

June 12, 2019
DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

3:30 P.M. – 1st Floor Growth Management Conference Room
2401 S.E. Monterey Road, STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

Facilitator..... Michelle Miller
MemberRobert Bruton
Member..... Matthew Potsko
Member..... Elizabeth Metzger

STAFF PRESENT

Martin County Case Manager.....Sharyn Krim
Martin County Case Manager.....Joanna Greene
Martin County Case Manager.....Yuri Parraga
Martin County Health & Human Services Sherilyn Scraders

OTHERS PRESENT

Palm Beach Substance Abuse Coalition.....Micah Robbins
Unity Behavioral Health.....Robert McCall
Unity Behavioral Health..... Stephany Matthews- Muldoon

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2018 and March 13, 2019 meetings were tabled.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. State of the Opioid Crisis in Florida and in Martin County – Micah Robbins discussed how the opioid crisis is trending. He advised that cocaine use is on the rise and has doubled in the last three years and has contributed to 1,158 deaths within three Florida counties.

In addition, there has been about 2000 deaths related to heroin use. Youth marijuana administration and potency levels also continue to increase.

Reports show that for youths drinking alcohol has decreased while vaping has increased.

Mr. Robbins also mentioned that the way fentanyl (synthetics) is delivered is changing.

- B. BJA Grant Update – Michelle Miller introduced Joanna Greene who is the new Crisis Response Specialist housed at the Martin County Sheriff's office and Health and Human Services office.

There are 55 participants in adult drug court and 19 in juvenile drug court. Graduation will be held in July.

Ms. Miller advised that Martin County Health and Human Services case managers will be attending the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Rise 19 Conference in July. They will also be participating in the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) training.

- C. Reinvestment Grant Update – There are 70 participants in the mental health program. There has been seven graduations from the program.

The mental health program is researching how to bring additional clients into the program. The program continues to work on providing additional services such as job placement, career training and housing.

- D. The University of South Florida will have a training on Sequential Mapping on September 10th and 11th at the Palm City Community Center.

Discussion

- Trend in opioid use among adults and youth
- Increase in stimulant abuse among youth
- Cocaine deaths on the rise in Florida

- E. Michelle Miller advised the committee that an updated resolution is needed and to think about changing the term limits from one year to three for committee members.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Robert McCall of Unity Behavioral Health presented on Treatment Solutions – Addiction and the Brain.

Mr. McCall discussed what happens when drugs are introduced and how drug addiction affects serotonin and dopamine.

There was discussion on traditional therapy and neuro behavioral therapy.

5. COMMENTS

- B. Public –

- C. Members –

- D. Staff – Michelle Miller advised that the next meeting may be pushed back a week.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58p.m.

The next meeting is September 11, 2019 at the 1st Floor Growth Management Conference Room, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, FL.

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Health and Human Services Specialist

September 11, 2019
Date



Vicki Nichols
Chairperson

September 11, 2019
Date

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