

**Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Department
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

Attending Board Members: Thomas Hale, Worth Liipfert, Linda Hoffman, Javier Zimbron and Carol Hartman

Absent Board Members: Joe Naughton, Dominique Driessen-Espana

Visitors: Larry McElynn, County Council Member and Liaison to Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board

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

Meeting called to order at 4:06pm by Chairman: Worth Liipfert

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Emailed Handouts to Board Members:

Agenda
Minutes from July 15, 2020 Meeting
Director's Report

Agenda Approval:

Motion made by Tom Hale; 2nd by Javier Zimbron
Motion passed unanimously

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion made by Tom Hale to approve the minutes from July 15, 2020; 2nd by Javier Zimbron
Motion passed unanimously

Action Item from last meeting: Worth Liipfert

Attempts by telephone and email have been made to contact Dominique Driessen-Espana regarding her ability to continue to serve on the BCADAD Board. A letter was sent to her last week. To-date there has been no response.

Director's Report:

- **Screening-Brief-Interview-Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program:**
 - Steve gave a follow up on a meeting he attended Wednesday, August 5, 2020 with the Controlled Substance Taskforce at Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH). Dr. Gambla and the taskforce continue to be interested in partnering with BCADAD and the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) on this opportunity.
 - The meeting between BMH and Sara Goldsby, Director of DAODAS has not occurred as Dr. Gambla has been on vacation.

- **Solicitor's Office/Drug Court**
 - Steve reported that Linda Delahunty has not heard back from Colleton County regarding their interest in the Drug Court Program.
 - Ms. Delahunty contact Steve regarding her concern of mutual patients not receiving group services. She was assured that since the office is presently closed to the public, the patients in the Drug Court Program are receiving individual counseling either virtually or by telephone.

- **COVID-19 IMPACT**

- Steve reported that new admissions were down 50% compared to July 2019 which is the average around the county.

- **FY20 Services Provided and Demographics**

- Steve highlighted some of the Services and Demographics included in the Director's Report. Of note, ADSAP, Adult and Adolescent services were down while IOP services remained about the same. 178 fewer patients were seen in FY20.
- Services to the Latinx/Hispanic community declined when compared to FY19, bucking an upward trend over the past several years.

- **Financial Report:**

- FY20 has not been closed out as we are still awaiting funds from the Beaufort County School District and from the State with regards to the Alcohol Excise Tax funds.
- When completed, the final FY20 Financial Report will be shared with the Board.
- In comparing July FY20 with July FY21 – Revenues are down by \$7,755.
- Group of other 301 - A&D agencies is putting together a proposal to give to DAODAS with regards to agencies being paid for providing Intensive Outpatient Services in a virtual group setting. If worthy, DAODAS will take the proposal to SC-Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

- **CARF**

- Since the survey is being handled virtually all requested information has been uploaded for the surveyors to begin working on. The survey will begin in earnest with the BCADAD staff tomorrow morning, August 13, 2020 and will be completed on August 14, 2020. It is expected that BCADAD will represent the county well.

- **Discussion**

- Larry McElynn gave a quick update on news coming out of Washington, DC with regards to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) which is a department under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- He also discussed Red Ribbon Week which will be held in October. Mr. McElynn has been asked by Steve to write a letter about Red Ribbon Week to be part of the BCADAD October Newsletter.

Next Meeting is September 16th 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Carol Hartman; Seconded by Javier Zimbron
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

| Submitted: bjr

