

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 16, 2023
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	Alicia Beighley
John Johnson	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness

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

Call to Order

Mark Lope called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (April 2023)

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

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:

- Annual Provider Monitoring update-
A majority of the provider monitoring visits have been completed. Monitoring for the remaining providers will be completed by the beginning of June.
- FY 2023-24 Rate Setting Process update-
The rates for most of the facilities within our region have been set. The remaining rates will be finalized by the end of May.
- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update-
As mentioned last month, the heART for Sobriety art/craft activities continue to be offered at SUCCEED each Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

A compilation of works from the 'Rediscovering Your Story' creative writing workshops has been published. The book contains stories from individuals in recovery from substance use disorders and mental health disorders. "Rediscovering Your Story: Expressions of Grace and Gratitude on the Path to Recovery", is now available for purchase on Amazon. All proceeds from the book sales will be used to support ongoing activities and events held at SUCCEED for individuals in recovery.

A public reading and author recognition event will take place at SUCCEED on June 3rd at 4:00pm.

- County Overdose update-
As of last week there have been 16 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 6 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: as of the end of May 2022, there had been 26 confirmed overdose deaths.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- Annual Monitoring Process –
As mentioned last month our virtual monitoring teleconference with DDAP has been scheduled for May 23rd and our onsite monitoring review will take place on May 31st.
- Recovery House Licensure update-
Two recovery houses applications remain pending and two houses have been licensed.
- Fentanyl Test Strips-
As discussed last month, DDAP announced their plans to make Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS) available to the Commonwealth at no cost. As per DDAP, they planned to reach out to the SCA's to share a FTS pre-order link prior to the launch of the online portal. In addition to FTS, DDAP is also planning to have Xylazine Test Strips available for pre-order.

To date, we have not received any further information from DDAP regarding the online portal and/or the availability of Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips.

State Updates: None

Financial Report

Donna Jenereski reviewed the allocations and expenditures through April 30, 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 April 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 April 2023. The Recovering Life newsletter and information on several events were provided to the Board.

Nominating Committee

No report.

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are ten (10) individuals currently in the program. One individual is pending sentencing, one person is in inpatient, two are in a halfway house and the remaining individuals are in either intensive outpatient or outpatient levels.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently seventeen (17) individuals participating in the program. Fourteen individuals are in some level of D&A treatment. Three individuals are in jail pending further order of the court. A graduation is planned for one individual on May 25th at 2 p.m. with Judge Streib presiding.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

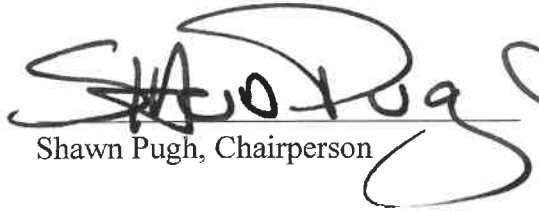
Public Comment Regarding General Items

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 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:



Shawn Pugh, Chairperson



Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:



Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members