



**CECIL COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

Meeting Location: Union Hospital

In Attendance: Tari Moore, John Bennett, Michael Massuli, Ken Collins, Diana Broomell, Gwen Parrack, Robin Waddell, Step Mika, Walt Rozanski, Carrie Miller, Jack Foreaker, Theresa Hampton, Richette Ragland, Nancy Turner, Tonia McMillan, Daria Brown, Elaine Barclay, Tom Klenk, Connie Dausch, Donna Lewis, Jessie Zebold, Jenny Shields, Jenny Burris, Mary Schaller, Alan McCarthy, Melissa Reiner, Beth Creek, Carmela Texiera, David DeWitt, Sherri Lazarus, Karl Webner, Linda Shroyer, Tyra Kenly, Jen Padgett, April Hopkins, Howard Isenberg, Devon Vitti, April Foster, Tricia Jones, Alicia O'Connor

Call to Order: Ken Collins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Observance: Moment of silence was observed for the events of September 11, 2001

Review of Minutes: Minutes from the June 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed with one correction was observed by Walter Rozanski. A request by Mr. Rozanski during the June 12 meeting for cure rates for methadone clinics was not documented in the minutes.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Discussion with County Executive Tari Moore

- Discussed the high rate of drug overdose in Cecil County
- Discussed Governor's O'Malley's visit to Cecil County and his participation in the overdose prevention roundtable on August 9, 2013.
- Named a special assistant to the County Executive for drug policy.
- Spoke regarding additional support from the mayors of each town in Cecil County, and the formation of the Mayor's Drug Task Force.

Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework - Step Mica

- The Federal Government has attributed funds for the strategic prevention planning.
- The local plan is focused on reducing underage alcohol use.
- Local law enforcement groups will facilitate saturation patrols for parties where underage alcohol consumption may be occurring.
- Liquor Control Board received support to augment inspections of business that serve alcohol.
- Commented that underage IDs are printed sideways.
- No recent alcohol related teenage deaths reported.

Overdose Prevention Planning – Ken Collins

- Extended appreciation to County Executive Tari Moore and all members of the DAAC.
- Discussed the overdose prevention roundtable.
- Commented on new opportunities to reduce substance abuse in Cecil County.
- Reported that the survey of local resources is incomplete.

- Walt Rozanski expressed concern that drugs were available to inmates in the Cecil County Detention Center.

Recovery Walk – Elaine Barclay

- The 5K-Twelve Step Recovery Walk is scheduled for 10:00am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, September 28, 2013.
- Additional volunteers, participants and vendors are welcome.
- Maps will be provided for walkers.
- The Walk begins and ends at Circuit Court.
- Additional information can be found on the health department’s web site.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE (ANNOUNCEMENTS):

John Bennett –Drug and Alcohol Council Chairperson

- Pleased to hear support from local and state government to focus and move projects forward.

Beth Creek – Project Crossroads

- Project Crossroads has moved to 101 Courthouse Lane.
- An open house is scheduled for the last Friday in September.

Walt Rozanski – Drug and Alcohol Council

- Expressed concern that some patients are getting Oxycontin out of state and filling the scripts in Maryland and that PDMP will not identify this information.

Linda Shroyer - CCHD Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center

- Linda announced that she’ll will be serving as the acting-clinical director for next 12-months.
- Working on a quality improvement project to improve access to treatment.

Tyra Kenly – Department of Juvenile services

- Advocated for Suboxone availability for juveniles.

Sherri Lazarus - Adult Drug treatment Court

- Involved in early discussions regarding potential expansion of drug court for DUI offenders and for juveniles.

Tricia Jones - Dexter House

- Dexter’s House has eight beds. Six are currently full and two are committed
- Expressed concern that recovery housing is not currently in the Health Department’s budget.

Dianna Broomell – Cecil County Government

- Announced meeting with staff from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) on July 22, 2013, at Haven House. Additional meetings with DHMH are scheduled to begin on September 26, 2013.
- Successful Drug Awareness Forum occurred at Grace Bible Chapel on Sunday, August 25, 2013.

Step Mika – Strategies Prevention Framework

- Expressed support for local efforts to address and reduce substance abuse.

Daria Brown- Serenity Health Treatment Center

- Reported that voter registration will occur during September.
- Reported that Serenity Health is hosting AA meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Tonia McMillan – Serenity Health Treatment Center

- Serenity Health is facilitating a “return to work” program for patients, and is accepting business attire donations for men and women.
- Events for Recovery Month are listed on the Serenity Health website.

Jack Foreaker – Haven House

- “The Anonymous People” film will be shown at Harford Community College on Sep. 26, 2013.
- All beds at Haven House are full.
- Haven House received approval to facilitate an IOP program.
- Hosting a yard sale on the third Saturday of every month.

Carrie Miller – Father Martin Ashley

- Discussed her facilitation of pain management classes.

Robin Waddell – Cecil County Health Department

- Expressed appreciation to Mike Massuli and Linda Shroyer for stepping into their new roles.
- Reported that the mobile crisis unit will respond to a mental health and substance abuse emergencies; hours of operation are from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm., seven days a week.

Mike Massuli – CCHD - Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center

- Commented on the large number of participants in the room, and discussions taking place. Remarked that addiction is a complicated disease to treat.

Tom Klenk – Cecil County Adult Drug Treatment Court

- The policy of not allowing anyone on methadone in Adult Drug Treatment Court has changed.
- Commented on bartenders who check ID cards and observed the underage status of the customer, but served alcohol to that customer.
- Commented on the funding for education on ID reading.

Jen Padget – CCHD – Health Promotions

- Finished Safe Kids Camp,
- Expressed appreciation to Jack Foreaker for his contributions to the program; made the curriculum a lot of fun for the kids.

Jenny Shields – Cecil County Health Department

- Thanked everyone who participation in the Cecil County proclamation of September as Recovery Month. Related video posted on the Health Department’s Facebook page.
- Reported that the Health Department is planning screenings of the “The Anonymous People” documentary.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 4:30 pm

Submitted by Alicia O’Connor