

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

4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI
Learning Resource Center, Michigan Conference Room
July 13, 2020 4:00-5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Graebner, J. Martin, B. King, K. Walker, R. Rion, G. Waddles, Jr.,
D. Jackson, H. Heaviland, F. Brabec (phone), A. Dusbiber,
A. Carlisle

MEMBERS ABSENT: K. Scott

STAFF PRESENT: T. Cortes, R. Dornbos, L. Gentz, M. Tasker, H. Linky, K. Diebboll,
T. Florence

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Lutomski, B. Higman, G. Dill, G. Powers, J. Gardner, M. Creekmore

N. Graebner called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

- I. Introductions
 - None
- II. Audience Participation
 - None
- III. Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 3/9/20
 - The Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 3/9/20 were reviewed.

MOTION BY J. MARTIN, SUPPORTED BY G. WADDLES TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM MARCH 9, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BRABEC	Y	CARLISLE	N/A
DUSBIBER	N/A	GRAEBNER	Y
HEAVILAND	Y	JACKSON	Y
KING	Y	MARTIN	Y
RION	Y	SCOTT	N/A
WADDLES	Y	WALKER	Y

A. Dusbiber and A. Carlisle were not present at time of vote.

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- IV. Discussion Items
 - Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update
 - L. Gentz presented the Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update to the committee.
 - The CARES Team, 750 Assessment Center and Stabilization Services have had limited impact during COVID. The CARES team provided services throughout the County shutdown and were an integral part in assisting other systems in supporting individuals in our community. They also helped with the homeless system, hospital discharges and were a phenomenal support to the community during this time.

- The 750 Towner opening was delayed due to COVID and the County shutdown. It is now open and with limited capacity due to social distancing guidelines. The stabilization services through the CARES team continue to roll without a hitch.
 - The team was not able to be in the physical buildings at the various rural service locations, but the CARES team continued to serve the individuals the best that they could.
 - Youth systems alignment took a pause during the bulk of the shutdown and the meetings were suspended. These meetings are starting to continue and move forward. COVID has provided a unique opportunity especially with the Juvenile Justice System as they have reduced their census in the detention center.
 - Unfortunately, the Youth Assessment Center Grant and the Length of Stay Learning Collaborate Project were not awarded to us.
 - Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System Transformation Workgroup continues to meet.
 - Working to expand the use of peers and services in the community...NAMI has done a great job to shift and pivot the majority of their support groups to a virtual platform. They continue to enhance their partnerships and address their needs.
 - Mental Health First aid is transitioning to virtual training and staff is working on a process to shift the training platform to virtual. H. Heaviland stated that the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) has a funding match with Mental Health First Aid and is working with districts to identify trainers and to look at the budget.
 - The 31n, a school based project that supports the ISD with bringing on a staff member to address student's needs in four key districts, has shifted to a virtual telephone based format and looking at how to bring in telehealth.
 - Umatter campaigns were completed in some school districts and some were not completed due to the shutdown. Most of the school's plan to utilize their campaign materials in the fall and there are ongoing meetings to develop a plan to continue this in the schools in the new way.
 - Jail Expansion Map Project Proposal is continuing to be reviewed at the State level.
 - Housing awards were delayed but funding has now been deployed to awardees.
 - The Anti-stigma campaign was delayed due to COVID, so that the Public Health (PH) Department could focus their efforts on COVID. Staff that were in charge of this campaign have moved on to other opportunities, so PH is in the process of hiring new staff to work specifically on this campaign. There are enough materials to continue this campaign.
 - Trish mentioned that when COVID hit the WCCMH Executive Committee had a special meeting and this committee did approve funding for homeless housing. She pointed out that during the crisis staff could see an increase in being more effective in working with the clients. People are more apt to pick up a phone if they are not using their personal minutes/data but using a land line. The Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) is taking the lead with an ongoing plan to secure the hotels for a bit longer with the possibility to continue for the winter months. The funding is a combination of County dollars, Millage funding and the Delonis Shelter funding with OCED being the lead on what a universal plan would look like. Washtenaw County Continuum of Care Board is meeting soon to review this housing plan.
- CARES Program Update
 - M. Tasker presented the CARES Program Update and Dashboard to the committee.
 - 750 Assessment Center update
 - The facility was scheduled to open but due to the COVID outbreak and the County shutdown the date was delayed. During this time staff were reallocated to other locations to focus their efforts on the needs of the community and building coverage.
 - 750 Towner building opened on 6/22/20. There have been a few consumers come through and the program is slowly ramping up.
 - May and June had about 22 cases admitted to CARES.

- The numbers for April and May were extremely low due to people not wanting any face to face contact due to COVID. Staff outreaches were mainly with law enforcement. The numbers increased in June and continue to climb in July.
- Typical length of stay is still averaging 3 months.
- Majority of open cases is in Ypsilanti.
- Majority of the referrals are between 20-35 years old.
- A lot of the referrals come from hospital discharges.
- 34% have HMP, 20% have Medicaid with about 36% of the consumers served are uninsured.
- Telehealth has had pros and cons during COVID. The CARES team has done a lot of outreaches in the community.
- The team is starting to see the effects of clients that chose to not come in due to COVID, as the team starts seeing clients face to face. T. Cortes stated that 40% of all CMH services are being delivered by telehealth since the COVID outbreak.
- G. Waddles stated there is data in the community that shows an increase in domestic violence due to COVID. Alcohol is also increased due to the lockdown.
- CMH and the Crisis Team are part of the Swat Negotiation Team and there were 2 situations recently where potential domestic violence had been a factor.
- D. Jackson stated that with the recent conversations around defunding the police he was glad to see that Washtenaw County is already doing this work and the CARES team is being proactive in our community due to Millage funding.

V. Financial Budget Update

- L. Gentz presented the Financial Budget update to the committee.
- This report is for the month ending May 31, 2020.
- Millage and CCBHC grants budgets to actuals are presented through the month of May, this represents 5 months of the fiscal year.
- The Millage budget is trending well, and we are not anticipating any issues meeting the commitments made thus far.
- CCBHC #1 has been amended to include additional carryforward funds there weren't spent in year one of the grant.
- CCBHC #2 reflects the first month of operations.

VI. 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 Millage work that is being done is alongside with the Sheriff's Office.
 - There were interviews for 2 case managers for the jail re-entry team recently. These positions are directly related to the Millage.
 - The Second Chance Act Grant was received. This is a \$1M matching grant from the Federal Government that focuses on jail re-entry. Most of the funds will be used towards helping with housing and WCSO will be working closely with OCED.
 - L. Gentz wanted to share as a result of COVID the Sheriff's Office decreased the census in the jail and a lot of people headed into the community and some were received by the CARES team. The WCSO and CARES were working very closely together to ensure that the supports were in place.
 - G. Waddles stated that it is critical that people understand the partnerships that are in place between CMH and WCSO in lieu of recent events.
 - G. Waddles stated that it is important to get the stories out about the police reform and what happens to the early release people. It is critical that people understand the positive stories with the police department during the COVID crisis.

- T. Cortes suggested that this might be a good opportunity to move forward with investigating alternative ways to prevent re-entry into jails such as housing, jobs, family supports, access to bail, etc. while the data is still fresh.

VII. New Business

- Black Lives Matter Statement/Taskforce
 - T. Cortes and L. Gentz discussed the Black Lives Matter (BLM) that was recently approved by the WCCMH Board last month.
 - CMH Leadership felt it was important to put a statement out and consulted with the County, Corporation Counsel and the CMH board for their input.
 - 2 CMH staff (J. Thurman and L. Mills) have been identified to co-chair the BLM taskforce. They have issued a declaration and it is being reviewed internally and will be brought forward once more details are available. Their initial task will be to firm up the declaration, determine next steps and looking at how CMH can do better in the community.
 - Discussions will be ongoing, and updates will be shared when they are available.
 - Millage dollars may be requested for this taskforce.
 - G. Waddles stated that the stress and pain in the community over the last few months has been tremendous. He suggested that it would be a great opportunity to have counselors in the community and he thanked CMH for their response and being proactive on this.
- Mental Health Support in Schools
 - T. Cortes and L. Gentz stated that they have received feedback on the work from CMH in the schools and they are looking at what the needs will be and what supports can be offered once the schools are back open.
 - H. Heaviland mentioned that the schools worked hard this spring to get the trauma training with the support staff within the schools while the schools were closed.
 - The schools continue to struggle with staffing due to teaching staff having families at home and trying to manage working from home.
 - H. Heaviland stated that there is a lot of youth activism happening particularly around the west side of the County regarding the BLM movement and the students are demanding more culturally competent curriculum in the schools. This is being looked at in the schools.
 - H. Heaviland requested putting the mental health support in schools on a future agenda item.

VIII. Items for Future Discussion

- Revisit investment plan for the millage
- Mental health support in schools
- Communication plan to community regarding funding to date especially with COVID and how the millage funding helped serve the community.

MOTION BY G. WADDLES SUPPORTED BY D. JACKSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:17 pm.

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IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM