

HOWARD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Blackwell, Brown, Hamilton, Liggett-Creel, Liu, Mouratidis, Paez (by phone), Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Seybolt, Wasser and Wells.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Fillmore, Geddes, Howard, Liggett-Creel, Rossman, Schmidt, and Schulmeyer.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Choo Quan, Schaffer

1. GUESTS PRESENT: None

The meeting started at 5:35 p.m.

2. MOTION: An amendment was made to move the Financial Director's report to Item # 3. A motion was made to approve the May 6, 2014 agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Financial Director's Report:

| Expenses through 3/31/14 | Expenditure | Comments |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Admin Budget | \$244,481 | |
| State General Funds | \$1,422,085 | |
| Federal Block Grants | \$361,911 | |
| Other Grants | \$557,765 | |
| County Grants | \$266,250 | MCT |
| Systems of Care | \$14,037 | |
| Fee for Service | \$13,783,798 | FY 13 |
| | \$10,848,034 | 3rd quarter FY14 |

It was noted that there was a typo in the report and an amended report would be generated.

4. MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Board meeting minutes for April 1, 2014. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:

The following Board members were excused from the May 6, 2014 Board meeting: Fillmore, Hull, Schmidt, Schulmeyer. A motion was made to approve the absent Board members. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Executive Director's Report:

FY15 County Budget:

The County Executive's proposed FY15 Budget includes additional funding in the amount of \$145,000 for a total of \$545,000. These additional funds include \$70,000 to be paired with the \$74,000 in state crisis funds. These additional crisis funds will fund a second MCT team during the daytime hours.

If the budget is approved, HCMHA will receive an additional \$75,000 to fund a full-time position at Grassroots to staff the "ED Follow-up Program". This is a model promoted by SAMSHA and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Individuals who are "Emergency Petitioned" (AKA EP'ed) involuntarily to HCGH but not admitted and had voiced suicidal statements etc. would be followed up and linked to community resources. Meetings are underway with HCGH and Grassroots to develop this new service. Also, attempts will be made to include individuals in this program who have been EP'ed multiple times but fail to follow up with community services.

Unfortunately, the county did not include funds to cover non-MA individuals in Crisis Beds as requested. Therefore, HCMHA will pursue grant funds from the Horizon Foundation as originally planned.

Wells passed around an article from Business Journal re: mental health dollars in the County budget. There will be a big media event to highlight this effort.

Other Funding/Non-HCMHA:

The County Executive also included the following mental health items in his proposed budget:

Mental Health First Aide Training (\$28,700).

Task Force: Comprehensive Behavioral Health Action Plan (\$40,000)

Mobile Crisis Team Evaluation:

As you may remember, we are requesting to change the COA for the new crisis funds received in FY14 to include an evaluation of MCT, which has been in operation since February 2001. A consultant has been hired by Grassroots and a survey developed that will be sent out to all patrol officers to obtain their input about MCT. Plans are to send surveys to NAMI and several provider agencies as well. Plans are to follow-up with focus groups and individual interviews. The Conditions of Award have been verbally approved by MHA. The amended COA for FY14 will be sent from MHA shortly.

Additional Items:

There has been no official word regarding the increased grant for NAMI. Wells will follow up with MHA.

The FY15 contracts have been received from MHA.

The Bill to combine ADAA and MHA passed at the recent legislative session. The Behavioral Health Integration Committee will resume meetings tomorrow, 5/7/14.

7. **Standing Committees Reports:**

a. **Executive Committee Meeting**

There was no meeting this month.

b. **Health Care Policy & Planning Committee**

There was no meeting this month.

c. **Budget Committee Meeting**

There was no meeting this month.

d. **Board Development Committee**

Deb Chapman has resigned from the Board and therefore is no longer on the Board Development Committee. As there are only two remaining members on the committee, the Action Item to submit the FY15 BDC members was removed. *A motion was made to remove the Action Item, seconded, and unanimously approved.* Efforts will be made to fill the open position on the Board Development Committee.

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers for June 2104 election. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Wasser shared that Shannon Taitt has resigned from the Board. There are currently three open positions on the Board: Family Member, Professional, and At-Large.

Comments from the Board:

Blackwell shared information about a news report regarding Changing Minds which is a mental health campaign.

Wells shared that Mika Singer has withdrawn her resignation. Efforts are being made to investigate whether this grant can be given directly to the county so that the staff person would be a county employee with benefits such as a retirement plan.

Wells shared that former Board member, Nathan Bergstein, passed away.

Rodgers-Bonaccorsy shared information about a Health Department Overdose Prevention Program.

8: Board adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Minutes prepared by: Chris Schaffer

Reviewed and Approved by Board: _____

Signature

Date