EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 15, 2015
1380 Howard Street
Room 424
10:30 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Elliott Lewis, PhD, Co-Chair, Virginia Lewis, Co-Secretary, Idell Wilson, Program Review Committee Chair, Kara Chien, Incarcerated Mentally Ill Committee Chair, Terence Patterson, Trauma Committee Co-Chair.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Ellis Joseph, MBA, Co-Chair, Wendy James, Vice-Chair Errol Wishom, Co-Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Helynna Brooke, Executive Director; Terry Bohrer, MHB member, no members of the public present, Marlo Simmons, Director, Mental Health Services Act Programs, CBHS.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by David Elliott Lewis, PhD, Co-Chair. It was proposed to start with Agenda Item 3.0 with Marlo Simmons.

1.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
For discussion and action

1.1 Public comment
No public comment
1.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 20, 2014 be approved as submitted.
Approved unanimously

2.0 NEXT MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS
For discussion and action

2.1 Issues regarding the content of the agenda
• The Board will hold a hearing about the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Draft Plan as required by law.

2.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings
None discussed
2.3 Public comment
No public comment
2.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on February 18, 2015, as discussed.
Unanimously approved.

3.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) DISCUSSION
Marlo Simmons, Director of Mental Health Services Act programs gave an overview of the coming year and responded to board member questions about MHSA. The City has a two year budget but there are revisions during that time. The original $17 million in cuts, with $8.5 in 2014 and $8.5 in 2015. The 2014 cuts were not made. A new RFP (request for proposal) is going out for MHSA programs as the Affordable Care Act has resulted in changes. She is also sending out two RFQ’s (request for qualifications). One is seeking full service partnerships for 0 – 5 year olds and the other is for peers. She advertises on the DPH website. The proposals are reviewed by peers. She is also releasing a Vocational RFW in April.

Marlo will send information about current MHSA issues to Jo monthly and will make sure the MHB receives announcements about RFPs from MHSA. She acknowledged that MHSA needs increased community involvement.

There are currently 180 peers across all programs. They are working with RAMS (Richmond Area Multi-Services) regarding policies, recruitment, placement and support. RAMS has a Peer Certificate program and they are planning an advanced program and a leadership training. Budget, policy making, and system things need more peer involvement with training.

Ms. Wilson shared that the Peer Application online is very difficult for some peers to navigate. She feels there needs to be a way to submit applications in person.

Marlo continued with sharing that all of the funding streams for MHSA have rolled out. There is a 3 years plan with a community planning process.

The committee encouraged Marlo to send a list of programs she would like the MHB to review. They would also like a list of the MHSA funded programs.

4.0 BUSINESS
For discussion and possible action.

4.1 Co-chair's reports
4.2 Board Member Check-in Updates
4.3 Additional business regarding the duties, mandates, and operations of the Board.
   4.3. a New business for future Executive Committee meetings
   4.3. b Discussion of developing issues for the MHB
   4.3. c Other MHB business

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Executive Committee Minutes
Terry Bohrer’s leave from the January 21st meeting was approved. The committee opposed signing of the Sheenan letter. Ms. Chien said she will send a copy of the Sheehan case to distribute.

4.4. Public comment
No public comments

ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 PM