

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

DATE: February 21, 2023  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Pugh	John Johnson
Kristan Semmler	Mark Lope

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Marcus, Resolutions Recovery  
Misty Miller, SPHS  
Rachel Harriger, The CARE Center  
Mary Allen, Trilogy Wellness  
Amanda Walker, Trilogy Wellness

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

**Call to Order**

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes (January 2023)**

John Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Lope seconded.

All in Favor	4*
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

There was none.

## Program

Mark Markus gave a presentation on Resolutions Recovery.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

#### **SCA: Case Management/Treatment/Prevention Updates:**

- Agency update-

Our new D&A Case Manager, Elisha Coast, started work on January 30<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned last month, Ms. Coast had previously worked for the Center for Community Resources, where she provided D&A Case Management and case coordination services and was the dedicated D&A Intensive Case Manager (ICM) for Butler County Drug Treatment Court. Her transition has been smooth and we are excited to have her on board!

- Annual Provider Monitoring-

We have started to schedule monitoring visits with local contracted providers. The visits will continue over the next several months and final reports are due to DDAP in June.

- FY 2023-24 Rate Setting Process-

The FY 2023-24 rate setting process for all non-hospital residential and halfway house providers began at the beginning of February. The completed packets are due back to our office by the beginning of March. We will again partner with other SCA's within our region to review all packets and establish rates.

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

A "HeART for Sobriety" art classes continue to take place on Friday's from 3:00-4:30 pm. The classes are free and open to everyone.

- County Overdose update-

The final confirmed number of overdose deaths for 2022 is 65.

As of last week there have been 3 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 9 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had not been any confirmed overdose deaths and 13 cases were still pending.

#### **Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Updates:**

- Mid-year request for additional funding-

As discussed last month, our office submitted a request to DDAP at the end of November for \$606,206.00 in additional funding. The additional funding was requested for treatment services, MAT services, treatment related services, and the SOR housing & housing focused case management services program. Our office finally received our approved Subsequently Available Funds (SAF) Amendment #6 from DDAP at the beginning of February. We have been awarded \$805,470.00 in additional State Opioid Response (SOR) funding for the period of September 30,

2022 through September 29, 2023 and an additional \$109,000.00 in state general assistance funding under our state appropriation for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

All SCA's have been asked by DDAP to evaluate their status of funds after receiving the most recent SAF and if additional funds are needed, those funds will be awarded on a subsequent SAF, as appropriate based on funding availability.

- Grant Initiative Funding Application for Regional Recovery Hubs update-

As mentioned last month, DDAP released a Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA) for the establishment of regional recovery hubs to enhance recovery supports and promote recovery within communities across Pennsylvania. DDAP has placed counties into six distinct regions and the counties of Allegheny, Erie and Philadelphia have each been identified as their own region. One entity within each of the nine counties will be awarded funding to provide technical assistance to the recovery community and organizations providing recovery supports within the region. The awarded entity will collaborate with a variety of community entities, sectors, and systems to enhance a recovery-supportive community, facilitate service delivery, educate and raise public awareness about recovery from substance use disorders, as well as conduct ongoing regional recovery support needs assessment surveys or focus groups.

Armstrong/Indiana Co. SCA announced their interest in becoming the entity to lead our regional recovery hub. A regional meeting was held at the end of January and all SCA's within the region verbalized support for A/I SCA to move forward with their application. Each SCA within the region provided a letter of support and everyone completed a regional recovery hub needs assessment survey for A/I SCA.

- Recovery House Licensure update-

As of the beginning of February, there continues to be four (4) pending Butler County recovery house applications. DDAP is awaiting revised documentation and policies from three of the recovery houses and the fourth house must make physical plant corrections.

### State Updates:

- CCAP 2023 priorities-

At the beginning of February the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) announced the 2023 county legislative priorities. These include:

- 911 funding and reauthorization
- County inmates with Mental Health issues
- County Mental Health base funding increase
- Addressing the needs of children and youth who have complex behavioral health issues
- Broadband access and development

### Financial Report

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

Nominating Committee

Election of Officers:

Nomination was made to elect Kristan Semmler to serve as Board Secretary. Mark Lope made a motion to approve the nomination, John Johnson seconded the motion.

All in Favor	4*
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

Nomination was made to elect Shawn Pugh to serve as Board Chairperson. Mark Lope made a motion to approve the nomination, Kristan seconded the motion.

All in Favor	4*
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0

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Nomination was made to elect Kristan Semmler to serve on the Nominating Committee. John Johnson made a motion to approve the nomination, Mark Lope seconded the motion.

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PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported there are twelve (12) individuals participating in the program. Two are in inpatient treatment, and five in a halfway house. Five individuals are in the community, including one who just finished treatment and one individual almost at the end of treatment. There is one possible pending.

Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently fifteen (15) individuals participating in the program. Fourteen are continuing in some level of treatment and there is one currently in jail pending admission back into treatment. There are 2 pending referrals for the program.

Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were no provider comments.

Public Comment Regarding General Items

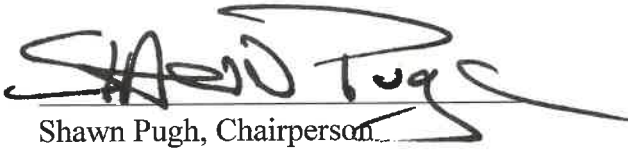
There were no public comments.

Adjournment


As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

\*Due to the fact that a quorum was not present, additional votes were obtained from absent board members to approve all action items voted on at this meeting.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:




Shawn Pugh, Chairperson



Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:



Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members