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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018

Attendance: Billie Penley; Lynn Krause; Capt. Kenneth Arbaugh; Pam Brown; Sara Burden; Michael Irwin; Michael Maher; Kathy Miller; Livia Pazourek; Ryan Voegtlin

Excused: Rosalie Mallonee; Phyllis Marshall; Janet Owens; Sheryl Sparer; Michelle Staisloff; Frank Sullivan; Louis Zagarino

Staff: Karen Ancarrow-Rice; Catherine Gray; Adrienne Mickler, Terry Luman

Lynn Krause called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Board of Directors Dinner on October 23, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis

Motion carried and approved to accept the minutes of the August 28 meeting as presented/emailed.

Lynn introduced Billie Penley to the members, asking her to share some information about herself and her role as Anne Arundel County Department of Health Acting Health Officer. Sara Burden, the newest member of the board, was introduced as well.

Topic: Committee Reports, Administrative – Did not meet.

Topic: Committee Reports, Budget – Met

Karen shared information regarding contracts stating that vendors are working on closing out for the fiscal year. The MH 570 deficit is due to short-term consulting contract. MH 582 is on target with spending and the grant ends September 30, 2018. We are currently recruiting for an individual to fill a vacancy for the MH 622 PASSR grant from Howard County. An additional administrative funding request is being reviewed. Petula, the only Older Adult Behavioral Health PASSR Specialist, will be attending a conference in Salt Lake City in October. The first quarter BHA monitoring has gone well.

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Adrienne explained that the safe stations projected amount will be overspent soon as the program has served 7 times the projected number of individuals, handling approximately 5 people per day with a 100% success rate. The Department of health surge capacity was agreed upon and we have doubled our on-call staff to meet the demand. Meetings are ongoing with the County Executive who has proposed creating two new crisis teams.

Topic: Committee Reports, Contract – Did not meet

Topic: Committee Reports, Planning – Meeting scheduled for September 27.

We should receive additional information from the State in mid-October, but the meeting will be held on September 27 in order to begin planning for FY20.

Topic: Announcements and Upcoming Events

Renewal of Executive Order 01.01.2017.02 regarding the heroin, opioid and fentanyl overdose crisis declaration of emergency has been extended until September 23, 2018.

Adrienne reviewed the many upcoming events in October.

Director's Report

We received three complaints in the month of August. All complaints have been satisfactorily resolved at this time.

Adrienne gave a brief overview of the three new hires and three resignations in August. The renewal of the CHES grant will cause staff members to be reassigned due to the vigorous training required. Mid-year evaluations are complete. Jen Corbin will host the State CIT Coordinator Meeting this week. She will also be presenting our Safe Stations model in Howard County, and again in Georgia at the latter part of this week.

Jen Corbin received another award from the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. She was selected to receive the 2018 Tribute of Women and Industry Award, which is a nationally recognized honor for women.

Rachel Watts, Safe Stations Clinician, received an award from the greater North Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce. Kate Callahan and Leslie Hodges will be receiving awards from NAMI. These awards are given in recognition of the dedication, hard work, and compassion that these women have shown to NAMI family members during the past year.

A review of August 2018 Safe Station Assessments was discussed, showing the number of individuals served has almost doubled those of FY18. A review of the average length of time per

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assessment from July to August by program reflects two programs - Mobile Crisis Team Youth and Care Coordination - has doubled.

FY17 and 18 matrix services show an increase in transportation and housing costs well above other expenditures. This information was shared with Mark Hartzell, Chief Administrative Officer of the county.

Adrienne met with Dr. Barbara Bazron, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health; Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin of BHA; and Robert Sharps and Wilber Forbes former Secretaries of Veteran's Affairs of the State of Maryland and Bruce Bronson, the principal of Trilogy Inc., who owns the Network of Care. It was an informative meeting and all parties agrees that Network of Care is a great complement to the 211 system, but they are not duplicative.

The Anne Arundel County Council met on September 17 to consider funding for two new Mental Health Agency Mobile Crisis Response Teams, one for schools and one for Safe Stations. Budget supplements are due for several BHA grants, due to the transfer of Howard County CSA contracts to the Agency. The contracts and compliance review shows that the conditions of award have been met for all contracts. The Residential Rehabilitation Program has 161 individuals on the waitlist, most of the referrals coming from State hospitals.

Purchase of Services expenditures for August were \$5,259. These do not include CRS or Safe Stations matrix funds. In the month of August, MCT assessed fifteen youth with the top dispatch reason being for family disputes. There were no youth assessments from the Critical Intervention Team for hospital diversion. There were twelve face-to-face follow up contacts.

There is pressure to move adults out of State hospitals. The Agency has three days to process supported employment referrals in the Beacon Health Options system. In the month of August 176 of 184 (96%) of referrals were processed within this time requirement. BHA is continuing to work on getting all Core Service Agencies, RRP Providers and State hospitals trained on the "cloud" system, which will enable applications, referrals and dispositions to be shared virtually. This will eliminate the need for faxing paperwork and help streamline the process.

The Segue Program helps to transition individuals out of State hospitals and into the community. Segue 2 is located next to the current Segue on the grounds of Springfield Hospital. This is a 16 bed residential crisis unit.

University of Maryland BWMC will receive funding as part of the SBIRT grant. Anne Arundel County public schools are to receive SBIRT training as they work toward integration, identifying children with problems, and creating a 24/7 tip line. Pam Brown will be working on this.

Catherine met with the Anne Arundel County Detention Center Administration to discuss the problem of inmates discharged without their medications. A solution was proposed that the detention center medical unit be notified of inmates who have court dates. The medications can be ready in the event the inmate is released. Data link matches Medicaid recipients, the services

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they receive, their county of residence, when they were arrested and their medications. The detention center can access this information to learn what medications incoming inmates require.

Adrienne shared information about Dr. David Mee-Lee's two day training September 20 and 21. Dr. Mee-Lee is a board-certified psychiatrist and is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine and has been the Chief Editor of all editions of ASAM's criteria. These training sessions were well attended and we received much positive feedback from attendees.

Adrienne will be meeting tomorrow with Sandy O'Neil and Tom Godwin regarding the Levels of Integration Self-Assessment Tool. The tool is for local jurisdictions to assess the systems management integration level in their own region, the results of which should inform local decisions and activities intended to increase behavioral health systems management integration.

Members of Bo's Effort, founded in 2015 by the DePaola family and friends in honor of their son Bo DePaola who passed away from an accidental overdose, met with Adrienne to discuss funding programs to fill some identified gaps. One area that was suggested is a scholarship in Bo's honor for individuals who enter Master's level programs in behavioral health fields of study as workforce is a growing problem.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Luman

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