

**WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY (WCCMH)  
MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI  
Learning Resource Center, Michigan Conference Room  
February 10, 2020 4:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Graebner, K. Walker, A. Dusbiber (phone), C. Collins, H. Heaviland, G. Waddles, D. Jackson, A. Carlisle, F. Brabec (phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Martin, B. King, K. Scott, R. Rion

STAFF PRESENT: L. Gentz, T. Cortes, N. Phelps, M. Taylor, H. Linky, T. Florence, K. Hoener, M. Tasker, R. Dornbos, R. Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Creekmore

N. Graeber called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

- I. Introductions
  - None
- II. Audience Participation
  - None
- III. Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 1/13/20
  - The Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 1/13/20 were reviewed.
  - R. Dornbos pointed out that the date on minutes should state January 13, 2020 instead of January 13, 2019.

**MOTION BY H. HEAVILAND, SUPPORTED BY G. WADDLES TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM JANUARY 13, 2020 WITH THE DATE CHANGED FROM JANUARY 13, 2019 TO JANUARY 13, 2020.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- IV. Discussion Items
  - Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update
    - L. Gentz presented the Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update to the committee.
    - There is ongoing Opioid medication assisted treatment in the jail. A funding request was submitted and there should be an update soon.
    - L. Gentz, D. Simpson and D. Jackson attended the LEAD National Learning Collaborative in Seattle, WA. There were 15 communities across the United States represented. Suggestion to develop our pilot area and look at data in racial disparity in how we have charged low level drug offenses. Suggestion to establish a project pilot area and bring the information back to this committee.
    - Anti-stigma campaign is underway. Chelsea invited staff to their high school and it was well received. 4 key people shared their stories with the groups that consisted of students, teachers and community members. Public Health has put together a list of merchandise and the other campaigns will be launching soon. H. Heaviland is working on sharing this information and would like to do a press release.

- Information on the Housing RFP will be discussed at the March MAC meeting.
- CARES Program Update
  - M. Tasker presented the CARES Program Update and Dashboard to the committee.
  - To date there have been 719 referrals.
    - Of the 719 referrals, 439 were opened to CARES.
    - Most of the referrals are in private residences, with most of the population being female.
    - Mostly case management services have been rendered. With most of the cases served in the 25-29 age range.
    - The majority of these cases have no insurance.
    - Most of the cases are in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.
    - Whitmore Lake numbers are at 20 cases now.
    - The Mental Health Professional is in the Chelsea and Dexter Schools and this is going well. The program is still working on their presence in the Manchester Schools and will continue to operate out of the Manchester Village Offices until then.
  - The new 750 Towner location is up and running. Staff have a caseload of about 30 clients each.
  - New data dashboard is still being worked on and should be ready soon.
  - Staff moved into the 750 location on 1/24/20 and the timeline for accepting clients is towards the end of March 2020.
  - Currently in the process of hiring support staff (peers) who will oversee client needs such as food, daily living needs, etc. with the Mental Health Professionals continuing to do case management.
  - Staff are in the process of writing policies/procedures for intake, discharge, etc.
  - Goal to go live the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March for staff.

## V. Old Business

- Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Millage Update
  - D. Jackson presented the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Millage update to the committee.
  - The WCSO was approved for a \$1 million reentry grant which will need to go to the board for approval. This is a research grant for 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and how to reenter into society. This is focused on housing with some vouchers available however some landlords won't have people live in there with a criminal history. Millage dollars will help to ease this.
- CMHAC Recommendations and RFP Process Discussion
  - L. Gentz discussed the CMHAC recommendations and RFP process
  - H. Heaviland mentioned that the school is hearing from families that the support for the Substance Use Disorders (SUD) issues is so thin and that families are forced to go out of State for treatment services.
  - G. Waddles stated that with marijuana has been legalized, there are still issues with children who are addicted to it. Suggestion to not overlook the minors being exposed to marijuana and what effect that is having on them. Continue to see the escalation in the schools as well. Schools and churches would love the resources to help youth.
  - A lot of opportunity with the youth juvenile justice system and how they tie together with diversion options, prevention strategies, youth mapping.
  - Youth council needs stipends and transportation assistance for them to attend the council.
  - Looking into other communities that are doing this now and how we can do better.

- Supportive Housing Process
  - Due to the overwhelming response there are many requests that will not be able to be filled.
  - Suggestion to look at other funding streams that might be able to help with funding requests.
  - Request to look at the requests that aren't selected to see if there are other options for services/funding.
  - A. Carlisle noted new affordable housing/supportive housing coming soon:
    - a. Swift Lane-is currently under construction with a Fall 2020 occupancy date. This will have 32 new and 32 old units.
    - b. Hickory Way-is currently under construction with 2021 occupancy. Approximately 70 unites. Phase 1 will have 34 units with occupancy in Fall 2020. Phase 2 will have 36 unites for occupancy in 2021.
    - c. Dexter-Hilltop View Apartments-construction will potentially begin in 2020. This is LIHTC funded with 24 units.
    - d. Veridian on County Farm (Platt Road) Project-approximately 50 unites, LIHTC application anticipated for Fall 2020 occupancy.
    - e. N. Washington Street (Ypsilanti)-City of Ypsilanti putting together an RFP, 14 existing units that are burned out or vacant.
- Public communication regarding millage
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletter will be published soon, and a robust communication plan is due.
  - A Board of Commissioners presentation will be done soon to update on Millage events and funding.
- Meeting with the Washtenaw Health Initiative this week and they will be receiving a year end review. A Board of Commissioners presentation will be done soon.
- Request to bring back some of the proposals from the housing RFP process to the committee.
- Request to have the following community areas on the forefront:
  - Underserved populations in the 48197/48198 areas.
  - Substance Use Disorder (clear distinction between white individuals compared to non-white individuals in recovery and their recovery process. How to get peers to help break up the racial divide.
- Ensure that there is not any duplication of efforts with millage dollars.

## VI. New Business

- Financial Budget Update
  - N. Phelps presented the Financial Budget update to the committee.
  - This report is for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
  - There is a millage reserve fund for 2019. Dollars are left over from CCBHC grant.
  - Next month a budget for 2020 year will be brought to this committee.
  - Suggestion to communicate the funding balance for the year with the community, this will be brought to the MAC before being distributed to the community.
- Permanent Supportive Housing
  - T. Cortes and H. Linky gave an update on the permanent supporting housing.
  - Previously contracted these services through CMH general fund with Avalon housing.
  - Opportunity for housing supports to be paid out of the millage dollars for existing services which is outside of the RFP process.
  - Any changes on contracts need to be approved by the WCCMH Budget-Finance Committee and then routed to the WCCMH Board for approval.
  - Committee agreed that this was a perfect opportunity that meets the CMHAC needs.

- VII. Items for Future Discussion
- Request for Millage Funds Update

**MOTION BY D. JACKSON, SUPORTED BY H. HEAVILAND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:00 pm.**

- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM