



**The McLean County Board of Health Behavioral Health Standing Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 1:00 PM
200 W. Front St, Room 322, Bloomington, IL 61701**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

2. Roll Call- Carla Pohl, Judy Buchanan, Cory Tello, Hannah Eisner, Susan Schafer

3. Staff Present: Jessica McKnight, Amy Hancock, Mandy McCambridge

4. Public Participation- None

5. Items for Discussion

A. Explanation of Bylaws

Amy went over the edits to the BOH By-laws. The only edit to the BOH By-laws was to add the committee rules into the By-laws. Trevor helped Amy with the Committee rules. There was discussion regarding the MHAB members and what involvement they would have on this committee. The MHAB members will not be members of the committee but they would sit with us and be able to participate in the discussion. They don't need a notice for public comment. They can fully participate but they can't vote on any items. The purpose of this committee is not to override the MHAB.

Cory stated that the Mental Health Advisory Board now has new members. Cory stated that Amy has done a fabulous job with getting new members. Amy stated that Dr. Kristina Strauss is now a new member and she is a Forensic Clinician at a doctorate level. Sharon Fitzner is also a new member and she is the Public Service Administrator at Logan Correctional Center. She has experience with high risk populations. Mary Campbell is another new member and she is one of the co-founders of the Labyrinth House. The fourth new member is Gaby Bontea who was recommended by Tammy Brooks. Gaby has served as the Director and Interim Director for the Salvation Army, but she prefers direct services, so

she serves as a case manager at Salvation Army as well. She is also a veteran. Amy stated that she has two pending members. Faye Freeman Smith is the Director of Mental Health at Heartland Community College and she also has a private practice. The other pending member is agent Martha Ditmer. Amy stated that Martha promotes mental health for the people who work in Corrections.

Judy asked if the minutes for the MHAB are sent to the BOH and Amy stated that they aren't, but we can start sending the minutes to the BOH. There was a suggestion that the by-laws should state that the Board of Health President may appoint Standing Committees and will designate a Chairperson. Amy stated she will add it to the by-laws.

There was discussion about taking out the section in the By-laws regarding Selection Committees. Instead of having Selection Committees doing the evaluation of grants, this committee will be the one to evaluate the grants. The grants that have competition are the ones that will be discussed amongst this group. The Mental Health Advisory Board will also be part of the evaluation process and scoring. The Board of Health members will see the grants but will not be part of the scoring process.

B. Review of Funding Document

There was discussion on the Funding Guidelines. The section that talks about preferred service providers will be taken out of the document. We didn't use this model so it will be taken out.

Amy stated that the contracts we have are one-year in length and it is a huge problem because it takes up so much time on our behalf and on their behalf when the time comes to renew them. Amy stated that she has asked Trevor if the contracts can be extended so they are longer than a year and he stated that they can. This will be discussed at a later meeting after another meeting with Trevor.

It states in the Funding Document that research and data collected by the MCHD shall be shared as information items during scheduled MHAB and Board of Health meetings. It should state that the MHAB does research and shares it with MCHD.

C. Committee Name

There was discussion on what the Committee should be named.

It was decided that the name would be, "The Behavioral Health Policy and Funding Committee."

Carla made a motion for the name of the committee

Susan seconded motion

Motion carried

The name of this committee will go to the Board of Health for approval

Discussion regarding what the role of this committee (Behavioral Health Policy and Funding Committee)

- Take recommendations relative to funding priorities from the Mental Health Advisory Board
- Develop funding priorities
- Make recommendations for funding to the Board of Health.
- Establish a funding process for soliciting and reviewing RFP's.
- After the grants are graded, this committee will send to the Board of Health the priorities for specific areas that require funding along with the amount of funding recommended.
- This committee is the mediating body between the MHAB and the BOH
- Hannah stated that one thing we will need to discuss as a committee in the future is the cannabis tax money that is going to be used for mental health. We run the risk of becoming a competitor within the county, so we need to discuss how our money is used to leverage the other money to make we are working in a fine fashion.

Discussion defining the role Mental Health Advisory Board

- The purpose of the Mental Health Advisory Board is to bring forward perception of broad needs
- To help generate public Education topics related to Behavioral Health
- To look at the data in the proposals and make sure it is sufficient as far as the Behavioral Health needs in the community

Other discussion

- There was discussion on collaborating with County Administration as far as marketing and collaborating functions. It was stated that the Communication Specialist would be the best liaison for marketing and communications.
- Judy is going to follow up with County Administration regarding the Behavioral Coordinating Council and Amy's position. There needs to be clarification on Amy Hancock's position and Trisha Malott's position and what each of their positions does. Trisha and Amy's positions have evolved a lot in the past year. The positions were intended to be more collaborative. There needs to be more clarification on what each position is doing.
- There was discussion on the cannabis tax and about how a certain percentage of the money will go towards mental health. We won't know what part of the sales tax will go towards mental health. There will be more discussion on this topic at future meetings.

- There was discussion regarding the Embedded School contracts. Amy stated that the Embedded School contracts should have something stating that we are unsure if we will continue this program. That way, when they do their budget in the spring they are aware of the possibility of needing to look for other funding in case the Board of Health decides not to fund the program. Amy is going to send an email to the schools regarding sustainability and she will carbon copy Carla on the email when she sends it out. She will also send the email to the agencies that are in the schools as well. It was suggested that if we do end up funding the schools, we should consider giving the money to ROE and have them decide where the funding goes. The group agreed that this was a good idea.
- Amy stated that she has the funding timeline document ready to go to the Board of Health on April 8th as a discussion item and as an action item in May. Amy stated that this funding timeline will need to be adjusted to reflect this boards scope. Susan stated that the timeline should be an action item in April and not a discussion item. This committee will discuss the timeline at the March 2nd meeting. Afterwards, it will be an action item at the April Board of Health meeting. Amy stated that it will be much easier if it is handled this way.
- Amy stated that the Mental Health Advisory Board identified some parameters for the Embedded School proposal. There is one NOFO that is scheduled to be released in March for schools and agencies to apply.
- There was discussion regarding creating a Finance committee. This will be discussed at future meetings.

D. Next Committee Date:

This committee will meet the first Monday of each Month at 11:00am. The next meeting is March 2nd, 2020

E. Action Items

a. Recommendations to the Board of Health for changes to the funding process

This will be an action item at the next meeting on March 2nd

F. Adjournment:

Carla motioned for meeting to adjourn at 3:07pm

Cory seconded motion

Motion carried