

HOWARD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Blackwell, Filipczak, Fillmore (by phone), Hamilton, Liggett-Creel, Liu, Mouratidis, Paez, Rossman, Schmidt, Seybolt, Wasser and Wells.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chapman, Friend, Geddes, Howard, Hull, Schulmeyer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Choo Quan, Schaffer

1. GUESTS PRESENT: None

The meeting started at 5:31 p.m.

2. MOTION: The agenda was amended to add an Action Item: Approve Mattai appointment under Board Development Committee. A motion was made to approve the February 4, 2014 agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Board meeting minutes for December 3, 2013. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:

The following Board members were excused from the February 4, 2014 Board meeting: Chapman, Geddes, Howard, Hull, and Schulmeyer. A motion was made to approve the absent Board members. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Executive Director's Report 1/7/14:

FY14 Budget:

MACSA met with Simon Powell, the legislative budget analyst for the state MHA budget. He mentioned a \$200 million dollar projected deficit for the current fiscal year, but did not think there would be any cuts to mental health funding.

Another issue he raised was that by moving MA funds from MHA back to the Medical assistance (MA) office, MHA will lose its ability to move dollars from Medicaid to cover deficits in the uninsured services. In past years, this ability to move money between these two pots has allowed MHA to balance its budget without cuts.

Annual Legislative Reception:

The Mental Health Association of MD's legislative reception is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Annapolis. It has been HCMHA's policy to sponsor any Board member who wishes to attend this function. See copy of brochure in Board packet.

Monitoring Report by MHA – 2nd Quarter:

The Board packet contains a copy of the letter dated 12/4/13 that reports on the 2nd quarter monitoring visit from MHA. HCMHA needs to make a small change to our Complaint Policy. Since the HCP&P Committee did not meet in December, I have asked Ann Geddes, the Chair of the HCP&P, to approve this small change on behalf of the committee and bring it to the Board on 1/7/14 for review and approval.

HCGH:

Board packet contains the handout shared with HCGH Committee that is looking at psychiatric services.

Executive Director’s Report 2/4/14

Crisis Counselors:

HCMHA helped to organize and staff crisis counseling on Sunday 1/26 (11) and Monday 1/27 (18) and Thursday 1/30 (6). Staff from the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), the Mental Health Disaster Team and the American Red Cross were available to meet this need.

Plans are to follow up with MHA and MACSA to establish a Mutual Aide Agreement regarding crisis response as a result of this incident.

Handout was broadly disseminated with the hotline and MCT number a point of contact for follow-up.

County Budget Request:

Due on 2/10/15. Plans are to request additional funds to staff a full time position as part of an Emergency Department Follow-up Program.

State Budget:

Budget hearings are scheduled for 2/6 and 2/7. Hearings on the “Safety Net” bill will be heard on 2/5 (Senate #262) and 2/11 (House #273). I have been asked to present testimony on how MCT was used during follow-up to mall event. Additional funds are being sought to continue to expand crisis services throughout the state.

6. Financial Director’s Report:

Expenses through 12/31/13	Expenditure	Comments
Admin Budget	\$151,149	
State General Funds	\$769,118	
Federal Block Grants	\$209,988	
Other Grants	\$375,336	
County Grants	\$167,500	MCT
Systems of Care	\$14,037	
Fee for Service	\$12,961,672	FY 13
	\$6,642,527	2nd quarter FY14

7. Standing Committees Reports:

a. Executive Committee Meeting:

There was no meeting this month due to inclement weather.

b. Health Care Policy & Planning Committee:

There was no meeting this month due to inclement weather.

c. Budget Committee Meeting:

There was no meeting this month due to inclement weather.

d. Board Development Committee

A bio for Dr. Andy Mattai was passed out. Dr. Mattai currently provides outpatient psychiatric services in the county and does not accept public reimbursement, therefore it was determined that there is not a conflict of interest. *A motion was made to approve Dr. Mattai to fill a Professional position on the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.*

Comments from the Board:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the HCGH Committee that is reviewing psychiatric services.

8: Board adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Chris Schaffer

Reviewed and Approved by Board: _____
Signature Date