

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 15, 2022
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room- and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System
Justin Heiser, Recovery Centers of America
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery Center
Kayla Rennie, Slippery Rock University

Donna Jenereski, Beth E. Neveux, Lisa Gill, Ralph Patrick, Victoria Reagle, Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

Call to Order

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (January 2022)

Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Alicia Beighley 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

Donna reviewed a list of FY 2021-2022 contract and contract amendments that was provided to the board members for their review at the meeting.

Program

Mark Marcus of Resolutions Recovery Center gave an overview of their non-hospital detoxification and inpatient program located in Farrell, PA.

REPORTS

Director's Report

SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update
As part of SRU's Recovering Life Initiatives, the "Rediscovering Your Inner Artist" program, offered for individuals in recovery, kicked off at the end of January. The Program will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings through the end of February.

As mentioned last month, The Institute for Nonprofit Leadership at SRU will be hosting a conference on March 17th entitled "Courageous Conversations: A Collective Commitment to Promote and Support Recovery". The conference is free and open to everyone. There will also be a resource fair during the event so any organization or agency within the county that provides services to individuals with substance use disorders is encouraged to attend and host a resource table.

- Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Trainings
There will be two CRS training series offered over the next few months. The training series, spanning 10 weeks, will be offered in Zelienople and Kittanning.
- County Overdose update
The final confirmed number of overdose deaths for 2021 is 66. This is a slight decrease from the 73 confirmed overdose deaths in 2020.

As of last week there have not been any confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2022 and there are 13 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 2 confirmed overdose deaths with 3 cases still pending.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- FY 2022-23 XYZ Rate Setting Process update
Revisions to the rate setting packet were finalized at the end of January and were forwarded to inpatient and halfway house providers within the county. If providers plan to request a rate increase, they must complete all of the required documents and submit a packet to our office by the March 2nd due date. Completed packets will be reviewed by our office and at least two other SCA's.

- **Additional Funding for Certified Recovery Support (CRS) Services and Treatment update**
As discussed last month, our office was approved for the full amount of additional funds that we had requested. We are still waiting for the revised Schedule of Available Funding (SAF) to be sent by DDAP. The SAF was initially supposed to be sent out by the end of January but we received an email indicating that DDAP would begin sending them out the week of February 7th. We are still waiting.

State Updates:

- **2022 County Government Priorities**

At the end of January the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) announced the seven legislative priorities for 2022 identified by county leaders.

The priorities include:

- Appropriate funding to support the crumbling mental health system;
- The human services workforce crisis;
- Broadband expansion;
- Appropriate funding and reform for the children and youth system;
- Promote election integrity;
- 911 funding and reauthorization;
- Funding and resources for elections

- **Governors' Budget Proposal for FY 2022-2023**

On February 8th the governor delivered his final budget address, which included a \$43.7 billion proposal for FY 2022-23. This represents a 13% increase over the FY 2021-22 enacted budget. D&A funding levels appear to be consistent with current level funding. There is a projected decrease of 6.3 million but this is because some of the federal opioid and related grant funding will be ending during FY 2022-23.

- **Office of the Attorney General – Opioid Settlement update**

As of the January 26th deadline, all 67 PA counties have signed on to the commonwealth's \$1 billion opioid settlement agreement involving drug manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and three major pharmaceutical distributors (Amerisource Bergen, McKesson, and Cardinal Health). Under the intrastate distribution agreement negotiated by the Attorney General's Office, counties will receive 85% of the funding directly to respond to the opioid crisis in their communities. A list of core strategies and other approved uses for the funding has also been made available to counties.

Financial Report

No report.

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 January 2022.

Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Prevention Service Data, including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data for January 2022. Beth provided SAMHSA’s Project Alert flyer for Preventing Marijuana Use Among Youth. The Substance Use Disorder Newsletter will be sent to the Board via email.

Nominating Committee

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers was presented to the Board.

Chairperson	-	Shawn Pugh
Vice-Chairperson	-	Nicole Thurner
Secretary	-	Kristan Semmler

Shawn Pugh asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve, Mark Lope seconded the motion.

All in Favor	6
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

New Member nomination:

A completed advisory board application from John Johnson was provided to the Board. After board review, Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Johnson as board member. Commissioner Boozel seconded the motion.

All in Favor	6
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

Nominating Committee

Nicole Thurner made a motion to elect Kristan Semmler as Nominating Committee. Mark Lope seconded the motion.

All in Favor	6
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported that there are currently nineteen (19) individuals participating in the program. One (1) individual completed treatment, (2) individuals are currently incarcerated, one pending admission into treatment and one on a violation.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently eighteen (18) individuals participating in the program. There is one (1) individual whose whereabouts are unknown, and two (2) individuals currently incarcerated, one pending admission into treatment and one pending termination from the program.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Boozel announced that he is looking for speakers for Butler AM Rotary and anyone interested should contact him. Shawn Pugh is also looking for speakers for Slippery Rock Rotary. Shawn recommended several people. Commissioner Boozel shared a link for any who are interested.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

Kenneth Clowes announced that Butler County Community College is planning their Summer Series of Hope Nights for people in recovery; Growing Hope will be held on March 24th. He spoke about the ongoing ten-week Hope is Dope Cohort, the Professional Hope is Dope series, and the Community series.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

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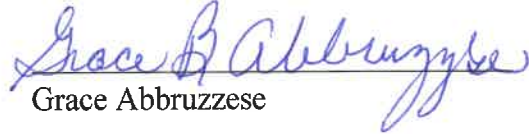
Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

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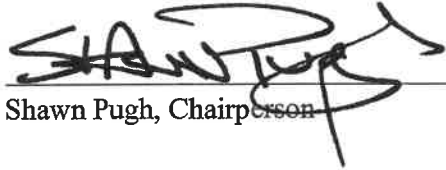


Kristan Semmler, Secretary



Grace Abbruzzese

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