

March 12, 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..... Matthew Potsko
Member..... Heather Rothe
Member..... Layla Ford

ABSENT

Member..... Robin Huebner
Member..... David Lustgarten
Member..... Joseph Sabol
Member..... Mike Anthony
Member..... Charles A. Schwab
Member..... Brian Grien
Member..... Dan Duran

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Stuart..... Michael Gerwan
Martin County Human Services..... Joanna Greene
Martin County Human Services..... Philip Ratchford
Martin County Human Services..... Sherilyn Scraders

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *No quorum*

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates from Advisory Members

- Public Defender’s Office – No updates.
- Town of Jupiter Island – Recently, there was another arrest related to nitrous oxide possession or use.
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office/Jail – A new methadone treatment facility has been officially approved, enhancing the county’s resources for opioid addiction treatment and recovery.
- Student – Vaping in school classes is a growing issue.
- Stuart PD – Reported one non-fatal overdose since January; 15 DUI arrests.

B. Community Action Update

- Several community events have taken place in recent months to promote youth involvement and public safety, including Youth Dialog Day and Know the Law.

C. Specialty Court Updates

- 37 participants in Adult Drug Court with 5 graduating.
- 106 Mental Health Court participants with 8 graduating.
- 40 active juveniles with civil citation and 33 in the REACH program.

D. Overdose and Narcan Stats

- Recent reports indicate a decline in overdose-related deaths in the community. This encouraging trend is attributed in part to increased awareness, community outreach, and the expanded availability and use of Narcan (naloxone) — a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses.

E. Opioid Settlement Funds

- In February 2025, the community received \$364,000 in local opioid settlement funds as part of broader national efforts to address the impact of the opioid crisis.
- These funds are being strategically allocated to enhance public health and safety, including: the purchase of a body scanner for the local jail — an important tool that will help prevent the smuggling of drugs and other contraband into the facility.

4. COMMENTS

- A. Public – none
- B. Members – none
- C. Staff – none

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54p.m.

The next meeting is June 11, 2025.

Recorded and prepared by:

Sherilyn Scraders
Human Services Coordinator

June 11, 2025
Date

Robert Bruton
Chairperson

June 11, 2025
Date

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