



Office on Mental Health

Core Service Agency of Harford County, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2021 Minutes

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the March 18, 2021 Board of Directors meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom

Board Members Present

Jennilyn Landbeck, Jennifer Redding, Kevin Bianca, Christina Alton, Dr. David Bishai, Heather Connellee, Aurora Kahoe (Proxy for Councilman Chad Shrodes), Steve Richards, Diane Shields, Amy Snyder

Board Members Absent/Excused

Jeffrey Burger, Tara Lathrop, Kathleen Ward

Staff

Jessica Kraus, Leah Keenan, Shawn Dundon, Tracy Kelly

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Board President Jennilyn Landbeck @ 4:31PM. Jennilyn began the meeting by introducing herself and welcoming Board Members. All attendees made introductions.

II. Review/Acceptance of January 21, 2021 Board Minutes

Board Members reviewed the January 21, 2021 minutes. Kevin Bianca made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Steve Richards seconded the motion. Board members approved the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

III. President's Report

Jennilyn opened the meeting by informing the group about proposed legislation, SB 168/HB 209 Public Health Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee. This passed the MD Senate, and this is wonderful news. Members of the Governor's Commission for Suicide Prevention discussed looking at risk factors and finding coping skills to deal with pandemic problems, such as isolation. Ask yourself, "What barriers exist to fixing this myself?" Look into your toolbox to find solutions to isolation. Other risk factors, like access to lethal means is still the number one concern. Less than half of the suicides in Maryland were people with a mental health condition. Jennilyn also thanked everyone for the part they contribute to the work to stop suicides in Harford County.

IV. Health Officer's Report

Harford County Health Officer, Dr. David Bishai, shared a presentation with the Board detailing current trends in Harford County. The presentation provided data on drug deaths in Maryland and Harford County and the change in these deaths between 2019-2020. Dr. Bishai noted the rise in methamphetamine related deaths in Cecil County, as well as the rise in alcohol related deaths in 2020.

V. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator Presentation

Harford County's Crisis Intervention Coordinator (CIT), Shawn Dundon, provided the Board with an overview of the CIT program, the role of the CIT Coordinator, and a brief history of the program in Harford County. Shawn highlighted the partnership between Crisis Response and CIT since taking crisis response services in-house.

VI. Adult Services Coordinator Presentation

The OMH/CSA Adult Services Coordinator, Tracy Kelly, gave an overview of this role within the agency. Tracy detailed the various grants she monitors and provided the Board with a summary on each program. Tracy discussed the meetings and committees she attends, as well as the trainings she co-facilitates. Tracy highlighted other duties such as her involvement with SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR), managing the Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP) waitlist, reviewing Supported Employment authorizations, and responding to Disaster Assistance Coordination (DAC) calls.

**VII. Executive Director's Report
Personnel Policy Update**

Revisions to the personnel policy are ongoing. Jess will convene the Personnel Review Committee prior to the next Board meeting to discuss proposed changes.

FY 2022 Annual Plan Update

On March 8th, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) reviewed the annual plan submitted by the OMH/CSA and Local Addictions Authority (LAA). The plan was well received. Pending some modifications, BHA approved the FY 2022 annual plan. Board members will be given a copy of the final plan once modifications have been made.

Youth Crisis Expansion Project

BHA approached the OMH/CSA about expanding crisis response services to focus on youth. This would be a pilot program and funding would allow the agency to hire a mobile crisis team dedicated to responding to youth crisis calls. Additionally, funding would be provided for crisis response staff to become facilitators in youth crisis services with an expectation to train other jurisdictions' crisis teams.

Website

Jess informed the Board the agency's new and improved website went live. Jess encouraged Board members to check out the site:
www.harfordmentalhealth.org.

VIII. Finance Report

Prior to the meeting, the FY 2021 budget year-to-date (YTD) expenditures through 02/28/2021 was disseminated to the Board members. During the meeting, Board members were encouraged to ask questions related to the FY 2021 budget.

IX. Upcoming Events & Announcements

The next Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council will be held on March 30th at 8:00AM. The annual Cherish the Child Conference will be held virtually on April 23rd. The Life Matters Suicide Prevention Conference, hosted by the OMH/CSA, will be held virtually on May 14th.

X. Adjournment

Kevin Bianca made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Heather Connellee seconded the motion. The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:24PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021 @ 4:30PM.