

**February 5, 2020**  
**DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

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

**PRESENT**

Facilitator.....	Sharyn Krim
Member.....	Michelle Miller
Member.....	Vicki Nichols
Member .....	Robert Bruton
Member.....	Matthew Potsko
Member.....	Lawrence Mirman
Member.....	Maureen Kielian
Member.....	Luis Farias
Member.....	Tom Harmer
Member.....	Theresa Iuliucci
Member.....	Todd Neal
Member.....	Angieszka Marshall
Member.....	Jane Powell
Member.....	Christopher Wade

**ABSENT**

Member.....Heather Rothe

**STAFF PRESENT**

Martin County Case Manager.....	Samantha Padin
Martin County Case Manager.....	Joanna Greene
Martin County Case Manager.....	Yuri Parraga
Martin County Health & Human Services .....	Sherilyn Scraders
Martin County Health & Human Services.....	Philip Ratchford

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2019

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Welcome – The new members were introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

B. Amended Resolution – Michelle Miller discussed the amended resolution and advised a copy will be sent to members by email.

C. Drug Free Communities Grant and Coalition – Philip Ratchford advised that we did not receive the Drug Free Communities Grant. However, a new coalition will be formed so we will be ready to re-apply for the grant when it comes out.

D. Martin County Trends - Sharyn Krim provided an update on trends in Martin County as it relates to substance abuse. Ms. Krim reported that opioid trends in Florida have increased. There has also been a decline in alcohol use among ages 12-17 and adults. Tobacco use among youth have declined while vaping has increased.

Michelle Miller reported that the goals for the National Drug Strategy is prevention, treatment and law enforcement.

Judge Mirman advised that as of January 31<sup>st</sup> that state approved funding for problem solving courses targeting Martin County adult and juvenile drug court.

Dr. Marshall advised that funding for kid programs was received as well. She also reported that the following trends were a concern: prescription abuse, legalizing marijuana and an increase in Kratom among juveniles.

Michelle Miller reported that two legislative bills in session are being monitored regarding raising the tobacco age limit to twenty-one (21).

E. Goals for 2020 – The following goals were discussed:

- Enforcing Sober Homes in Martin County
- Reaching out to high school students who are using
- Martin County Sheriff's Office policy regarding suboxone (cold turkey)
- Limiting under age drinking

#### **4. COMMENTS**

A. Public – none

B. Members – Michelle Miller advised that election of a new Chair will be held at the next meeting.

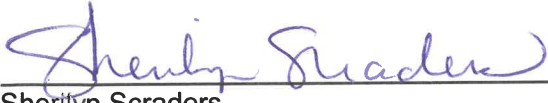
C. Staff – none

#### **5. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

The next meeting is June 10, 2020 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Growth Management Conference Room, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, FL.

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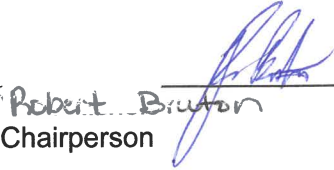


Sherilyn Scraders

Health and Human Services Specialist

June 10, 2020

Date



Robert Bruton  
Chairperson

June 10, 2020

Date

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