**HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD**

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

1. Call to Order
   1. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order (Gabelman) at 8:35 a.m.
2. **Attendance**
   1. Board Members Present: Thomas Gabelman (Chair); Ashlee Young (Secretary); Matt Curoe; Gwen DiMeo; Sandra Driggins-Smith; Traci Henry; Gregory Hogg; Jonathan Steinberg, Ph.D.; Christine Wilder, M.D.
   2. Board Members Absent: Gary Powell (Vice-Chair) (Exc.); Linda McKenzie (Exc.)
   3. Staff Members Present: LaNora Godfrey; Linda Gallagher; Steve Rokich; Denise Garrett; Ann Briccio
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. A motion was made (Gabelman) to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion Approved

1. President’s Report
2. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month, a significant initiative established in 1949 to amplify understanding about mental health and wellness in American lives, as well as to commemorate the journey of recovery from mental illness. This dedicated month serves to underscore the crucial role mental health plays in our overall well-being and to furnish resources and information to support individuals and communities in need of mental health assistance.

An integral part of Mental Health Awareness Month is National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day. This year, it was observed on May 9th, as it is annually on the Thursday of the first full week of May. This special day aims to elevate awareness about the significance of every child's mental health.

Furthermore, May also hosts National Prevention Week, a public education platform endorsed by SAMHSA. Running from May 12th to May 18th, National Prevention Week spotlights prevention initiatives nationwide, with a particular emphasis on thwarting substance misuse and fostering positive mental health.

1. 2024 Annual Meeting

The Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. We look forward to seeing all of our providers and guests as we continue to make strides in promoting mental wellness and recovery.

1. Opportunity for Public Comments
   1. Paul Haffner, Lighthouse Youth Services, inquired about The Patrick Tribbe Innovation Award. LaNora Godfrey explained that in previous years we have had two leadership awards, which we have combined into one to become The Patrick Tribbe Innovation in Behavioral Health Award. This award recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to advancing mental health and substance use recovery in the greater Hamilton County vicinity. This prestigious award honors individuals, programs, businesses, or collaboratives that have demonstrated outstanding creativity, proactive efforts, and unwavering commitment to improving the well-being and recovery journeys of individuals within the community.
2. Board of Trustees
3. **April 2024 Financial Statements**

Steve Rokich reviewed line items for the period.

Revenue: Levies increased by $23M (The first half real estate settlement for the Mental Health Levy was posted in April). State General Revenue Funds increased by $1.1M. Block Grant (BG) Funds increased by $5M; 100% were for CY 2024. Inter-County Revenue increased by $163K.

Expenses: Agency provider contract payments totaled $5.8M during the month of April; $5.4M (93%) were for CY 2024 and $400K (7%) were for CY 2023.

1. **Action Items**
2. **Housing Supports**

U.S. rental-housing costs continue to exhibit steep year-over-year growth resulting in limited access to affordable housing in Hamilton County for individuals served by the community mental health housing continuum. Approximately 8-10 individuals in need of housing each month remain on hold until the opportunity for housing is afforded.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve an increase of $74,423 to Excel Development for the period May 1, 2024 through December 2024.

100% of this allocation increase will be funded by the Mental Health Levy.

**Motion Approved**

1. **Jail Based Competency Restoration**

HCMHRSB has received $88,000 from OhioMHAS to support a pilot project with Central Clinic. Competency restoration usually takes place in the state hospital, however, this pilot will provide jail based services as a result of the lengthy wait list at Summit Hospital.

The MHRSB staff recommends the Board of Trustees approve an increase of $88,000 for Central Clinic, SOFES covering the period through 6/30/2024. Any funding not expended will be carried over to SFY2025.

100% of this project will be funded from OhioMHAS SFY2024 MH Block Grant.

**Motion Approved**

1. **SFY 2022 Federal System of Care (DYS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for SFY 2022 (January – June 2022) services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. The Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced more services than their allocations to reimburse them for those services and fully utilize funding.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling $24,332.41 for the following providers:

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| **Agency** | **SFY 2022**  **DYS Allocation** | **Proposed Increase** | **Proposed Increase %** |
| Glad House |  | $23,487.44 |  |
| Crossroads | $48,233.00 | $629.49 | 1.31% |
| UMADAOP | $5,000.00 | $215.48 | 4.31% |
| **Total** | **$48,233.00** | **$24,332.41** |  |

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 Federal System of Care (DYS).

**Motion Approved**

1. **SFY 2022 Prevention (Prev) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for SFY 2022 (January – June 2022) services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. The Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced more services than their allocations to reimburse them for those services and fully utilize funding.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling $77,697.68 for the following providers:

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| **Agency** | **SFY 2022**  **Prev-MFS Allocation** | **Proposed Increase** | **Proposed Increase %** |
| CCHMC | $111,481.00 | $57,569.20 | 51.64% |
| Drop Inn Center | $127,466.00 | $15,253.67 | 11.97% |
| GLAD House | $11,823.00 | $2,806.76 | 23.74% |
| Crossroads | $126,026.00 | $2,068.05 | 1.64% |
| **Total** | **$376,796.00** | **$77,697.68** |  |

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 Prev - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

1. **SFY 2022 Treatment (Tx) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for SFY 2022 (January – June 2022) services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. The Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced more services than their allocations to reimburse them for those services and fully utilize funding.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2022 totaling $113,369.99 for the following providers:

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| **Agency** | **SFY 2022**  **Tx-MFS Allocation** | **Proposed Increase** | **Proposed Increase %** |
| Drop Inn Center |  | $43,143.13 |  |
| Talbert House | $168,285.00 | $8,397.52 | 5.08% |
| Crossroads | $173,299.00 | $61,679.46 | 35.59% |
| UMADAOP | $5,850.00 | $149.88 | 2.56% |
| **Total** | **$344,434.00** | **$113,369.99** |  |

The funding source is unspent SFY 2022 Treatment - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

1. **SFY 2023 Prevention (Prev) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for SFY 2023 (July-December 2022) services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. The Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced more services than their allocations to reimburse them for those services and fully utilize funding.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2023 totaling $140,006.30 to the following providers:

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| **Agency** | **SFY 2023**  **Prev-MFS Allocation** | **Proposed Increase** | **Proposed Increase %** |
| CCHMC | $111,481.00 | $52,500.10 | 47.09% |
| Drop Inn Center | $127,466.00 | $6,239.13 | 4.89% |
| Crossroads Center | $126,026.00 | $81,267.07 | 64.48% |
| **Total** | **$364,973.00** | **$140,006.30** |  |

The funding source is unspent SFY 2023 Prev - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

1. **SFY 2023 Treatment (Tx) – Multiple Funding Sources (MFS) Allocation Adjustments**

Claims for SFY 2023 (July - December 2022) services have been submitted by agencies and processed. Some agencies did not use all their available allocations while others provided more services than their allocated funding. The Board of Trustees action is necessary to increase allocations to those agencies that produced more services than their allocations to reimburse them for those services and fully utilize funding.

Staff recommend the Board of Trustees approve increases in agency allocations for SFY 2023 totaling $333,343.24 to the following providers:

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| **Agency** | **SFY 2023**  **Tx-MFS Allocation** | **Proposed Increase** | **Proposed Increase %** |
| Drop Inn Center |  | $41,623.02 |  |
| First Step Home |  | $1,774.98 |  |
| Glad House |  | $61,726.15 |  |
| Talbert House | $165,285.50 | $188,352.06 | 113.96% |
| Crossroads | $173,299.00 | $39,867.03 | 23.00% |
| **Total** | **$338,584.50** | **$333,343.24** |  |

The funding source is unspent SFY 2023 Treatment - MFS funding.

**Motion Approved**

1. Other
   1. A resolution was adopted honoring Christine Wilder’s service as a dedicated board member of the Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board from 2017 – 2024.
   2. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Thomas Gabelman  Chair |  | Ashlee Young  Secretary |