

June 11, 2025
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

3:30 P.M. – Administration Building – Workshop Room
2401 S.E. Monterey Road, STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

Facilitator..... Michelle Miller
Chair..... Robert Bruton
Member..... Mykel McMurren
Member..... Mike Anthony
Member..... Layla Ford

ABSENT

Member..... David Lustgarten
Member..... Matthew Potsko
Member..... Brian Grien
Member..... Dan Duran
Member..... Ross Tucker II
Member..... Guillermo Orozco
Member..... Charles Schwab
Member..... Heather Rothe

***Indicates a motion **Indicates a vote ***For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes for September, December, and March– *No quorum*

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates from Advisory Members

- Public Defender’s Office – Noticing a significant increase in cases involving fentanyl mixed with other substances.
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office/Jail – Mental Health Pod – Currently in progress, with an estimated completion timeline of 2–3 years. The body scanner is expected to be implemented within the next 30–60 days.

- Stuart PD- A rise in DUI cases is being reported. With the addition of newer officers, more offenders are expected to be identified.

Only three overdoses reported so far this year, which is largely attributed to the increased use and availability of Narcan.

- Youth Members - Student Behavior – Students caught vaping are being sent to the alternative school, Spectrum. Alcohol use among students remains an issue, with some using fake IDs to obtain. There is a continued need to encourage better decision-making among youth.

Project Graduation – The event was well attended and considered a success.

B. Community Action Update

- Prevention efforts are ongoing, supported by events such as Hidden in Plain Sight, Culinary Camp, and Know the Law.

C. Specialty Court Updates

- Mental Health Court – currently has 103 participants enrolled in the program.
- Reach/Civil Citations – currently has 56 participants.
- Drug Court – Currently has 42 active participants, with 7–8 individuals graduating from the program since March.

D. Overdose and Narcan Stats

- Overdose and death rates are down nationwide. Locally, there have been 26 overdoses from January to present, which is a decrease compared to previous years.
- Department of Health – Distributed 64 boxes of Narcan to date.

E. Opioid Settlement Funds

- Primarily allocated toward drug prevention initiatives.

4. COMMENTS

A. Public – none

B. Members – none

C. Staff – none

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23p.m.

The next meeting is September 10, 2025.

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September 10, 2025
Date

Robert Bruton
Chairperson

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