

**Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Department
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2021**

Attending Board Members: Thomas Hale, Worth Liipfert, Carol Hartman, and Blake White

Absent Board Members: Javier Zimbron, Linda Hoffman

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

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm by Worth Liipfert

All attending cited the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Holly Peterson – New Board Member

Emailed Handouts to Board Members:

Agenda
Minutes from August 14, 2021 Meeting
Director's Report

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion made by Carol Hartman to approve the minutes from August 14, 2021
2nd by Holly Peterson
Motion passed unanimously

Action Items from the last meeting: None

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: (See attached)

- ✚ Highlights of the Director's Report were reviewed by Steve Donaldson. He emphasized the difficulty filling vacant counselor positions, which is impacting adolescents and adults. Gladly, he reported that Proviso 118.18 may be helpful though the provision of signing bonuses for the two vacant counselor positions currently advertised.
- ✚ The First Responder Grant Project Coordinator and Peer Recovery Support positions were also discussed. Steve indicated there may be an internal candidate for the coordinator position, and he encouraged board members to let recovering people looking for peer type work to look at the advertisement on the Beaufort County website.
- ✚ The Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment project was shared with the board. Steve indicated that the intent is to have Case Western University fully evaluate the services, administrative functions, and documentation processes at BCADAD so a comprehensive report can be created to assess strengths and areas for improvement. Steve explained that continued consultation for approximately one year would follow to assist with quality improvement. Steve indicated the evaluation would likely not occur until April of 2022.
- ✚ Setbacks to enhancing medication assisted treatment through Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Incorporated, given the Covid impact and staff shortages were

relayed to the board. Holly indicated that the monthly injectable medications for one of the Hope House Residents did not seem to help her. However, Steve indicated he thought those type of opportunities in lieu of daily dosing may be of benefit in those types of environments.

- ✚ The plan for enhancing the reach South of the Broad through marketing efforts through the SOR3 grant were discussed. Steve indicated the billboards would be coming down but print ad campaigns and other efforts from the Beaufort County Communications Department were being planned to create more visibility.

Financial Update:

- ✚ Several recent funding sources (in the Director's Report) were discussed. Specifically, the use of proviso 118.18 and Covid Stabilization funds. Steve indicated both opportunities were meant to help with Covid impacts, which will off-set some expenditures and create more indigent funding resources.
- ✚ Steve indicated that the Operations Manager who recently joined BCADAD would share a 1st quarter funding report at the December 14th meeting.

Project Updates:

First Responder Grant- Steve indicated the grant's advisory committee are to meet in November, which may precede the hiring of the Project Coordinator. Questions from Carol and Worth about Narcan and Fentanyl strips were asked. Steve indicated Fentanyl strips would be largely used for assessing the scene and for safety of first responders, and that the Community Outreach Paramedic Education (COPE) teams would be doing more Narcan events in the community.

Carol shared that pricing for Narcan has gone up, but Steve indicated that preferred pricing through DAODAS and the use of what they have already purchased would offset any cost increases.

Prevention:

The upcoming DEA Takeback event (October 23, 2021 from 10am- 2pm at locations both in Beaufort and Bluffton, as well as Red Ribbon month activities was discussed.

Clinical Operations:

- ✚ Census is 220 patients, which is low. However, staff on hand are busy.
- ✚ Right Choices absence of an adolescent counselor at the Beaufort County School District has the administration and program leadership reaching out to BCADAD about their needs. The interim plan is for the school to make referrals through office-based services, since a counselor cannot go to the school.

Meeting Schedule for 2022:

The consensus was Tuesday's at 5pm worked well. Steve indicated he would bring a draft of the 2022 meetings to the next meeting for approval.

Questions, Suggestions, Comments:

A brief discussion on New Paths occurred. Holly indicated there was a bed available at Hope House. Holly also indicated that they receive a lot of donations for new residents who need clothing. Therefore, the Peers working with those women transitioning from jail there would not need to do that case management.

Holly also indicated that the BCADAD Peer providing support to the women's house was appreciated. She said she did not know why the manager of the men's house declined the same support.

The next Virtual Meeting is October 19, 2021

Meeting Adjourned – Motion Passed Unanimously

Submitted: swd