

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: November 21, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes (October 2023)
- III. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business – One contract for review
- 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: October 17, 2023
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Johnson	Shawn Pugh
Mark Lope	Kristan Semmler
Damian Gurner	Alicia Beighley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Corey Williford, AmeriCorps Vista
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center
Ruthane Durso, Independence Health System
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery Center
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness

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

Call to Order

Shawn Pugh called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. He welcomed new board member Damian Gurner and introductions were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes)

Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John Johnson seconded.

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

No new business was presented at this meeting.

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 1st and 3rd 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). Potential locations for the recovery center are still being explored and we hope to locate/secure a site by sometime in November.

- Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI)-
Our office plans to partner with the Butler County D.A.'s Office and local law enforcement to bring the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI) program to Butler County. A kick-off event for the program has been scheduled for November 1st 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.

- 3rd Annual Recovery Picnic & Walk update-
The event, hosted by the Butler County Opioid Overdose Coalition and our office, was held on September 23rd and it was a huge success! Over 160 people attended the event and participated in activities, including the walk.

- County Overdose update-
As of last week, there have been 34 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 6 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 42 confirmed overdose deaths and 10 cases were still pending.

- Re-credentialing Process with Carelon-
Last week we received notification of the re-credentialing process with Carelon. This process occurs every three (3) years and typically consists of the pre-submission of documents followed by an on-site visit several months later.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- SCA 5-Year Treatment Plan Update-
At the beginning of September, we received notification from DDAP requesting an update for year 2 of our Treatment Plan, encompassing the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

The year 2 update, due at the beginning of November, will consist of updates to the goals and strategies identified for each of our identified priorities.

- Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program update-

As discussed at the September D&A Advisory Board meeting, DDAP along with Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) announced the launch of the PA Overdose Prevention Program (POPP). This program aims to build upon the progress and impacts made by the Naloxone for First Responders Program (NFRP) which was launched in 2017.

The POPP will:

- Serve as a one-stop shop for individuals and organizations seeking naloxone and related harm reduction supplies such as fentanyl and xylazine test strips;
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information, training, and technical assistance to help groups involved in harm reduction work;
- Continue emphasis on statewide and regional saturation and accessibility, with a focus on getting naloxone and harm reduction supplies into the hands of people who use drugs as well as those who provide services to them.

We received a shipment of 2,000 fentanyl test strips and 2,000 xylazine test strips. We are currently working on internal policies related to distribution and tracking protocols.

State Updates:

- None

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through September 30, 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 September 2023. She also reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 First Quarter Assessment Statistics, the Quarterly Drug of Choice Statistics, Top Drugs of Usage, Referrals, and the Client Location Graph.

Prevention Report

Lisa Gill gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 First Quarter Prevention Service Data: including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data. She reviewed the First Quarter Number of Prevention Services by Age Group and by Location.

Nominating Committee

No Report

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are eleven (11) individuals currently in the program. Two individuals will graduate in November. One is currently in jail pending a hearing. Two are in a halfway house and the remainder are in outpatient treatment.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently twelve (12) individuals participating in the program. The majority are in outpatient level of care. Four individuals graduated last month. Two individuals' cases were moved to termination. There are a couple pending referrals.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Mark Marcus of Resolutions Recovery announced that they are starting a family program in December for community and family members of those struggling with drug and alcohol issues. It will begin as a virtual model and then a virtual/in-person hybrid model if there is enough interest.

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 8:01 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

John Johnson, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:

Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members