

TO: Members of the Commissioners' Council on Drugs and Alcoholism  
FROM: Donna Jenereski, D&A Director  
RE: Board Meeting  
LOCATION: Butler County Human Services Program Conference Room #132  
and also via Zoom  
DATE/TIME: January 16, 2024 – 7:30 a.m.

## A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes (November 2023)
- III. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business – None
- VI. Program – None scheduled
- VII. Reports
  - A. Director's Report
  - B. Financial Report
  - C. Case Manager Report
  - D. Prevention Report
  - E. Nominating Committee
  - F. PCCD Update
  - G. Drug Treatment Court Update
- VIII. Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements
- IX. Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements
- X. Public Comment Regarding General Items
- XI. Adjournment

***Mission Statement: The mission of the Butler County Commissioners' Council on Drug and Alcohol Programs is to assist residents of all ages to choose and live a lifestyle free of drug and alcohol abuse.***

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

DATE: November 21, 2023  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Johnson	Shawn Pugh
Joshua Hakeem	Kristan Semmler
Mark Lope	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center  
Ruthane Durso, Independence Health System  
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness

Donna Jenereski, Tracey Hendrix, Tori Reagle, Anne Drissler, Lisa Gill, Bill Kepple,  
Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

**Call to Order**

Shawn Pugh called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes)**

Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Lope seconded.

All in Favor	5*
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

\*Since there was a lack of a quorum, additional votes were taken on all business presented at this meeting.

**Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none.

## New Business

Donna Jenereski reviewed a collaboration agreement with the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy from April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024.

## Program

No program was scheduled for this meeting.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

#### **SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:**

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update-  
The heART for Sobriety art/craft activities continue to be offered at SUCCEED each Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The Impacting Together recovery advocacy group continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The meetings continue to be well attended by a core group of individuals in recovery. The group continues its focus on the development of a recovery community organization (RCO).

We are hoping to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> sober New Year's Eve party at SUCCEED.

- Recovery Center update-

After several months of exploring potential sites for a recovery center, we are finally able to start now that we have located and secured a building. As part of a HealthChoices reinvestment plan, written for the purchase and start-up costs associated with a recovery center, the Nonprofit Development Corporation (NDC) has purchased the building on our behalf. The property is the site of the former Grace Youth & Family Foundation located on Center Ave. NDC will provide the necessary renovation and fixes and they will maintain monthly & yearly maintenance on the property.

- Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI) update-

The LETI kick-off event was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> with Attorney General Michelle Henry. The LETI program empowers law enforcement officers as well as others to guide individuals who are suffering from addiction into treatment, rather than immediately diverting them into the criminal justice system.

The A.G.'s office provided our county with posters and pamphlets to make available to the public as well as law enforcement. The next step will be to host LETI trainings for law enforcement early in 2024.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week, there have been 36 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 8 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 55 confirmed overdose deaths and 8 cases were still pending.

#### **Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:**

- SCA 5-Year Treatment Plan Update-

As mentioned last month, we received notification from DDAP in September requesting an update for year 2 of our Treatment Plan, encompassing the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23. We submitted our year 2 update at the beginning of November.

- Request for additional FY 2023-24 Funds-

Last week we received correspondence from DDAP regarding the availability of additional funds for treatment, prevention, and treatment-related services. We are currently doing a fiscal review and more than likely we will be submitting a request for additional funds in early December.

State Updates:

- None

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through October 31, 2023.

Case Manager Report

Tracey Hendrix reviewed the statistics for the Monthly Assessment Services, the Information/Referral Services (IRS), and the Client Location graph for the month of October 2023.

Prevention Report

Lisa Gill gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Prevention Service Data: including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data for the month of October 2023.

Nominating Committee

No Report

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there was one individual that was unsuccessfully discharged to complete 12 to 24 months upstate. There are two individuals that will successfully graduate next week and will be discharged. There are eight (8) individuals in various levels of outpatient and one is in a halfway house.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently twelve (12) individuals participating in the program. There are eight individuals in outpatient, two individuals are in inpatient, one individual is in a halfway house and one person is in intensive outpatient. There are no graduations at this time. There are three pending referrals.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 a.m.

\*Additional votes were obtained from absent board members to approve all action items voted on at this meeting.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

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Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

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John Johnson, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:

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Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members