

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 18, 2022
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room- and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Lope
Kristan Semmler
Nicole Thurner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System
Nidal Crowley, District 1AA
Justin Heiser, Recovery Centers of America
Kayla Rennie, Slippery Rock University
Catelyn Connor, SPHS Care Center
Anna Schuster
Donna Jenereski, Beth E. Neveux, Lisa Gill, Ralph Patrick, Victoria Reagle, Bill Kepple,
Cory Achezinski, Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

Call to Order

Board Secretary, Kristan Semmler, called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (November 2021)

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

All in Favor	3*
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

There was no new business presented at this meeting.

Program

No program was presented at this meeting.

REPORTS

Director's Report

SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:

- Case Management Funding Proposal update

As previously discussed, DDAP approved our proposal for case management funding and at the beginning of November we were notified that we would not be awarded the full requested amount due to the volume of funding requests received. We were awarded the full amount of SOR funding requested and only approximately 40% of the COVID Supplemental funding we had requested.

At the end of November we received notification that DDAP would now be able to allocate additional funding to support case management. As a result, we have been awarded the full amount that we had previously requested.

- Additional Funding Request for Certified Recovery Support (CRS) Services & Treatment

At the end of November DDAP announced that SCA's could submit requests for additional funding needed for FY 2021-22 to support CRS services and/or sustain treatment services for the remainder of the state fiscal year. We submitted a request for funding in the amount of \$189,300 to cover the costs associated with CRS services as well as the costs associated with the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), including office visits and medication.

At the beginning of January we received notification that DDAP had approved the full amount of additional funds we had requested. We will be receiving a revised Schedule of Available Funding (SAF) by the end of January which will include these additional funds as well as the funding awarded for case management services.

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update

As mentioned at the November meeting, the next program to be offered was "Rediscovering Your Rhythm", a recovery drum circle. The drum circle was well received and it consisted of three sessions that took place in November.

Our office partnered to host the first ever New Year's Eve celebration event for individuals in recovery at the SUCEED office on Main Street. The evening was filled with music, games, activities, food, and of course a live feed to watch the ball drop in NYC. We had a great turnout and we definitely plan to do it again.

The next program offered for individuals in recovery, "Rediscovering Your Inner Artist", will begin on January 25th 5:00-6:00 PM . The program will be offered each Tuesday for five weeks

and individuals create greeting cards, learn about the process of print making, carving stamps, and transferring ink to create beautiful art.

The Institute for Nonprofit Leadership at SRU is planning a conference for March 17th entitled “Courageous Conversations About Substance Use Disorder: A Collective Commitment to Promote and Support Recovery”. The all day event will be held at SRU and will consist of speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Registration for the conference will open on February 1st.

- Employment/Empowerment update
There are no updates to report at this time.

- County Overdose update
The total number of confirmed overdose deaths for 2021 stands at 59 with 8 cases still pending. We hope to be able to report the final number at the February meeting.

For comparison purposes: the total number of confirmed overdose deaths for 2020 was 73.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- Recovery House Regulations update
As discussed in November, DDAP’s Recovery House Regulations have been approved and they are moving forward with the process of approval and licensure of recovery houses. As of last week, DDAP had only received a handful of applications. In order to keep SCA’s updated on the recovery houses that submit applications, DDAP will forward an updated list of applicants at the beginning of each month.

- FY 2021-22 Provider Monitoring
At the end of December DDAP released the revised program monitoring tool along with the assigned list of prevention & treatment providers to be monitored per SCA. Within the next few weeks we will start scheduling monitoring visits with providers.

- FY 2022-23 XYZ Rate Setting Process
The rate setting process for in-county non-hospital inpatient and halfway house providers is slated to begin within the next few weeks once revisions to the packet are complete.

State Updates:

- The Office of the Attorney General sponsored a webinar for the southwest region on January 5th to provide an update on the opioid settlement overview with Distributors and Johnson & Johnson. Information included the injunctive relief imposed on Distributors and Johnson & Johnson, a timeline for the entire process up through the second payments made by both, state and projected county allocations, and how the funds can be used.

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through the month of December 2021.

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 months of November and December 2021. She also reviewed the 2nd Quarter Assessment Statistics, the Drug of Choice Statistics, the Top Drugs of Usage, the Quarterly Referrals, and the Client Location Graph for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Second Quarter Prevention Service Data, including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data. She reviewed the Second Quarter Number of Prevention Services by Age Group, By Location, and the Student Assistance Data. Beth provided flyers for several upcoming events and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Compulsive and Problem Gambling Annual Report for 2021.

Nominating Committee

Donna reported that two board members' second terms expire this month resulting in two more vacancies. She asked the board members to recommend persons who are interested in serving on the board.

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported that there are currently twenty (20) individuals participating in the program. One (1) individual was pending to be sentenced to DRC but it was postponed until February, two (2) individuals are currently incarcerated, both on a violation.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently sixteen (16) individuals participating in the program. There is one (1) individual currently incarcerated pending termination from the program, and one (1) individual whose whereabouts are unknown.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

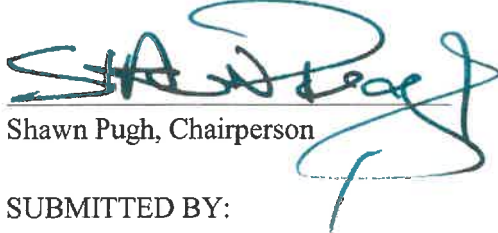
There will be an upcoming Hope is Dope training for professionals. Starting February 7th there will be a ten week cohort for Hope is Dope every Monday evening.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

*Due to the fact that a quorum was not present, additional votes were obtained from absent board members to approve all action items voted on at this meeting.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:


Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Kristan Semmler, Secretary


Grace Abbruzzese

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