

**Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Department
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

Attending Board Members: Worth Liipfert, Carol Hartman, Javier Zimbron, Joe Naughton and Thomas Hale

Absent Board Members: Linda Hoffman (Excused) and Dominique Driessen-Espana

Attending Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BCADAD) Staff: Steve Donaldson and Barbara (BJ) Ray

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Chairman – Worth Liipfert

Pledge of Allegiance was cited

Handouts to Board Members:

Meeting Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, BCADAD Priorities for FY20 Strategic Plan, Conflict of Interest Statements and South Carolina Legislature Bill regarding Drug Court

Agenda Approval:

Motion made by Tom Hale to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion 2nd by Carol Hartman

No Discussion – Motion passed unanimously

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion made by Joe Naughton to accept the Previous Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion 2nd by Javier Zimbron

No Discussion – Motion passed unanimously

Director's Report:

Project Update:

Partnership with Beaufort Memorial Hospital

- Contracts due within the next week
- Wade Bishop – Prevention Director for BCADAD will be supervising the Peer Support Specialists of the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Staff.
- Each SBIRT Staff member will receive 40 hours of Peer Support Training, additional SBIRT and Motivational Interview Training.
- Goal is to have this program up and running by September.

Narcan Distribution

- 6/1/2019 – Distribution began for patients and their support people (family/partners)
- Advertising to begin in July for distribution to the public

New Items:

Use of the State of SC Debt Set-Off Program

The following information was given:

- What is the Debt Set-Off Program
- How the Program works
- Other County Agency's using this Program
- Why BCADAD should be using it

Questions by and discussion with the Board Members.

Motion was made by Worth Liipfert to support the BCADAD Director in pursuing permission from County Council to enroll in the Debt Set-Off Program.

Motion was 2nd by Tom Hale

No further discussion - Motion Passed Unanimously

Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Collaboration between BCADAD and Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services (BJHCHS)

- At the request of BJHCHS, the BCADAD Director met with BJHCHS personnel regarding the possible formation of a partnership to provide MAT and Treatment Services to County residents.
- Discussed MAT Grant through SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Substances (DAODAS) and how this would work with Beaufort County.
- Discussed positives and possible risks in forming this partnership and using Grant Funds

Questions by and discussion with the Board Members.

Motion made by Joe Naughton to support the BCADAD Director in presenting the idea of a partnership between BCADAD and BJHCHS to County Council to obtain permission to move forward in the process.

Motion 2nd by Carol Hartman

No further discussion – Motion Passed Unanimously

BCADAD Priorities for the FY20 Strategic Plan (Refer to attachment)

- Nine (9) Priority Areas have been established.
- BCADAD Director touched on each of the Priorities – establishing why they are priorities. Answered Board Member questions as he was going over the list of priorities.
- Reported that the Beaufort County School District (BCSD) had reached out for assistance from BCADAD with their Right Choices Program. Requested funding through DAODAS for Adolescent Services which would be used to assist the BCSD and the “Right Choices” Program.

Old Business:

Joe Naughton reported on his findings to-date with regards to establishing a “Faces and Voices of Recovery” (Peer Report) FAVOR Chapter here in Beaufort County. He spoke with Mr. Richard Jones who expressed that he would be willing to help in any way to get this established. Mr. Naughton will be checking into the process and expense of creating a 501C3 which would be established to help with fund raising for activities/programs with an emphasis on changing the “stigma” associated with addiction. He will also be checking the interest of the addiction community with regards to being involved in such a group. It was decided that additional information needs to be obtained and further thought needs to be put into this matter.

New Business:

- **Conflict of Interest Statements**, which were part of the handouts given at the beginning of the meeting, were discussed and asked to be completed and turned in at the end of the meeting. All attendees completed and turned in the form.
- **Drug Court** – The present arrangement with the Solicitor’s Office with regards to Drug Court was discussed. Board given the cost to BCADAD to provide the treatment services for the Drug Court patients. The Board encouraged the BCADAD Director to pursue trying to change the present agreement to be more equitable.

Next meeting is August 14, 2019.

Motion made to adjourn by Joe Naughton

Motion 2nd by Javier Zimbron

No discussion – Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm