

Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Department
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Corrected

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

Absent Board Members: Joe Naughton

Visitors: Larry McElynn, County Council Member and Liaison to Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board; Chuck Adkinson, Assistant County Administrator for Community Services

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

Meeting called to order at 4:10pm by: Carol Hartman then handed off to Worth Liipfert upon his arrival

Pledge of Allegiance was cited

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 Linda Hoffman to approve the minutes from August 12, 2020; 2nd by Tom Hale
Motion passed unanimously

Action Items from last meeting: None

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:

- **Screening-Brief-Interview-Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program:**
 - Steve gave a quick update on a meeting held this morning, September 16, 2020 with Dr. Kurt Gambla of Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH) and the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) on this opportunity. It was decided that BMH would take on the responsibility for the needed personnel. They would receive a contract from DAODAS to cover personnel costs. Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department (BCADAD) would receive a contract from DAODAS for treatment services associated with the SBIRT Program.

- Steve will assist BMH with the development of job descriptions and protocols for the SBIRT Program.
- **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program:**
 - BMH is interested in working with BCADAD on the MAT Program for both Opioids and Alcohol. Steve reported that he is in the preliminary stage of developing a contract between BMH, local pharmacies and BCADAD. He will keep the board updated as this process moves forward.
 - Access Health, a subsidiary of BMH, began looking into this program as a way of making sure that best practices and protocols were being used by physicians associated with BMH.
- **Debt Set Off Program:**
 - Letters have been sent to patients who are on the list to have their unpaid balances submitted to the Debt Set Off Program. Some patients have already sent in payments. 30 days after the letters went out, the computer file will be uploaded into the Debt Set off System. This is scheduled for next week. If patients pay after the file is uploaded, adjustments can be made to the file prior to it being sent to the IRS for the retention and disbursement of any refund of State Income Tax due to the patient.
- **Solicitor's Office/Drug Court**
 - Steve reported that there are presently 9 patients remaining in the Drug Court Program. They are expected to finish with BCADAD within the next 4-8 weeks.
 - Steve reported that he has contacted Linda Delihunty with this information and expressed that BCADAD is open to continuing to work with Drug Court and their clients.
 - Ms. Delihunty sent Steve an email indicating that she is working on a couple of options. She also indicated that Drug Court is applying for a new grant. She will be in touch once she receives word on the new grant.
- **COVID-19 IMPACT**
 - Steve reported that BCADAD census is down 48.2%. He is particularly concerned about Adolescents since referral from schools is unlikely with public schools being held virtually at this time.
 - Charter, Private and Christian schools are holding in-person classes. Steve is awaiting contact info from other BCADAD staff to help determine how best to touch base with these schools.
 - Larry McElynn reported that the Beaufort County Council is looking into funding for youth who need assistance with virtual school. County Parks and Leisure facilities are being considered as an option at this time.
 - BCADAD has been given permission by the County Administrator to have the Human Services Building open a couple days per week for BCADAD patients and clients in the Federal Pretrial and Probation program to have urine drug screens.
- **Financial Report: Christina Coker**
 - Christina introduced the newly created Year-To-Date financial form to the Board. This form includes figures from 7/1/20-8/31/20. She will be presenting this information at all future BCADAD Board Meetings.

- **Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities - CARF**
 - BCADAD survey was completed over two days, August 13th & 14th. BCADAD did receive some recommendations but are awaiting the full report, which is due in the next couple of weeks, to formulate a plan of correction.

- **International Overdose Awareness Day - August 31, 2020**
 - BCADAD Prevention Department gave out both Narcan (29) Deterra Bags (16) to the community. Of interest was a grandmother who brought her grandson to the event to be educated about Narcan since both his parents are addicts, one parent is in jail. Galen Sturup Comeau, Prevention Staff, is in contact with the grandparents regarding an interview with the grandson which would give voice to his story for an upcoming newsletter.
 - Both DNR and a volunteer K-9 unit from Hilton Head picked up Narcan. Margo Weeks, Peer Support staff, will be doing an article for an upcoming newsletter about the need for Narcan for K-9 units.

- **Board Vacancy**
 - Dominique Driessen-Espana contacted Steve and expressed that due to life and work changes she would be unable to continue serving on the Board.
 - **Joe Naughton** contacted Steve expressing that due to work obligations he is finding it difficult to attend 4pm Board Meeting. Steve indicated that he will be speaking with Worth regarding this situation and together they would develop a plan of action.

- **Discussion**
 - Red Ribbon Week is in October. Larry McElynn will share virtual options with the Prevention Department.

Next Meeting is September 16th 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Tom Hale; 2nd by Javier Zimbron
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted: bjr