

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 19, 2022
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kevin Boozel	Mark Lope
Nicole Thurner	John Johnson
Kristan Semmler	Alicia Beighley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery Center
Joshua Hakeem

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

Call to Order

In Shawn Pugh’s absence, Nicole Thurner called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (June 2022)

Kristan Semmler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Boozel 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 Jenereski presented a list of FY 2022-2023 contracts for review by the Board.

Program

There was no program.

REPORTS

Director's Report

SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:

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

As previously discussed, the IT advocacy group continues to meet every other week and they remain focused on their TILES project. IT stands for 'impact together' and the group's mission is "to come together, because together we are more". TILES stands for 'taking interest to listen to everybody's story'. They recently completed their first wooden flower box decorated with individual ceramic tiles and it is currently located in front of SRU's SUCCEED office on Main Street. The group received assistance in drafting a donation letter for local businesses. Lowes was gracious enough to make a donation of \$25.00 and this was used to purchase the flowers and the dirt.

The Institute for Nonprofit Leadership at SRU also applied for and was awarded a grant for \$1,750.00 through the Butler County Bar Association. The funds will be used to cover the costs associated with upcoming Recovering Life Initiatives and establish a small enterprise for individuals to sell the items that are created as part of the Recovering Life Initiatives. The IT advocacy group would like to use some of the funds to purchase wood for the flower boxes and they have decided to make the TILE flower boxes their enterprise.

A second "Rediscovering your Story" writing class will be starting in September. The class will meet one time per week from September through November with a public reading event scheduled for the end of November.

- **FY 2022-23 Contracts-**

The majority of FY 2022-23 treatment contracts were sent out to providers at the beginning of July. We hope to finish preparing the remaining prevention contracts and send them out within the next week or so.

- **County Overdose update-**

As of last week there have been 28 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2022 and 10 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 31 confirmed overdose deaths with 14 cases still pending.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- **DDAP Upcoming Virtual & Onsite Monitoring Visit-**

As previously discussed, a 2-hour virtual monitoring meeting with DDAP is scheduled for this morning and the onsite visit from DDAP is scheduled for July 27th & 28th.

- **Recovery House Licensure update-**

As previously discussed, the Recovery House Regulations took effect on June 9th. According to information received at the beginning of July, there are now 88 licensed recovery houses across the commonwealth. Approximately 128 recovery houses have submitted an application and are

awaiting a review or a request for further action from DDAP. Thirty-three out of the 128 houses are almost complete and awaiting final onsite inspection from DDAP.

There remains only one (1) pending recovery house from Butler County on the list. This application was submitted at the end of May and is currently under DDAP review.

State Updates:

● **FY 2022-2023 State Budget-**

The budget for FY 2022-2023 was signed into law on July 8th. The \$45.3 billion represents a 3% (1.3 billion) increase over the FY 2021-22 budget and includes the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation of approximately 2.2 billion.

Substance use prevention and treatment services remains level funded. Funding for Intermediate Punishment will also remain at the same level as in FY 2021-22.

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through June 30, 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 June 2022. She also reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fourth Quarter Assessment Statistics, the Quarterly Drug of Choice Statistics, Top Drugs of Usage, Quarterly Referrals, and the Client Location Graph.

Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Fourth Quarter Prevention Service Data: including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data. She reviewed the Fourth Quarter Number of Prevention Services by Age Group and by Location, and the Student Assistance Data. Beth provided notices for upcoming opportunities, and a newsletter.

Nominating Committee

New Member nomination:

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

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Opposed	0
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PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported that there are fifteen (15) individuals participating in the program. There is one (1) individual who recently completed treatment and one individual who is pending admission into treatment.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently eleven (11) individuals participating in the program. There are two (2) individuals who are currently incarcerated, pending further order of the court and there is one individual whose whereabouts are unknown.

Four (4) Individuals graduated last week. One (1) individual is scheduled to plead into DTC – Drug Treatment Court this week and there are approximately 3 pending referrals.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Boozel spoke about the opioid settlement for Pennsylvania. He announced that he was appointed to the Trust Board by Attorney General Josh Shapiro. He talked about ongoing efforts with regard to the plan for the use of the money that Butler County will receive.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were no comments.

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 8:39 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:


Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:


Grace Abbruzzese


Cc: Advisory Board Members

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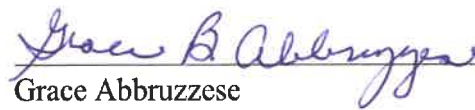
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