

# HOWARD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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## Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aziz, Blackwell, Brown, Geddes, Hamilton (by phone), Liggett-Creel, Liu, Paez, Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Schulmeyer, Wasser and Wells.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Hull, Mouratidis, Schmidt, Seybolt.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Choo Quan, Schaffer

**1. GUESTS PRESENT:** Jack Monahan, Jim Filipczak.

The meeting started at 5:36 p.m.

**2. MOTION:** The agenda was amended to change the date to March 10, 2015 and remove Item 7: Committee Reports. A motion was made to approve the March 10, 2015 agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**3. MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Board meeting minutes for February 3, 2015. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**4. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:**

The following Board members were excused from the March 10, 2015 Board meeting: Hull, Mouratidis, Schmidt, Seybolt. A motion was made to approve the absent Board members. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**5. Executive Director's Report:**

### *Follow-up to Cyber Attack:*

Rachel has had to re-enter every transaction from the beginning of the fiscal year, a very time consuming process, in order to know what has been expended against each grant. This has also had an impact on our next draw from the state for March-April as we couldn't accurately report our year to date expenditures, which is required.

### *FY16 Budget Requests:*

**County Budget Request (\$573,700);** HCMHA requested funding at the same amount as FY15 except for the one time only funding for the Behavioral Health Task Force (BHTF), which is \$40,000.

**State Budget:** HCMHA FY16 submission is based on the allocation letter received from the state. However, a reduction across the board of 5% has been mentioned, but nothing is official at this time.

State Budget hearings were held on 2/25/15 in the House and scheduled for 3/6/15 in the Senate. The biggest issue to date has been the rate cut in the fee for service system. In January 2015 a rate adjustment of 4% was supposed to go into effect. However, the previous administration cut this rate hike to 2% before leaving office. The new governor's budget does not fund the 2% rate hike in FY16, effectively causing a 2% decrease in rates effective 7/1/15.

***Behavioral Health Task Force:***

Sub-committees have finished and a final report is being prepared for the full BHTF meeting on 3/11/15. A meeting is scheduled with the County Executive on March 27, 2015 to present the BHTF report. Hopes are that some recommendations from this report will be funded in the county's FY16 budget.

***Healthy Transitions Grant:***

A "kick-off" is scheduled for 3/11/15 to officially announce this grant to the mental health community. HCMHA has completed the FY15 contract with Humanim.

***Crisis Beds:***

The beds have stayed full since opening on 2/2/15. We have also begun to use the Horizon grant funds to cover individuals not funded by Medical Assistance.

***ED Follow-Up Program:***

HCMHA finally received the signed MOU from HCGH and is requesting a meeting with HCGH to begin implementing this program.

**6. Financial Director's Report:**

<b>Expenses through 1/31/15</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Admin Budget	\$195,382	
State General Funds	\$1,444,326	
Federal Block Grants	\$341,659	
Other Grants	\$318,914	
County Grants	\$206,250	MCT
	\$32,407	HCPD
	\$0	ED Follow Up
	\$0	MHFA
	\$8,945	BHTF
Horizon/Crisis Beds	\$0	
Fee for Service	\$17,116,548	FY 14
	\$7,794,462	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter FY15

7. **Comments from the Board:**

Wasser announced that 3 renewals and 3 appointments are still outstanding with the County.

8: Board adjourned at 6:06 p.m. Minutes prepared by: Chris Schaffer

Reviewed and Approved by Board: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date