

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 20, 2023
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kevin Boozel	John Johnson
Shawn Pugh	Nicole Thurner
Kristan Semmler	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center
Ruthane Durso, Independence Health System
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness

Donna Jenereski, Beth Ehrenfried-Neveux, Tracey Hendrix, Anne Drissler, Lisa Gill,
Tori Reagle, Elisha Coast, Bill Kepple, Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human
Services

Call to Order

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

Review and Approval of Minutes (May 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

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-

We wrapped up the FY 2-22-23 provider monitoring last week and the final summary reports were submitted to DDAP on 6/16/23.

- FY 2023-24 Rate Setting Process update-

The rates for all facilities within our region have been finalized and posted.

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

The heART for Sobriety art/craft activities continue to be offered at SUCCEED each Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

As mentioned last month, 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. Books may also be purchased in-person at SUCCEED. All proceeds from 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 took place at SUCCEED on June 3rd. Although turnout for the event was low, those in attendance were able to interface with the authors and hear their stories firsthand.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week, there have been 21 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 4 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 26 confirmed overdose deaths and 5 cases still pending.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- Annual Monitoring Process –

We completed our virtual monitoring teleconference with DDAP on May 23rd as well as our onsite monitoring visit that took place on May 31st. We are pleased to announce that DDAP found no major or minor issues in need of correction!

- Recovery House Licensure update- None

- New Recovery Division –

At the end of May, DDAP announced the official start of their Recovery Division. The division, located within DDAP's Bureau of County Program Oversight, will oversee the Regional Recovery Hubs and build relationships with local, regional, and state Recovery Community Organizations.

- Fentanyl Test Strips-

As discussed over the past several months, DDAP announced their plans to make Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS) available to the Commonwealth at no cost. As per DDAP, they plan 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.

● Naloxboxes-

We recently purchased 20 Naloboxes and plan to make these available to local businesses and organizations. We are also in the process of ordering Pill Pods and these will be distributed at upcoming programs and/or outreach events within the community.

State Updates: None

TILES Flower Boxes:

Shawn Pugh asked for a motion to recommend to the Commissioner's at their next public meeting to sponsor a TILES Flower Box. Kristan Semmler made the motion, John Johnson seconded.

All in Favor	5
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

Nominating Committee

Nicole Thurner made a motion to approve reappointment of Kristan Semmler, John Johnson seconded.

All in Favor	5
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through May 31, 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 May 2023.

Prevention Report

Lisa Gill 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 May 2023. Information on the upcoming Butler County Summer Conference was provided to the Board.

Nominating Committee

No report.

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are ten (10) individuals currently in the program. The majority are in lower levels of care. There are four individuals who are about to graduate from intensive outpatient so we will have a total of seven of the ten in outpatient services.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently seventeen (17) individuals participating in the program. One individual graduated last month, and one individual entered the program. They are spread throughout all levels of care. Many are back in the community at the outpatient level of care. All are doing well, there are no incarcerations. We have talked about upcoming graduations for at least two, possibly three individuals, possibly in September which is “Recovery Month”.

Council Members’ Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers’ Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Ruthane Durso announced that three of the doctors at PBS Mental Health Associates are retiring at the end of the month and they are in the process of bringing in four new doctors.

Ken Clowes said that currently there is another empowerment class going on for those in recovery from not only substance use disorder but also mental health and self-reported trauma. This class is held in Butler two days per week, Monday and Wednesday, from 5:30 to 8:30 and concludes at the end of this month. He shared an individual’s story that illustrated the importance of this class and how it helped this individual by using what they learned from this class. Ken announced that the annual Hope Night Cornhole Tournament will be held on July 20th at Diamond Park.

Shawn Pugh recognized Beth Neveux, who is retiring at the end of this month after working at the Butler County Drug & Alcohol Program for 17 years. He thanked her for everything she has done over the last 17 years and wished her well in all her future endeavors.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

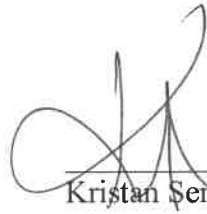
As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

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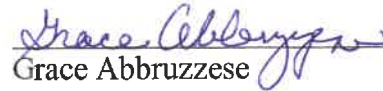
Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Cc: Advisory Board Members



Kristan Semmler, Secretary



Grace Abbruzzese

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