

For Informational Purposes Only – No Quorum

Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Attending Board Members: Dominique Driessen-Espana, Carol Hartman, Linda Hoffman

Absent Board Members: Thomas Hale, Worth Liipfert, Joe Naughton, Javier Zimbron

Attending Staff Members: Steve Donaldson, BCADAD Director; Christina Coker; BCADAD Quality Assurance Coordinator; Monica Spells, Assistant County Administrator

Guests: None

There being no quorum present at 4:00 p.m., and due to the agenda not being posted to the public online via the County's website twenty-four hours in advance, the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board called to order a meeting for informational purposes only.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dominique Driessen-Espana

Pledge of Allegiance was cited: led by Dominique Driessen-Espana

Public Comment: None

Handouts to Board Members:

- Agenda distributed

Agenda Approval:

Steve indicated, in view of no quorum agenda approval could not be motioned or approved

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Steve indicated, in view of no quorum the June minutes approval could not be motioned or approved

Director's Report:

Steve Donaldson presented his report:

Personnel:

- **Vacant Positions:**
 - There are currently five (5) vacant positions. Four (4) positions are new for grant funded Patient Navigators to be embedded at Beaufort Memorial hospital.
 - One (1) Receptionist for the Bluffton location. A candidate has been identified and is soon to go through the screening process.

- One (1) part-time Grant Funded Adolescent Counselor position will be advertised by the end of the month to be embedded in the Right Choices Program at Beaufort County School District's Building.

Project Update:

- **Partnership with Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH)**
 - Tentative start date: October 2019 for the SBIRT Program at BMH.
 - Steve indicated he would send a link to Board Members for the Patient Navigator Positions. The positions will be posted by the Beaufort County Employee Services Department no later than August 16, 2019.
- **Narcan Distribution**
 - Naloxone (Narcan) training scheduled for August 3rd was cancelled, in view of low interest in the event.
 - A \$25,000 grant identified for general population information dissemination and other Prevention activities is in application stages. A Narcan public service announcement (PSA) produced and distributed by Beaufort County Broadcasting Services is one of the goals. The PSA will alert citizens on how they can access Narcan through the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department.
 - Other flyers are being developed by the Beaufort County's Communications Department to ensure the general community is aware that Narcan training and distribution is meant for them.
- **Debt Set-Off**
 - Christina Coker confirmed that the next opportunity to apply to use Debt Set-Off was in October.
 - Steve indicated that the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department were going to request participation through County Council approval, in view of the Board's recommendation at the June 16, 2019 meeting.
- **Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, inc. (BJHCHS)**
 - Progress on contract development by Monica Smalls and Steve Donaldson, as well as discussions with BJHCHS for partnering as the medical provider for Medication Assisted Treatment were reviewed.
 - Steve indicated he requested funding for a Care Coordinator from the funds the state of South Carolina has secured to combat the opioid crisis, however no response.
 - No timeline for implementation
- **Bridge Program**
 - Plans for a part time grant funded Adolescent Counselor to work within the "Right Choices Program" embedded in the Beaufort County School District were relayed.
 - Programming and administrative tasks are underway.
 - Concerns about Juuling were raised by Linda Hoffman. Steve indicated that the Department was also developing programming specific to Juuling as part of Prevention Services, and a \$10k funding source to do data collection and programming was expected in October. Steve relayed that minimal details were available to elaborate at this time, because the programming is in development.

Financial Reports:

- Steve explained the absence of the Department's Financial Coordinator to give any specifics about the yearend profit and loss. However, he indicated that early projections to all reconciliation look as though the department will be in the black.
- Monica Spells acknowledged the work done by the Department to implement financial systems that better positioned the Department financially.

Projects:

- **Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR)**
 - Joe Naughton not available to give any updates.
 - Steve gave a brief history on the national FAVOR movement to reduce stigma, and indicated if money needed to start a chapter that South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services may be helpful.

Unfinished (Old) Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 pm by Steve Donaldson, in view of no other business, comments, or questions to the informational presentation.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Donaldson
BCADAD Director

Next meeting is October 16, 2019.