

**Butler County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Shawn Pugh      | Alicia Beighley |
| Mark Lope       | John Johnson    |
| Kristan Semmler |                 |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Clowes, Butler County Community College  
Ruthane Durso, Butler Health System  
Tracey Hendrix, Center for Community Resources  
Kayla Rennie, Slippery Rock University  
Christopher Cook, SPHS

Donna Jenereski, Beth E. Neveux, Lisa Gill, Ralph Patrick, Victoria Reagle, Bill Kepple  
Grace Abbruzzese, Michele Gebhart, Butler County Human Services

Call to Order

Chairperson, Shawn Pugh, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes (March 2022)

Mark Lope made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kristan Semmler seconded the motion.

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| 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 reviewed two FY 2021-2022 contract amendments for the Board.

### Program

The program was given later on in the meeting.

## REPORTS

### Director's Report

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

- SRU Institute for Nonprofit Leadership: Recovering Life Initiatives-  
The “Courageous Conversations: A Collective Commitment to Promote and Support Recovery” conference took place last month on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 90 individuals attended the daylong event, which included speakers, a panel discussion, and break-out sessions. Follow-up meetings/ reconnects have been initiated for each of the conference break-out sessions in order to keep individuals engaged. Conference attendees are also welcome and will be invited to attend and become involved in any of the other groups that they did not have an opportunity to experience during the conference.

As mentioned last month, the next program/class planned for individuals in recovery will be a painting class. Details are still being worked out at this point an official start date has not been identified. In the meantime, a screening of the movie “Anonymous People” will take place at SRU’s SUCCEED office on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The event is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

- FY 2022-23 Problem Gambling Prevention Funding-  
At the beginning of April we received notification from DDAP that our office has been approved to receive \$20,553.00 in problem gambling prevention funding for FY 2022-23.

- FY 2022-23 –XYZ Rate Setting Process update-  
We continue to participate in the review of rate setting packets for the upcoming fiscal year. We are working with several SCA’s within our region, including Mercer, Venango, Erie, and Crawford to review all of the packets submitted by inpatient and/or halfway house providers within the counties. All of the packets have been reviewed and the majority of providers have been asked to submit additional information and/or revise various components of their packets. We hope to wrap up final reviews, establish rates, and send correspondence to the providers by the end of May.

- Annual Provider Monitoring update  
We continue to conduct annual monitoring with identified in-county providers and we should have all of the visits completed by the middle of May.

- County Overdose update-  
As of last week there have been 18 confirmed overdose deaths thus far for 2022 with 11 cases still pending.

For comparison purposes: at this time last year, there had been 11 confirmed overdose deaths with 8 cases still pending.

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

- DDAP Annual Monitoring Process with the SCA-

The required pre-submission information and documents were sent to DDAP at the end of March. Our assigned DDAP Project Office reached out in order to schedule the virtual monitoring meeting as well as the onsite visit. The virtual monitoring meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and the onsite visit has been scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

- DDAP SCA Case Management Check-in meeting-

At the beginning of April we were contacted by a representative from DDAP's Treatment Division to schedule a conference call/virtual meeting. This individual has been assigned as our representative and is responsible for reviewing and providing technical assistance around the implementation of Case Management and Clinical Service Manual requirements, the implementation of our Treatment Needs Assessment/Plan, and the implementation of case management services. The virtual meeting has been scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Recovery House Licensure update-

As discussed at prior meetings, the Recovery House Regulations are in place and will take effect in early June. As of last week, approximately 30 recovery house applications from across the commonwealth have been submitted and are currently under review and 4 houses have been approved for licensure. DDAP continues to encourage recovery houses to apply for licensure and they are offering a monthly free one-day training workshop, designed to answer various questions associated with the application process.

On a local level, several existing recovery houses have acknowledged that they plan to apply for licensure and are currently in the process of preparing the information and documentation required as part of the application process.

### Financial Report

Bill Kepple reviewed the allocations and expenditures through March 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 March 2022. She also reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Third 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 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, and the Student Assistance Data. Beth provided notices for upcoming opportunities, trainings, events and informational bulletins.

#### Program

Tracey Hendrix of Center for Community Resources gave a presentation on the MORE Program; Mothers' Oasis for Recovery Empowerment.

#### Nominating Committee

There was no report.

#### PCCD Update

Kristan Semmler reported that there are twenty (20) individuals participating in the program. Three (3) individuals are currently incarcerated.

#### Drug Treatment Court Update

Donna reported that there are currently fourteen (14) individuals participating in the program. There is one (1) individual currently incarcerated, pending further order of court, and one (1) individual whose whereabouts are unknown. Three (3) individuals graduated on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

There were none.

#### Providers' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

Kenneth Clowes announced a free Hope is Dope Community Series event will be held at Butler's Grand Ballroom on Main Street May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

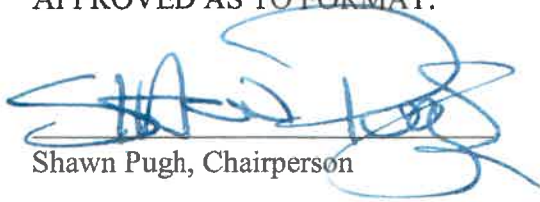
#### Public Comment Regarding General Items

There were none

#### 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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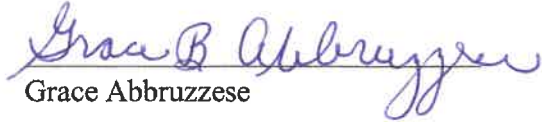


Shawn Pugh, Chairperson

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Kristan Semmler, Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:



Grace Abbruzzese

Cc: Advisory Board Members

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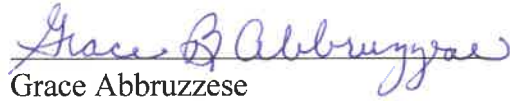
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