



Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

Attending: Carol Hartman, Holly Peterson, Javier Zimbron, Blake White, and Worth Liipfert

Not Attending: Thom Hale and Linda Hoffman

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm
- II. Minutes from April Board Meeting were reviewed approved.
- III. Director's Report was reviewed and highlights reviewed (Full Report enclosed):

A. Personnel Update:

- + One vacancies and one other tentatively filled with a start date of July 11th. Two positions are for Peer Recovery Specialist and one of for a counselor in the Bluffton office.
- + ADSAP demand is exceeding staff ability to schedule and run groups. Therefore, a short-term contract has been signed with Roger Gray who provides these services for the Marine Air Corp Station.
- + Covid impacted four staff and their families since the last board meeting. Staff have been encouraged to continue universal Covid precautions.

B. Financial Update:


- + The current Expenditure and Revenues report show some overruns, due to salary increases not planned for in some funds. Some grant funds will be exceeded, since the 5% raise impacted all employees. Plan is to use fund balance to balance those budgets. A larger impact is expected in those grant programs next year. Therefore, all future grants will have Colas budgeted in them.
- + Southern Sky Recovery [About Us | Southern Sky Recovery](#) opened in Bluffton one block from BCADAD. Two senators have asked SC-DAODAS, Director to meet with them.
- + Some deficits were found with the new financial staff. Therefore, remedial training was sought from another agency. Assistance was needed to resolve potential lost revenue.
- + Added: \$96,600 opportunity submitted in a United Way proposal related to homelessness. The money will offset the 25% of two counselor's salary and leave \$60k to assist with HWH rents, and other rental assistance for those homeless,

transitionally homeless, or those facing eviction...provided they are engaged and doing well in treatment (Contingency Management approach).

C. Project Updates/New Projects:

 **Grants-**

- i. The Department is awaiting an award announcement that should come in April for \$1 million and \$3.2 federal grants. If funded, space issues will develop.
- ii. The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant for approximately \$125k a year for five years was denied. The department will apply again next year. Before applying, an autopsy of the grant will be done by the Children's Council, Executive Director, Heather Mueller.

 **First Responder Grant-** The teams have been in the field. We have engaged at least one person into treatment so far. Many trainings on Narcan have been done. Some turf concerns or lack of communication on our part required responses to some other fire rescue departments, which I led at the request of EMS and the Advisory Council.

 **Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT)-** No updates.

 **MAT Expansion-** No updates.

D. Cultural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Completed): The department had Pasos from Columbia come do am Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity training on June 17, 2022. The county is exploring using this resource to spread the training to department heads and departments.

E. Staff Development Retreat (Completed)- A staff development was held on May 12, 2022, at Sgt Jasper County Park. Staff explored their "why" for working in the field through the expressive arts, participated in team building exercises, outcomes and strategic plans were shared, as well as testing emergency procedures. I have never seen the morale as high as it is today.

F. Anti-Stigma/ Opioid Epidemic Assistance (NEW)- On July 15th, Tedra Cobb, contracted through the <https://recoverycenterofexcellence.org/learn/stigma> initiative will be presenting in Beaufort County, location TBD, for a targeted audience of 20-25 community leaders from law enforcement, medical, govt, and human services to assist with the necessary culture change.

G. Marketing (New)- The department is planning open houses in September, during Recovery Month for community stakeholders. Food, tours, and meet and greet is the focus. The Communication Department is also assisting with other messaging and

marketing to create heightened community knowledge of the available funding assistance available.

H. **Prevention Updates:**

- ✚ In May, the department started a series of Family Fun Activities. They are marketed on the county and department Facebook pages.
- ✚ June 3rd was the most recent Narcan training events at the Lobeco and Hilton Head Branch Libraries from 10 am to 1 pm. Forty people were trained and provided Narcan.
- ✚ The Project Mariposa staff is getting certified to do PRI to assist with community presentations and to have a staff to do Spanish Speaking PRI Groups. She is exceeding the learning curve and should be providing Prevention and PRI services soon.
- ✚ Prevention will be assisting me doing a presentation to approx. 140 county supervisors and department heads on addiction and stigma in August.

I. **Clinical Operations:**

- ✚ **Spanish** patients continue to wait for ADSAP services. As indicated above, the solution is near.
- ✚ **Census** is holding steady at 190 patients. A lack of rebound from Covid leads to a new department initiative to do marketing (see above).
- ✚ **Certifications**- One of the two staff getting trained and certified to be able to provide treatment for compulsive gambling has completed. The department is awaiting his certification credentials.

IV. **Comments, Questions, and Discussion:**

Steve indicated to the board if anyone wanted to attend the Tedra Hall Workshop on July 15th, that they were welcome to attend. He encouraged board members to notify him of interest.

Some discussion about the new Bluffton, Southern Sky's Program occurred. Some board members indicated they attended the opening or intended to tour. It was agreed that the leadership seemed to come from a good place and would probably be a community asset.

- V. Worth notified the board that Steve was not feeling well, and the board adjourned by 5:35 pm.