

Mental Health Advisory Committee

Minutes – September 7, 2017

Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Jeannette Bjorklund	Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Rebecca Garcia	Raymond Crowel	Jessica Kronstadt
Kevin Bryant	Tami Mark	Meredith Peace	Deborah Phillips	Alice Zic
Scott Davis	David Myles			
Tali Elitzur	Celia Serkin			
Lawrence Epp	Karishma Sheth			
Daphne Klein				
Jennifer Jones				
Kiki Li				
Garrett Mannchen				
Susan Smith				
Amy Sutter				

A. Welcome MHAC Members and Guests

B. September minutes—approved

C. Chair report- KiKi Li reported that she attended the last quarterly leadership meeting and

the Director of HHS announced that they plan to have movie screenings as AFI in Silver Spring as outreach to the community. Preliminary ideas include the films Mully and

Fabric of America. She will provide more information as it is announced. Also, she explained that she will attend the next quarterly leadership breakfast 10/18 and will present the priorities of the committee as well as what we have accomplished since the last quarter. Chair and Vice Chair attend these meetings.

D. Susan Smith explained the nomination process for the Chair and Vice Chairs for the committee. Initially, we attempted to have 2 Co-chairs and 2 vice chairs but the County Executive's Office did not approve this because the two chairs have served two years and the legislation enacting MHAC states that chairs and vice chairs can only serve two years. Jennifer Jones was nominated as the new Chair. Jeannette Bjorklund and Garrett Manchen were nominated as the Vice-Chairs. This voted on and passed unanimously, their positions start next month.

E. Kiki Li provided the committee with the draft priorities and committee reviewed them, amended and made revisions. The deadline to turn in the priorities is 10/10/17 and Kiki Li and Jennifer Jones will present the priorities at the breakfast 10/18/17 with the HHS Committee, which includes Councilmembers Leventhal, Rice, and Berliner. The Committee approved the proposed priorities for that breakfast, including providing funding to expand the Mental-Health Court staff, expanding the STEER initiative, implementing a restoration center in the county detention center, providing funding to incentivize the use of telehealth for mental-health services, and continuing to advocate for a county-wide coordinated system of care for adults.

F. Chair Kiki Li then led the committee in the discussion and formation of the subcommittees for the next year. Three subcommittees were proposed and passed by vote unanimous vote. The subcommittees are: legislative, access to care (which includes

access to trauma related care and access to school mental health), and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT).

G. Springfield Hospital Update—Debbie Phillips, LCSW-C was not present to give update,

H. Rebecca Garcia provided an update about the Local Behavioral Health Authority through

HHS. She reports that they are working on the integration of Mental Health and Addictions.

- As of 11/1 CSA are now Behavioral Health and Crisis Services. As of 1/1/18 all mental health and substance abuse related providers must be licensed and 83% of MD Substance Abuse providers are in the process of accreditation.
- The Federal Mental Health block grant is not being cut by 25% for FY2018
- RICA is opening 32 beds, 11 at the Baltimore facility and 22 in Rockville. This is in response to many other RTCs closing.
- The next Provider Council Meeting will hopefully be soon. They had a great kick off meeting and intend to meet monthly but the next meeting has yet to be announced.
- County Executive 'Be The One' Maryland State of Emergency about Opioids and plan to meet regularly and statewide to address this epidemic.

I. Announcements-Amy Sutter- reports that she attended a speech where Uma recommended that the State be lobbied rather than the County to provide funding for

housing and intermediate support programs for mental health. Susan Smith announced that the National Disability Employment Awareness Month is in October.

J. The Committee broke into Subcommittees for the remainder of the session.

K. Adjourned.