

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 18, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes (November)
- III. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Program
- 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 16, 2021  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room- and also via Zoom

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Kevin Boozel	Mark Lope
Shawn Pugh	Kristan Semmler
Alicia Beighley	Nicole Thurner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nathan Bottinger, Butler Eagle  
Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College  
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System  
Catelyn Connor, SPHS Care Center  
Justin Heiser, Recovery Centers of America  
Kayla Rennie, Slippery Rock University  
Donna Jenereski, Beth E. Neveux, Lisa Gill, Ralph Patrick, Victoria Reagle, Bill Kepple,  
and Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

**Call to Order**

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes (October 2021)**

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

All in Favor	6
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

**Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none.

## New Business

There was none.

## 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 creative writing workshop “Rediscovering Your Story” wrapped up on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Participants were invited back to the Butler Succeed office the following week to have their picture taken and these will be included in the printed anthology. A celebration of the authors and a public reading of the printed anthology will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Butler Succeed office. The event starts at 5:00 pm and all are welcome to attend.

“Rediscovering Your Rhythm”, a recovery drum circle hosted by Dr. Chris Cubero from SRU, is the next program to be offered. The drum circle started on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will consist of three sessions in an effort to engage individuals and hopefully drum up more participants for the longer program being planned for sometime in the spring of 2022.

- Employment/Empowerment update

As mentioned last month, the next manufacturing pre-apprenticeship training was slated to start on November 15<sup>th</sup> at BC3. The program is grant funded by the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board and the PA Department of Labor & Industry and it is free to eligible students and individuals. This is the first of four training programs that will be offered at BC3 with the grant funding. A certificate of completion includes:

- One (1) Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour general industry card
- Two (2) National Institute for Metal Working Skills (NIMS) credentials in measurement: material and safety; and job planning, benchwork, and layout
- Four (4) National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) credentials in precision machining technology; blueprint reading; basic math; and quality control, statistical process control and inspection.

- County Overdose update

As of last week there have been 57 confirmed confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2021 with 11 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: At this time last year (November 2020), there had been 55 confirmed overdose deaths and 10 cases still pending.

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

- Case Management Funding Proposal update

As previously discussed, we submitted our proposal for case management funding to DDAP at the beginning of September and we submitted our responses to DDAP's request for additional

information/clarification on October 1<sup>st</sup>. At the beginning of November we received notification of the approval for case management funding. According to DDAP, the total dollar amount of our request could not be fully supported due to the volume of funding requests received from the SCA's. Our office was awarded the full amount for SOR funding requested for the period of 9/30/21-9/29/22 and only 40% of the COVID Supplemental funding we requested for the period of 7/1/21-3/14/23. The reduction in funding will require an amendment to the FY 2021-22 contract for case management services and this will be presented for board review at the January meeting.

- **Draft Recovery House Regulations update**

As discussed last month, DDAP resubmitted their Final-omitted Rule Making Standards for Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Licensure to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) on October 1<sup>st</sup> and it was scheduled for consideration by the IRRC at its public meeting scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. We received notification from DDAP that the regulations were approved by the IRRC with a vote of 5-0.

DDAP has indicated that they have staff in place and the licensing process will be similar to how treatment providers are licensed. A recovery house will be required to obtain a license in order to receive federal, state, or other funding. Applications will be completed online and supporting documentation will need to be uploaded. Payment for licensure will also be done online. Individuals/entities will have access to online training and technical assistance if needed. Physical inspections will be completed by DDAP prior to the issuing of a license. A complaint process will be put into place and DDAP will maintain sole responsibility for investigating all complaints. DDAP is required to be in compliance with the final form regulation by April 2022, which includes the licensing of the recovery houses.

#### Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the D&A allocations and expenditures through the month of September 2021. As of the end of September, we have received 28.25% of our total funding (1,009,326.89) and we have expended 18.01% of our budget.

#### Case Manager Report

Beth Ehrenfried-Neveux reviewed the statistics for the Monthly Assessment Services, the Information/Referral Services (IRS), and the Client Location graph for the month of October 2021.

#### Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the FY 2021/2022 Prevention Service Data: including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data for October 2021. She announced that the Strengthening Families Program has been postponed due to a lack attendees. She also reviewed current and upcoming D&A, gambling, and SOR funded programs/services/ trainings.

Nominating Committee

There was no report.

PCCD Update

Donna reported that there are currently thirteen (22) individuals participating in the program. Two (2) individuals have completed the treatment portion of the program and two (2) individuals are currently incarcerated.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently fifteen (15) individuals participating in the program and all are actively involved in some level of treatment.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Donna reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting in December and the Christmas Board breakfast has been cancelled.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Kenneth Clowes shared that Hope Nights during the months of December and January will take place at the Butler Art Center and everyone is welcome to attend. 'Hope for the Holidays' will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

There were no comments.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

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Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

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Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:

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Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members