

Oversight Policy Board Minutes

June 22, 2023

Patrick Barrie Conference Room
3005 Boardwalk Drive, Suite 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Mark Cochran, Amy Fullerton (remote), Annette Gontarski, Molly Welch Marahar, Dave Oblak, Dave O'Dell, David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson, Tom Waldecker

Members Absent: Kim Comerzan, Ricky Jefferson, Susan Longsworth, Monique Uzelac

Guests: Jubin Cheruvelil, Adam Franti

Staff Present: Stephannie Weary, James Colaianne, Nicole Adelman, Matt Berg, CJ Witherow, Danielle Brunk, Joelen Kersten, Jackie Bradley (Lenawee), Alyssa Tumolo, Jane Goerge, Rebecca DuBois, Stacy Pijanowski, Heather Schubbe, James Luckey, Liz Stankov, Michelle Sucharski

Board Chair M. Cochran called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by D. Oblak, to approve the agenda

Motion carried

3. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Oversight Policy Board minutes

Motion by D. Stimpson, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to approve the April 27, 2023 OPB minutes

Motion carried

- M. Cochran acknowledged Kim Comerzan's service on the OPB. She is retiring from the Monroe County Health Department and will also leave the OPB.
- M. Cochran acknowledged D. O'Dell's 20 years of sobriety as of June 15, 2023.

4. Audience Participation

- None

5. Old Business

a. Finance Report

- M. Berg presented.

b. FY24 Funding Update – continuation RFI

- Providers have been notified that FY24 will be a continuation year; they will receive approximately the same as last year, could be less based on circumstances including performance or cuts in funding from the state.
- SOR funds should stay the same, Substance Abuse Block Grant treatment funding should stay the same, SABG prevention increased; COVID block grant ends in 3/2024, ARPA is still unknown. Received approval from MDHHS to request a significant amount more so COVID BG funded programs can continue through the year but have not heard back.

6. New Business

a. Membership Update

- T. Waldecker, A. Fullerton and R. Tillotson would all like to continue for another term on the OPB. S. Weary will follow up with their respective appointing bodies.
- K. Comerzan's replacement has been named and will be submitted to the Monroe Board of Commissioners for official appointment.

b. Health Disparities to Health Equity Initiative

- J. Cheruvellil (Nyaa Health) led OPB on the Board's role in combating health disparities.

c. Strategic Planning Session - Board Action Request- Policy Updates

- Input from OPB for FY24-26 strategic planning. Due in August.

SWOT Analysis

- ❖ T. Waldecker: Communication to active users re: available services. Targeting people are low income. Who's our audience for this funding?
- ❖ M. Welch Marahar: a strength is that the system is driven by ensuring access to services, more so than cost-effectiveness. Cost-effectiveness isn't the driver of decision-making, which would be important to include in the mission statement.
- ❖ OPB requested input into updates into mission, and/or perhaps OPB should have its own mission.

What would OPB members like to see:

- ❖ D. Oblak: better funding for those in the jails and in the court system. Incarceration disparity in terms of race.
- ❖ M. Welch Marahar: coordination with the jails (release dates, services needed post-jail, medications post-jail, etc., handoff.). Housing. A lot of things don't matter if someone doesn't have housing. And there is a waiver on the BH side that allows for Medicaid to be spent on housing case management. Another handoff that's needed: relationship building with harm reduction services.
- ❖ M. Cochran: help to understand more of what we do in the housing arena.

Online review of the Strategic Plan by OPB:

- ❖ Official OPB vote will happen at the August meeting.
- ❖ Today's discussion will lead to a draft that OPB will review via email.

Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by D. Stimpson, to authorize OPB Chair M. Cochran to sign the strategic plan submission letter for preliminary approval from the state.

Motion carried

7. Report from Regional Board

- At the June Regional Board meeting, the board approved its governance policies, reviewed the CEO performance goals, and discussed strategies for finalizing repayment of the FY2018 deficit.

8. SUD Director Updates

a. CEO Update

- J. Colaianne's written report includes updates from staff, regional and state levels. Please see the report in the board packet for details.

b. Staffing

- Care Navigator position: there was an interview yesterday, staff is hopeful of filling the position soon.

c. Michigan Association of Recovery Residences (MARR) Update

- A meeting was held with a group of SUD Directors, MARR, ACLU and several Recovery Residences to discuss issues related to gender identity and inclusivity. SUD directors across the state are drafting language with support of MARR regarding the expectation of inclusivity at recovery homes.

9. Adjournment

Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by D. O'Dell, to adjourn the meeting

Motion carried

- Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

***Next meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2023**

Location 3005 Boardwalk, Suite 200; Patrick Barrie Room