

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

DATE: March 21, 2023  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shawn Pugh	Joshua Hakeem
Kristan Semmler	Alicia Beighley
John Johnson	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College  
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness  
Amanda Walker, Trilogy Wellness

Donna Jenereski, Beth Ehrenfried-Neveux, Ralph Patrick, Lisa Gill, Bill Kepple, Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

Call to Order

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (February 2023)

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

All in Favor	5
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Donna Jenereski presented two 2022-2023 contract amendments for review by the Board.

## Program

Beth Ehrenfried-Neveux gave a presentation to the Board on the Butler County Strategic Prevention Framework.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

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

- Annual Provider Monitoring update-

As mentioned last month, we have started the annual monitoring process with local contracted providers. The majority of the monitoring visits will be completed by the end of March and the remaining will be scheduled for sometime in April.

- FY 2023-24 Rate Setting Process update-

As mentioned last month, the FY 2023-24 rate setting process for all non-hospital residential and halfway house providers began at the beginning of February. Completed packets were due back to our office at the beginning of March and we are currently in the process of reviewing the information. We will again partner with other SCA's within our region to review all packets and assist in establishing the rates.

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update-

A "HeART for Sobriety" art classes continue to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SRU occupational therapy students are planning to host craft-a-thon Fridays on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at Butler SUCCEED from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants will move through several stations and create items they can take with them.

- Beacon Health Options of Pa., Inc. Name Change-

Beacon Health Options of Pa., Inc., the behavioral health Medicaid managed care organization for Butler County, has announced that they will become Carelon Health of Pa., Inc. effective May 1, 2023. Aside from the name change, there are no plans to change contracts, services, reimbursements, policies, or points of contact. All existing phone numbers, emails, websites, and portals will automatically redirect individuals to the Carelon-branded locations.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week, there have been 8 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 4 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 6 confirmed overdose deaths and 16 cases were still pending.

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

- Annual Monitoring Process –

As part of DDAP's annual monitoring process, we are in the process of preparing our FY 2022-23 pre-submission packet. The information is due at the end of March. The monitoring process will also consist of a virtual meeting followed by the onsite visit.

- Recovery House Licensure update-

As of last week, two (2) recovery houses within Butler County have achieved licensure through DDAP. There are currently two (2) other houses with pending applications.

State Updates:

- FY 2023-2024 Budget Proposal

On March 7<sup>th</sup> Governor Shapiro released his budget proposal for FY 2023-24. The proposal represents an increase of approximately \$3.3 billion (8%) over FY 2022-2023.

Drug and Alcohol line items appear to be level funded, with a slight increase in general government operations funding for DDAP.

The governor’s proposed budget includes funding for 988 services, free school breakfast programs for all, an increase in SNAP benefits, additional funding for schools, and increased funding in mental health base funding.

There is also reference to legalizing cannabis sales in FY 2024-2025. The budget proposes a \$15.9 million revenue projection for FY 2024-25, based upon a 20% tax, and increasing to \$188 million in FY 2027-2028.

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through February 28, 2023.

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 2023.

Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Prevention Service Data: including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data for the month of February 2023. She provided information on Healing Hurting Hearts support group and copies of the Butler County Strategic Prevention Framework.

Nominating Committee

Officer Election:

Nomination was made to elect Nicole Thurner to serve as Board Vice Chairperson. Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the nomination, John Johnson seconded the motion.

All in Favor	5
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

#### PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are twelve (12) individuals participating in the program. Two are in inpatient treatment, one is in jail awaiting an inpatient bed, there are five in a halfway house, three in outpatient, and one that completed treatment. There are three possible pending.

#### Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently sixteen (16) individuals participating in the program; five are in inpatient treatment, two are in intensive outpatient, eight are in outpatient. One individual just plead into court last week and needs to be assessed and referred to the most appropriate level of treatment.

#### Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

#### Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Kenneth Clowes shared information on upcoming events including Establishing Financial Wellness to be held on April 24, Hope is Dope: *Refreshed* Community Series on April 25, both at the Glade Run Community Center, and the upcoming Summer Hope nights.

#### 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 8:14 a.m.

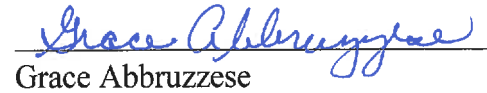
APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

  
Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

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Kristan Semmler, Secretary


SUBMITTED BY:

  
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