



Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022

Attending: Carol Hartman, Holly Peterson, Javier Zimbron, Blake White, and Thom Hale

Not Attending: Worth Liipfert and Linda Hoffman

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm
- II. Minutes from April Board Meeting were reviewed approved.
- III. Director's Report was reviewed, and highlights reviewed (Full Report enclosed):

Highlights:

- + One peer for the First Responder Program and one ADSAP Counselor for Bluffton still needed.
- + The FY22 finished in the black. The Excel sheet with details were sent to all board members. Steve indicated a payment for alcohol excise tax was still anticipated.
- + Steve reported he convinced DAODAS to amend the block grant award and to include another \$25,000 as a set-aside, as opposed to making it a fee for service draw. Steve indicated materials in IOP would be refreshed and modernized with the funding assistance.
- + **Grants-**
 - i. Waiting on hearing about the \$3.2 federal grant application. The \$1 million RCORP grant was declined. No one in South Carolina was awarded.
 - ii. Carola asked about the DFC Prevention plan. It was indicated that BCADAD and the participating coalition planned to resubmit next Spring.
- + **First Responder Grant-** Steve indicated there have been over 20 home visits, and several connections made to treatment and support. He indicated a desire to showcase the project at county council during September, which is Recovery Month.
- + **Homelessness Assistance-** Steve indicated that the Department was awarded \$25,000 to assist patients of BCADAD to navigate systems to obtain funds for back rents and sober living housing. Holly and Steve indicated there are a few women that the BCADAD Counselors are working with to get assistance for Hope House.

Blake and Javier asked questions to ensure BCADAD was not drifting from its mission. Steve clarified that we were only assisting our patients with AOD issues and not the general homeless population.

- ✚ **MAT Expansion-** Steve indicated both the state and county plans for disbursing opiate settlement funds. Steve indicated a notice of funding opportunity award would be made available sometime in the fall by both entities. Steve indicated that plans to expand MAT and opiate related services would come from the federal grant submitted or from the county opiate fund. However, funds will be made available to community entities doing opiate abatement work.
- ✚ **Anti-Stigma/ Opioid Epidemic Assistance (NEW)-** On July 15th, Tedra Cobb, contracted through the <https://recoverycenterofexcellence.org/learn/stigma> initiative did anti-stigma workshops for Beaufort County. Twenty-nine community leaders from law enforcement, medical, govt, and human services to assist with the necessary culture change participated. Holly indicated she attended and there is a lot of anti-stigma work to be done.
- ✚ **Open Houses:** Steve indicated open houses were going to occur on Sept 9 & 16th from 11-1:30 pm. Advisory board members were invited to attend and met staff. More details to come.

Prevention Updates:

- ✚ **Family Fun Activities** have benefited several hundred families over the summer. They will conclude in August. The activities were all grant funded.
- ✚ Prevention is working on other opiate related activities, including an Opiate Awareness Walk on 08/31/22.

Clinical Operations:

- ✚ **Census** is holding steady at 190 patients.
- ✚ **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:

Carol asked about the number of Sober living housing in Beaufort. Between Holly and Steve five houses were identified. The identified houses were three for men and two for women. One house accepted those on medication assisted treatment and all houses were north of the Broad River.

Carol asked about AA/NA for the jail. Steve indicated that Colonial Grant sought him out last Thursday to see about assisting them to make the connection. She said they needed them back in the jail. Carol indicated she would relay the information to someone from inner-group to reach out to me for contact information to follow-up.

V. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.