

**December 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

**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](http://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:

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Sherilyn Scraders  
Human Services Coordinator

December 11, 2024  
Date

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Robert Bruton  
Chairperson

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