

## Oversight Policy Board Minutes

July 28, 2022

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

Members Present: Mark Cochran, James Goetz, Ricky Jefferson, Susan Longworth, Molly Welch Marahar, Frank Nagle, Dave Oblak, Monique Uzelac, Tom Waldecker,

Members Absent: Amy Fullerton, Kim Comerzan, Dave O'Dell, Carol Reader, Ralph Tillotson

Staff Present: Stephannie Weary, James Colaianne, Nicole Adelman, Matt Berg, CJ Witherow, Danielle Brunk, Jessica Sahutoglu, Joelen Kersten, Jackie Bradley (Lenawee), Eric Budnik, Callie Finzel, Stacy Pijanowski, Joelen Kersten, Jane Goerge?

Board Chair M. Cochran called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda  
**Motion by , supported by , to approve the agenda**  
**Motion carried**
3. Approval of the May 26, 2022 Oversight Policy Board minutes  
**Motion by , supported by , to approve the May 26, 2022 OPB minutes**  
**Motion carried**
4. Audience Participation
  - None
5. Old Business
  - a. Finance Report
    - M. Berg presented. Discussion followed.
  - b. FY22 Block Grant Spending Trends
    - If Public Health Emergency ends, we can expect block grant funds to go up because people may be removed from Medicaid, which they are not able to be during the PHE. In addition, we are watching trends in BG spending, as fee for service costs seem to be increasing across the region. We will know more at the end of the year.
  - c. FY23 RFI Responses and Funding Update
    - OPB reviewed estimated availability of PA2 by county.
    - ARPA funds are available to fund some programs, awaiting news from the state for what the funding will be.
    - FY23 PA2 funds will not be sufficient to fund all the programs that were PA2-funded in FY22 (except for Livingston).
    - The FY23 COVID block grant allocation was about half of what was expected by staff.
    - Next OPB meeting: staff will bring their recommendations for FY23 funding.

- OPB must make FY23 PA2 decisions in August, which will go in the FY23 regional budget, to the Regional Board September for approval.
- Preliminary OPB attendance for the 8/25/22 OPB meeting:
  - ❖ Not available: T. Waldecker, M. Uzelac, J. Goetz
  - ❖ Will attend in person: D. Oblak, M. Welch Marahar, S. Longsworth, M. Cochran, F. Nagle

6. New Business

a. Policy Updates

i. Integrated Community Housing

**Motion by T. Waldecker, supported by J. Goetz, to approve the updated Integrated Community Housing policy**

**Motion carried**

ii. Medication Assisted Treatment – Methadone

- Per M. Welch Marahar, Opioid Replacement Therapy might need to be replaced, as this language may not be in favor anymore, suggested possibly using Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) instead.

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by S. Longsworth, to approve the Medication Assisted Treatment – Methadone policy, substituting Opioid Replacement Therapy with Medication for Opioid Use Disorder**

**Motion carried**

iii. Medication Assisted Treatment – Buprenorphine/Suboxone

- M. Welch Marahar recommended the addition of OBAT locations in the Purpose section of the policy.

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by J. Goetz, to approve the Medication Assisted Treatment – Buprenorphine/Suboxone policy, with the addition of OBAT locations in the Purpose section**

**Motion carried**

iv. SUD Residential Room and Board – State Disability Assistance

**Motion by T. Waldecker, supported by M. Uzelac, to approve the updated SUD Residential Room and Board – State Disability Assistance policy**

**Motion carried**

b. SUD Access Update

- N. Adelman shared a report on access data, from January 2022 through June 2022, indicating the average wait time, % of calls referred to treatment, and calls that turned into requests for service, per county.
- Wait time = the time it takes from request of service to referral.
- OPB expressed interest in looking at the next step, the time it takes for the calling to get into treatment.
- M. Welch Marahar would like more exploration into why Washtenaw's average wait time is longer than other counties.
- OPB suggested considering a centralized access point for the region.
- OPB would also like to have alternative methods of communication to be considered, such as texting, online portal, etc.
- N. Adelman will take the centralized access recommendation to ROC and Leadership.

- c. OPB Membership Update
  - S. Weary provided an update on the 5 OPB members who are due for reappointment. All 5 board members would like to continue on the OPB, and all 5 reappointments are in process.
7. Report from Regional Board
  - OPB received the July Region Board minutes for review.
8. SUD Director Updates
  - a. CEO Update
    - OPB received the July CEO report for review.
  - b. Staffing Update
    - N. Adelman advised of the PIHP's recent new hires and one open position
  - c. Back to office plans
    - The PIHP is currently still in a reduced capacity phase for staff, and closed to the public, except for board meetings.
9. Adjournment
  - **Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by J. Goetz, to adjourn the meeting**
  - **Motion carried**
  - Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

**\*Next meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2022**  
**Location 3005 Boardwalk, Suite 200; Patrick Barrie Room**