

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

**4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI  
Learning Resource Center, Michigan Conference Room  
March 9, 2020 3:30-4:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Graebner, C. Collins, J. Martin, A. Dusbiber, A. Carlisle, B. King, F. Brabec (phone), D. Jackson, H. Heaviland

MEMBERS ABSENT: K. Walker, G. Waddles, K. Scott, R. Rion

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

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Lutomski, M. Creekmore, T. Gillotti, M. Williams, E. Spanier

N. Graebner called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

- I. Introductions
  - None
- II. Audience Participation
  - None
- III. Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 2/10/20
  - The Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 2/10/20 were reviewed.
  - Correction on Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Millage Update to read as follows:
    - *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 accept people with a criminal history. Millage dollars will help to ease this.*

**MOTION BY A. CARLISLE, SUPPORTED BY D. JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2020 WITH THE CHANGES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- IV. Discussion Items
  - Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update
    - L. Gentz presented the Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update to the committee.
    - The notification for the Youth Assessment Center award should be in the next few weeks but staff are feeling hopeful that it will be awarded.
    - Staff are working with the youth center and would like to provide CMH funding to hire a Mental Health Professional to do screening, assessment and training with people in the youth assessment center. This position will be posted soon.
    - Over the next few weeks the high schools that have received millage funding should be sharing their successes.

- CARES Program Update
  - M. Tasker presented the CARES Program Update and Dashboard to the committee.
  - To date there have been 779 referrals.
    - Of the 719 referrals, 480 were opened to CARES.
    - Total number who are actively open as of February 2020 is 294.
    - Of the 480 that were opened to CARES, 271 of the cases are female with 209 of them being male with most of the cases in the 25-29 age group.
    - Most of the funding is with no insurance.
    - 199 of the referrals are in private residences.
    - Large uptake in our data from 2018 when staff was smaller.

#### 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.
  - WCSO is in development with the community education series and the next set will be millage specific.
  - WCCMH and Sheriff J. Clayton will be presenting to the Board of Commissioners on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### VI. New Business

- Financial Budget Update
  - N. Phelps presented the Financial Budget update to the committee.
  - This report is for the month ending January 31, 2020.
- Housing RFP
  - M. Williams and T. Gillotti presented the Housing RFP to the committee.
  - Staff worked with WCCMH and the Housing Alliance to put together a Housing RFP for 3-year Supportive Housing projects under the following categories:
    - Crisis Housing
    - Prevention/Stabilization
    - Youth=Crisis, Prevention/Stabilization
  - Eight proposals were received.
  - There was \$240,000 for crisis housing to the shelter association to create the Housing Crisis Stabilization program. This will add 7 beds at the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) dedicated to CMH/CARES clients who are experiencing imminent housing crisis.
  - There were 2 proposals that would provide or add \$557,955 Avalon to expand supportive housing services at Hickory Way to provide evidenced based wraparound supports. 3 supports coordinators will be added to the team.
  - The Family Empowerment Program (FEP) is a new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provider so year 1 funding will support FEP's attainment of the Supportive Housing Dimensions of Quality Certification from the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The remaining 2 years will provide permanent supportive housing to residents at New Parkridge.
  - Youth Crisis Prevention Stabilization-\$360K to ozone for their transitional housing program.
  - There is a need for permanent supportive housing in the East side of Washtenaw County.
  - The RFP process has measures built into it that will show the outcomes of success and improvements and this information will be brought back to the MAC for review.

- D. Jackson suggested clarifying language on page 3 of the document to indicate Crisis Team and not CMH.
- A. Carlisle stated that they just completed a gaps analysis and it identified the need for 1,200 units of affordable housing. This is an opportunity for Washtenaw to increase the number of units in affordable housing.

**MOTION BY A. CARLISLE, SUPPORTED C. COLLINS BY TO APPROVE THE 2020-2022 HOUSING RFP AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Mental Health First Aid Proposal
  - L. Gentz presented the Mental Health First Aid proposal to the committee.
  - Currently there is ongoing training for 16 individuals and staff are partnering with WISD to train trainers in youth mental health first aid. The capacity of the class is 48 per year for Adult Mental Health and Youth Mental Health first aid. This would result in approximately 1,500 people trained.
  - Requesting \$26,000 for a national trainer to train staff and then an additional \$39,600 per year after year one since there won't be a need to train trainers.

**MOTION BY A. DUSBIBER, SUPPORTED BY C. COLLINS TO APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- VII. Items for Future Discussion
- Request for Millage Funds Update
  - Full annual report at next meeting
  - Future communications regarding action items being done with funding.

**MOTION BY D. JACKSON, SUPORTED BY C. COLLINS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:25 pm.**

- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM