

**Greene County Human Services Advisory Board
Drug and Alcohol/SCA Planning Council
February 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Introductions

Board Members in Attendance: Pat Lemley, Janice Blair-Martin, Tom Musgrove, Mark Carlson, Gene Rush, Jeff McCracken, and Donna Dire

Board Members not in Attendance: Archie Trader, Reverend James Cherry, Glenn Bates, and Terry Cooley-Taylor

Staff Members in Attendance: Karen Bennett, Administrator, Human Services and Kira Sisk, Drug & Alcohol Director, SCA

Public: None

Quorum Check: Quorum has been met.

Reorganization of Subcommittee

Karen explained to attendees the purpose of the subcommittee. This committee is a Planning Council Option. When the joinder broke in 2000 between Greene and Washington County, Greene County established an administration for Mental Health (MH) and Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Drug and Alcohol (D&A). Drug and Alcohol required a separate board that meets nine times per year. The planning council must fill certain categories as part of the board to include: criminal justice, business and industry, labor, education, medicine, psychosocial professional, student, elderly, client and economically disadvantage.

Election of Officers also took place during this meeting. The current slate of officers is: Jeff McCracken, Chair; Vicki Monas, Co-Chair; and Janice Blair-Martin, Secretary. Jeff described each position and took nominations for Co-Chair. Pat Lemley was nominated for position of Co-Chair. First motion was made by Mark Carlson and the second motion was made by Donna Dire. All attendees were in agreement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Call to approve November meeting minutes:

1st Motion: Mark Carlson

2nd Motion: Tom Musgrove

Governor Wolf's Disaster Declaration for the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

Karen Bennett distributed a fact sheet from Governor Wolf regarding the Disaster Declaration for the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic.

The Fact Sheet included information on what the state of Pennsylvania has done to include:

- Redesigning of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Expanding of Medicaid and working to protect it
- Establishing 45 Centers of Excellence to allow nearly 11,000 individuals to receive care
- Expanding drug take back program to include 700 boxes
- Making Naloxone available to all Pennsylvanians
- Creating prescribing guidelines for health care professionals
- Working with medical schools to incorporate curricula on opioids
- Starting a helpline to connect individuals to treatment
- Limiting the number of opioids prescribed to minors and patients in the ER
- Expanding access to Naloxone to first responders and law enforcement
- Providing \$2 million to expand Drug Courts

The Fact Sheet also included information on what the Disaster Declaration will do to include:

- Create an Opioid Operational Command Center
- Expand Access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Add Overdoses and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome as Reportable Conditions
- Authorize Emergency Purchase Procurement Code for Hotline Contract

Medical Marijuana Task Force

Karen is a member of CCAP’s Medical Marijuana Task Force. Karen provided information regarding the task force’s initiatives. Pennsylvania’s medical marijuana program was signed into law on April 17, 2016. Karen indicated that Greene County is in Region 5, the southwest region. In this particular region, there are 5 dispensary permits and 2 grower permits. One of the growers is located in Cumberland Township, Greene County. A discussion ensued by attendees about the specifics of what a grower is, how the product will be transported to dispensaries and the State’s new medical marijuana program.

Attendees also discussed practices for physicians to become an approved practitioner of the medical marijuana program. Currently, there is one approved practitioner in Greene County to prescribed medical marijuana.

Drug and Alcohol Program Updates

Case Management

For the period of November 16, 2017-February 9, 2018, a total of 73 assessments were completed. 49 of the individuals assessed were males and 24 were females. 29 of the 73 individuals were referred to short-term rehabilitation and 24 of the 73 individuals were referred by the Courts.

Primary Drug of Choice	Number of Individuals
Suboxone/Subutex (orally)	14
Alcohol	13
Marijuana	13
Suboxone/Subutex (injection)	8
Suboxone/Subutex (snorting)	6
Heroin (injection)	5
Crack/Cocaine	4
Methadone	3
Opiates (snorting)	2
Depressants	2
Opiates (orally)	1
Amphetamines (injection)	1
Other Drug: not indicated	1

DDAP is transitioning from the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to the ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) criteria. This is a tool that in combination with a comprehensive level of care assessment assists in making a level of care determination for drug and alcohol treatment. The new tool is set to be implemented by July 1, 2018. This is a large undertaking by the State to have all drug and alcohol professionals trained in this tool and will cost millions of dollars to implement.

Prevention

There have been several program updates. Project Towards No Drug Abuse is being implemented under a grant from PLCB in all five of the school districts in grades 9-12. This is an evidence-based program that has been research validated at the high school level.

The Drug and Alcohol Program is collaborating with the Intermediate Unit to implement programs within the school. A meeting will take place to discuss an implementation plan. Lori Lhota, prevention specialist trainee, has been assigned to the Intermediate Unit and will receive support in implementing the programs from Kira.

The Drug and Alcohol program continues to move forward with the Gambling Needs Assessment. March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. There will be discussion groups with the Blended Case Managers from Centerville Clinics, residents from Gateway Senior Housing, and a discussion group at the Fort Jackson Building with various members of the Greene County Community. The Drug and Alcohol Program is also planning a public forum to address problem gambling. More information to follow.

Kira, Tracie Sybin and Lori Lhota participated in a training to become Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists. This training allows professionals to provide critical tobacco intervention strategies across multiple disciplines.

Communities That Care (CTC)

Kira announced to the group the monthly youth activity for CTC. A glow in the dark Easter egg hunt will be offered for grades 6th-12th on March 8, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm at West Sides.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

To date, the Drug and Alcohol Program has completed ten screenings and continues to utilize the BH-Works Screening Tool.

Re-Entry

Greene County Human Services Program will be applying for a Re-Entry grant through PCCD. This grant will have an emphasis on mental health.

Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC)

Oxford Houses

Tom Musgrove reported that at the Cumberland House for Men in Waynesburg, there is currently one opening. At the Bird Sisters House for Women in Waynesburg, there are five openings; the house can accommodate up to 9 women at a time. The Oxford House in Nemaocolin is currently empty as transportation out of Nemaocolin for work and services is a challenge.

Certified Recovery Specialist

Kira announced to attendees that CARE has hired one certified recovery specialist that must go through required trainings in the spring. Karen also informed the group that there is still availability for one part-time certified recovery specialist, as well.

Co-Occurring Disorders Intervention Program

Kira is collaborating with the Mental Health Director, Brean Fuller, to restructure the Co-Occurring Disorders Intervention Program.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Task Force

The Greene County Opioid Task force has been reorganized and is being overseen by the Greene County Commissioners. The first meeting was held on March 26, 2018.

Announcements

There were no additional announcements made.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Call to adjourn meeting:

1st Motion: Mark Carlson

2nd Motion: Donna Dire

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2018 at 4 p.m. in the large conference room, 3rd Floor, Ft. Jackson Building.