

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 15, 2023
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kevin Boozel	Kristan Semmler
John Johnson	Joshua Hakeem
Alicia Beighley	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness

Donna Jenereski, Tracey Hendrix, Ralph Patrick, Anne Drissler, Lisa Gill, Elisha Coast,
Bill Kepple, Grace Abbruzzese, Butler County Human Services

Call to Order

Kristan Semmler called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes)

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

Donna Jenereski reviewed a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 D&A contract amendment for the Board.

Program

No program was scheduled for this meeting.

REPORTS

Director's Report

SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:

- 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.

The Impacting Together recovery advocacy group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The meetings have been well attended by a core group of individuals in recovery. The group is focused on the development of a recovery community organization (RCO). The group has also been actively involved in the process of looking for a potential site for a future recovery center within Butler County.

- Drug Free Communities (DFC) update-

As discussed a few months ago, our office submitted an application for the Drug Free Communities Program through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Our office was invited to participate in a group call for all applicants that are being considered for funding. The purpose of the call was to provide general award information, review critical terms and conditions of an award, address roles and responsibilities, provide information on reporting requirements, and discuss other award requirements as appropriate.

Official award notices will go out sometime in late September.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week, there have been 23 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 7 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 32 confirmed overdose deaths and 7 cases were still pending.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

- Recovery House Licensure update-

Last week I received notification from a recovery house that they have been approved and they are awaiting the official email from DDAP with their license. This will be the 3rd licensed male recovery house within our county.

- Regional Recovery Hub update-

Armstrong/Indiana/Clarion D&A Commission facilitated a recovery community listening session on August 1, 2023 at Grace Community Wellness Center in Butler. There were approximately 12-15 individuals in attendance, with the majority representing the recovery community. Despite low representation from law enforcement, treatment providers, and the community at large, the attendees provided a wealth of insight and information! The next step of the process will be to convene smaller focus groups to further explore the information and ideas presented during the listening session.

- Fentanyl Test Strips update-

At the beginning of August, we received an email from DDAP, requesting "pre-order" information from SCA's that plan to request test strips. DDAP indicated that the procurement-related processes to acquire and distribute the tests are still being developed at this time. They

further indicated that they will contact SCA's that make a request through this pre-order form when orders can be filled.

We did submit "pre-order" information. We requested 1,000 fentanyl test strips and 1,000 Xylazine test strips.

State Updates:

● FY 2023-24 State Budget-

The senate convened on August 3rd to complete the legislative process and Governor Shapiro signed the state budget into law. The General Assembly and Governor still need to complete the Code bills, which provide the authorizing language for how certain funding in the budget is to be used.

It is our understanding that funding to the counties that is typically appropriated by the state, including funds for substance abuse, mental health, and child welfare, will not be impacted by the absence of code bills.

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through June 30, 2023.

Case Manager Report

Tracey Hendrix reviewed the statistics for the Monthly Assessment Services, the Information/Referral Services (IRS), and the Client Location graph for the month of July 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 July 2023. She provided flyers for several events.

Nominating Committee

No report.

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are eleven (11) individuals currently in the program. Two individuals are in a halfway house, and the remaining participants are in various levels of care between outpatient and IOP. Two to three individuals will hopefully graduate soon as they are getting close to being finished with treatment. There are no pending referrals.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently sixteen (16) individuals participating in the program. The majority are in intensive outpatient or outpatient treatment. Two are currently incarcerated, both are pending assessments and referrals back into treatment. There are two or three pending referrals.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Boozel spoke about RAM-Remote Area Medical to be held at the Butler Intermediate High School on November 11 and 12, 2023.

The TILES Flower box was discussed briefly. Construction on the flower boxes is on hold at this time.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Ken Clowes announced the September Hope Night will be "Stories of Hope" on September 14 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Butler Arts Center.

Public Comment Regarding General Items


There were no public comments.

Adjournment

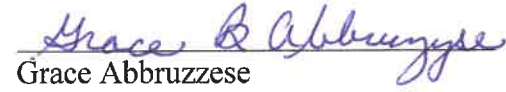
As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:


Shawn Pugh, Chairperson


Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:


Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members