

Mental Health Advisory Committee

Minutes – September 2, 2021

Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Ziva Azhdam	Garrett Mannchen	Michael Maher	Michael Chindbloom	Daniel Dodgen
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Tami Mark	Kyle Potter	Meredith Peace	Olga Imbaquino
Jennifer Grinnell	Saher Rizvi	Rolando Santiago		Margaret Mattson
Jamie Gu				
Stephanie Joseph				
Susan Kerin				
Helga Luest				
Libby Nealis				
Celia Serkin				
Susan Smith				
Heather Thompson				

- I. **Welcome** - The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m. Members were asked to announce themselves and put their microphones on mute unless speaking.
- II. **Speaker** – Dan Dodgen Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

Office of Strategy, Policy, Planning and Requirements (SPPR) – to talk about Mental health and Climate change- see presentation that was sent out along with the minutes.

- III. Minutes** – Minutes from July were reviewed. Motion was made to accept the minutes. Budget meeting minutes from July were also reviewed and had already been approved at the July meeting.

IV. New Business

- a. Michelle Grigsby Hackett, Vice Chair of the MHAC is going to be the new CEO of Affiliated Sante effective January 1, 2022. Congratulations!
- b. Nomination committee – Diane requested two volunteers to be on the nomination committee for the Executive board. A letter will go out in the next few weeks asking for nominations. New executive board will start in November. Libby Nealis and Michelle Grigsby- Hackett volunteered.

V. BHCS Report –Dr. Santiago

- a. BHCS launched the new Silver Spring and Germantown Mobile Crisis teams. The teams are up and running. They were able to respond to recent flooding of apartment buildings due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.
- b. BHCS won the SAMSHA grant for 1.49 million. This will provide peer support specialists for the Mobile Crisis teams.
- c. Last week, there was a wellness conversation with Cahoots Consultant, Beth Tabachnick from the Mobile Crisis teams and Ben Stevenson who is in charge of the resources for Overdoses
- d. Working on the Burn Memorial Policing grant for emergency communication, Police and Mobile crisis training for intervening in Crisis situations.
- e. Crisis Now model – working on the 988 roll-out. Everymind is working on this and Jennifer Grinnell from Everymind was asked to speak on this at the next meeting in October.

VI. Springfield Hospital Report- Michael Maher

- a. They opened a new unit to expand increased admissions from 220 to 240.
- b. Bha operations are enhancing communication and uniformity with hospitals
- c. Collaborating with Montgomery County health department to ensure that patients are discharged to structured settings so that they do not wind up in the correctional centers or homeless shelters.

VII. Subcommittee Reports -

- a. **Mobile Crisis Subcommittee** – Garrett was unable to attend
- b. **Environmental Impacts on Mental Health and Resilience** – Tonight's speaker Dan Dodgen was the result of this sub-committee.

VIII. Comments or questions from the Public or Commissioners –None

IX. Meeting Adjourned – meeting ended at 9:00pm