

Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 20, 2022
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristan Semmler	Joshua Hakeem
Mark Lope	John Johnson
Alicia Beighley	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System
Anna Shuster, Gaiser Center
Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery Center

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

Call to Order

In Shawn Pugh's absence, Mark Lope called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (August 2022)

John Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Joshua Hakeem seconded the motion.

All in Favor	5*
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

*Since there was a lack of a quorum, additional votes were taken on all business presented at this meeting.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Donna Jenereski presented a list of contracts and one amendment for review by the Board.

Program

Anna Shuster gave a presentation on the Gaiser Center.

REPORTS

Director's Report

SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:

The Advisory Board was provided with brief updates on two (2) recent events that were hosted and sponsored by our office:

- Overdose Awareness Event (August 31st)
- 2nd Annual Recovery Walk/Picnic (September 10th)

● SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives update-
As mentioned last month, two 'Rediscovering Your Story' creative writing workshops have been planned for this fall at the Butler SCCCEED office on Main Street. The first workshop started on September 13th but did not take place due to only having 2 participants. Due to the associated costs and personnel provided by SRU, there needs to be a minimum of 5 participants per workshop. Efforts are underway to increase marketing for the workshops.

Plans are also underway to host a reconvene of the March 2022 Courageous Conversations Substance Use Disorder conference in order to share updates on the work that has been done thus far and to identify areas of focus moving forward. The reconvene has been scheduled for November 7th at SRU.

● Opioid Settlement Plan/Funding update-
Commissioner Boozel plans to review the opioid settlement funding and draft plan at the October D&A Advisory Board meeting.

Upon request from the Commissioners, we hosted an informal meeting on September 6th between the commissioners' and a small group of individuals representing the recovery community. The purpose for the meeting was to solicit their input regarding how the available funding could be used to meet the needs of families and individuals struggling with substance use disorders as well as those in recovery. It is unclear if there are plans to hold further meetings in order to gather additional input from the recovery community.

● County Overdose update-
As of last week there have been 35 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2022 with 7 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 41 confirmed overdose deaths with 12 cases still pending.

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:

● SCA 5-Year Treatment Plan Update-

At the beginning of September, we received notification from DDAP requesting an update for year 1 of our Treatment Plan. In order to align the treatment plan to the 5-year Grant Agreement, the timeframe for Year 1 was prolonged to include a 15-month period (4/2021-6/2022).

The year 1 update, due at the beginning of November, will consist of updates to the goals and strategies identified for each of our identified priorities.

- Recovery House Licensure update-

As of this week, 167 recovery houses have become licensed through by DDAP. As of information received last week, there are currently 74 recovery house applications still pending. There continues to be two (2) pending recovery house applications from Butler County on the list. The first house that applied at the end of May reportedly has had the onsite inspection from DDAP and they are in the process of completing some final physical plan corrections. The second house that applied sometime in July is still under initial review by DDAP.

State Updates:

None

Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through August 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 August 2022.

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. She provided informational handouts and notices for upcoming events.

Nominating Committee

No report.

PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported that there are fifteen (15) individuals participating in the program. There is (1) individual who has left the program. Two (2) individuals are incarcerated and are pending re-assessment.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently twelve (12) individuals participating in the program. There are three (3) individuals who are currently incarcerated, pending further order of the court.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were no provider comments.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

Ken Clowes announced the Hope Is Dope Refreshed Community Series will start on October 11th and will be held at the YMCA.

Tori Reagle said our International Overdose Awareness event was a great success. Thirty businesses on Main Street in Butler allowed us to place purple ribbons in their windows as a sign of hope and to end stigma.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Cc: Advisory Board Members



Kristian Semmler, Secretary




Grace Abbruzzese

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