

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

DATE: April 18, 2023  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Butler County Human Services Conference Room - and also via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shawn Pugh	Mark Lope
Kristan Semmler	Alicia Beighley
Nicole Thurner	

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

Call to Order

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (March 2023)

Mark Lope 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 presented a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 D&A Service Agreement for review by the Board.

### Program

No program was scheduled for this meeting.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

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

- Annual Provider Monitoring update-

Provider monitoring continues and everything will be completed by the end of May.

- FY 2023-24 Rate Setting Process update-

We continue to review rate packets as a region with the goal of setting rates by the beginning of May.

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

As mentioned last month, SRU Occupational Therapy Doctoral students hosted craft-a-thon on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at Butler SUCCEED and the events were well received. Art/craft activities will continue to be offered at SUCCEED each Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

- County Overdose update-

As of last week there have been 13 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2023 with 8 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 18 confirmed overdose deaths and 11 cases were still pending.

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

- Annual Monitoring Process –

We submitted our FY 2022-23 pre-submission packet to DDAP at the end of March. Our virtual monitoring teleconference with DDAP has been scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and our onsite monitoring review will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Regional Recovery Hubs update-

As was mentioned several months ago, 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. Counties were placed into six distinct regions and the counties of Allegheny, Erie and Philadelphia have each been identified as their own region. DDAP's intent is to provide funding to one entity who will in turn 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 SCA did submit an application to be the entity to lead our region, along with letters of support from our office as well as all of the other SCA's within region 6.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> DDAP announced the grant awards. Armstrong/Indiana SCA has been awarded up to \$500,000 for the 15-month period beginning July 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 to serve as the recovery hub for region 6. Region 6 includes Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Indiana, Cambria, Washington, Westmoreland, Greene Fayette, and Somerset counties.

- Recovery House Licensure update-

Things remain status quo. Two (2) male recovery houses within the county have been licensed and there are currently two (2) other male houses with pending applications.

- Fentanyl Test Strips-

DDAP has announced their plans to make Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS) available to the Commonwealth at no cost. In the coming weeks, DDAP will be reaching 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.

### State Updates:

- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant-

PCCD has announced the availability of state funds for FY 2023-24 to support Intermediate Punishment Treatment Programs.

### Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through March 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 March 2023. She reviewed the Third Quarter Assessment Statistics, the Drug of Choice Statistics, the Top Drugs of Usage, the Quarterly Referrals, and the Client Location Graph for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

### Prevention Report

Beth gave an overview of upcoming Drug & Alcohol prevention events and trainings. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Third Quarter Prevention Service Data, including the Prevention/Intervention: Number of Services, Number of Individuals Served, and the Prevention Demographic Data. She reviewed the Third Quarter Number of Prevention Services by Age Group, and by Location.

### Nominating Committee

No report.

### PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported one individual successfully completed and graduated last month so now there are eleven (11) individuals participating in the program. Two individuals are pending sentencing in May, one person is in jail pending removal from the program, and one person is in

the trauma unit in the hospital due to injuries sustained while eluding police. The remaining seven individuals are in various levels of treatment.

#### Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently sixteen (16) individuals participating in the program. Fifteen individuals are in some level of D&A treatment. One individual is currently on the run. One new person will plead into Drug Treatment Court this week. A graduation is planned on May 25 for one participant.

#### Council Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There were none.

#### Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Kenneth Clowes announced the Establishing Financial Wellness class will start Monday, April 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The the Hope is Dope: *Refreshed* Community Series will start on April 25, both events will be held at the Glade Run Community Center. The first Hope Night will be in May, it will be Karaoke and Ice Cream.

#### 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 8:14 a.m.

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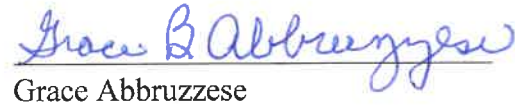


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