

September 11, 2024
DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE
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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.....	Kenneth Link
Member.....	Matthew Potsko
Member.....	Dan Duran
Member.....	Brian Grien
Member.....	Mike Anthony

ABSENT

Member.....	Charles Schwab
Member.....	Robin Huebner
Member.....	David Lustgarten
Member.....	Joseph Sabol

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Stuart.....	Michael Gerwan
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STAFF PRESENT

Martin County Human Services.....	Philip Ratchford
Martin County Human Services.....	Sherilyn Scraders
Martin County Human Services.....	Joanna Greene

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2024

* Mike Anthony motioned to approve the June 12, 2024 Minutes.

**Mykel McMurren seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates from Advisory Members

- Public Defender's Office – Uptick in cases involving synthetic cocaine.
- Town of Jupiter Island – An accident involving nitrous oxide reported.
- Martin County Sheriff's Office/Jail – Mental Health issues remain stagnant; \$500K grant for a mental health unit has been proposed.
- City of Stuart – Downward trend of DUI arrest.

- Student – Brian advised he has noticed less use of nicotine and marijuana; not seeing it as much and believes it is due to the new no cell phone policy.
- Treatment Representative – Advised that that users choose synthetic over traditional drugs. They are choosing to use more legal substances.

B. Community Action Update

- Great turnout to prevention events.
- Fall events are now being planned.
- There will be a Know the Law Training for middle and high school students at Blake Library.
- Coalition on Wheels (C.O.W) Trailer Exercise located at Project Lift.

C. Specialty Courts

- 3 participants completed Reach.
- 95 participants in mental health court with 5 to graduate.
- Juvenile/Reach – slow during the summer.
- DJJ – 13 participants enrolled; 3 graduated.
- Drug Court -25 participants with 3 expected to graduate at the end of the month.
- Prevention events are having great turnouts. The planning of fall events has started.

D. Narcan and Overdose Statistics

- According to the 2023 ME Report Martin County has decreased by almost fifty percent.
- Cocaine use has decreased in Martin County.

E. Opioid Settlement Funds

- Website www.opioidsettlementfundmc.com is up and running.

4. COMMENTS

A. Public – none

B. Members – none

C. Staff – none

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15p.m.

The next meeting is March 12, 2025.

Recorded and prepared by:

Sherilyn Scraders
Human Services Coordinator

March 12, 2025
Date

Robert Bruton
Chairperson

March 12, 2025
Date