

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Pugh  
Mark Lope  
Kristan Semmler

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College  
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System  
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center  
Kayla Rennie, Slippery Rock University  
Christopher Cook, SPHS

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Review and Approval of Minutes (February 2022)**

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

Donna reviewed the FY 2021-2022 contract amendment that was provided to the board members for their review at the meeting.

## Program

There was no program presented at this meeting.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

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

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives-

The five week "Rediscovering Your Inner Artist" class wrapped up on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the next planned program will be a painting class. Details about the class and a start date have not been provided at this point. We expect to learn more within the next few weeks.

The upcoming conference, "Courageous Conversations: A Collective Commitment to Promote and Support Recovery", will take place at SRU on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is still open and there is no fee to attend. The intended audience includes individuals working within or along with the substance use disorder field, individuals/family members/community members impacted by substance use disorders, and anyone interested in learning more and being part of the conversation.

- Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Trainings-

As mentioned last month, two CRS training series will be offered within the next few months. Our office completed a review of all applications and 5 individuals from Butler County were selected to attend the Zelienople training series slated to start on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 5 individuals were selected to attend the Kittanning training series slated to start on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week there have been 6 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2022 and 16 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 4 confirmed overdose deaths with 9 cases still pending.

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

- FY 2022-23 XYZ Rate Setting Process update-

As mentioned last month, completed rate setting packets were due back to our office by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any in-county inpatient or halfway provider requesting a rate increase for FY 2022-23 is required to complete the rate setting packet. Over the next month, packets will be reviewed by our office and at least 2 other SCA's within the region. Our office will also be expected to review packets submitted to the SCA's involved in reviewing our packets.

- Annual Provider Monitoring update-

We continue to schedule monitoring visits with identified providers. A majority of the visits will take place during the month of April and a few visits will be scheduled for sometime in May.

- **DDAP Annual Monitoring Process with the SCA-**

We received correspondence from DDAP at the beginning of March related to our annual monitoring. The monitoring process will include the pre-submission of information and documents requested by DDAP by the end of March, an onsite visit (1-2 days) scheduled for sometime in the summer, and a virtual monitoring meeting (1-2 hours) that will be scheduled a week prior to the onsite visit.

**State Updates:**

- **Budget Hearings-**

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have commenced hearings with state agencies to obtain information about respective funding requests, as outlined within the Governor's budget proposal for FY 2022-2023. The hearings began in mid-February and are expected to wrap up this week. DDAP's hearing with the House Appropriations Committee was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the hearing with the Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report**

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through March 14, 2022.

**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 February 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 February 2022. Beth provided several notices for upcoming events, services, and information.

**Nominating Committee**

There was no report.

**PCCD Update**

Kristan Semmler reported that there are currently nineteen (19) individuals participating in the program. One (1) individual is currently incarcerated, pending order of court.

**Drug Treatment Court Update**

Donna reported that there are currently seventeen (17) individuals participating in the program. There is one (1) individual currently incarcerated, pending further order of court, 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 were none

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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.

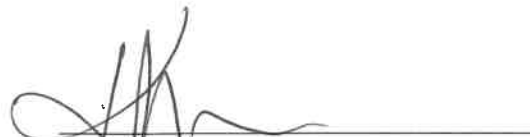
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Shawn Pugh, Chairperson


SUBMITTED BY:

Cc: Advisory Board Members



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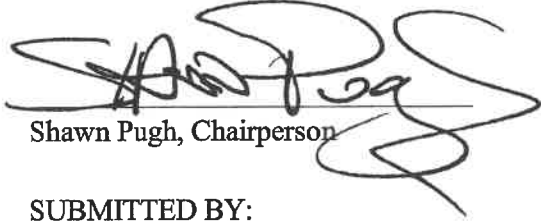
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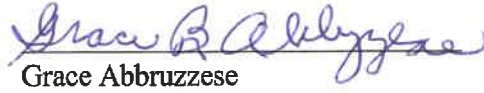


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