support of the administrative costs of the Hamilton County Municipal Drug-Human Trafficking Court and the Hamilton County Drug Treatment and Recovery Court.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following allocations for SFY24:

| Agency: | Amount: |
|---|----------|
| Hamilton County Drug Treatment and Recovery Court | \$21,618 |
| Talbert House (as fiscal agent for Muni Drug-Human Trafficking Court) | \$ 2,443 |
| Total | \$24,061 |

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS ATP funds.

Motion Approved

8. Forensic Center Workforce

HCMHRBSB was awarded \$532,996.50 from OhioMHAS to support workforce challenges in Ohio's Forensic Centers.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$532,996.50 to Central Clinic Outpatient Services covering the period July 1, 2023, through December 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

9. Special Docket Funds

HCMHR SB was awarded an additional \$55,000 in funding for SFY 2024 from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to assist Specialized Dockets certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to serve clients in the community through the provision of treatment and recovery support services.

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of \$55,000 in funding for the Hamilton County Drug Treatment and Recovery Court covering the period July 31, 2023 through December 2023.

100% of this project will be funded by OhioMHAS.

Motion Approved

VII. Other:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gabelman
Chair

Ashlee Young
Secretary