

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
February 11, 2020

In Attendance:

Judy Kunec	Mary Dozier	Tom Maletto	Deb Lukens	Rev. Tom Dawson
Pat Devaney	Majken Mechling	Sueanne Agger	Barry Keefe	Tonia Ahren
Amy Dindak	Karen Burke	Joe Landis	Betty Redman	
Sharon Modzelewski				

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Judy Kunec at 5:05PM. Round table introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting was made by Deb Lukens and seconded by Tom Maletto. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: Amy Dindak distributed a report which included information about the following: 1) RFP issued by the NJDHS, and DMHAS to purchase Telehealth equipment. It is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. DMHAS anticipates making twenty-five (25) awards of \$15,000.00 each to Substance Use Disorder licensed agencies. Each bidder is required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 minimum to support the purchase and use of telehealth equipment to be used for individuals in the community needing services for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment, physical health referrals, medication access and other linkages. Total annualized funding of \$375,000.00 is available, subject to federal appropriations. Proposal Deadline is March 6, 2020 by 4:00pm. Notification Date is on or before April 7, 2020. 2) Issued by NJDHS and DMHAS for educational program regarding Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adult. This RFP is funded through the SAMSHA and SOR supplemental funding. The SOR grant period is September 30,2018 to September 30,2020. Total Annualized funding is \$150,000.00 subject to federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making two (2) awards of \$75,000.00 in each Atlantic and Passaic Counties. Proposal Deadline is February 13, 2020 by 4:00pm. Notification Date is on or before March 4, 2020. 3) In November, DMHAS sent a letter to providers regarding a Cultural Competency Plan. Each agency will be required to develop a cultural competency plan that includes the CLAS (*Culturally and Linguistic Appropriate Services*) standards in their delivery of services. Plans shall be submitted by April 30, 2020 to Liz Conte and Cultural Competency Center staff. DMHAS contracts with two regional cultural competency training centers that aid in the development of plans. Southern Region counties may contact Clarissa Wheat at the Mental Health Cultural Competence Training Center for Family Services (609-569-0239) x 62155 or Elizabeth Conte of NJ DMHAS at 609-438-4129.

Addiction Services: No report

GCADA: No report

Old Business

Membership: Pat explained that she was asked by Abbie Katz, who is the president of NAMI, if she could attend a MHADA Board meeting to see if membership would work for her agency and the Board. She will attend the next meeting and Pat will distribute NAMI materials shortly to all members. Pat also asked Makjen Mechling and Pastor Dawkins to consider membership on the Board now that they have attended several meetings.

Heroin Issue Update: Joe Landis reported on several topics: 1. The vaping pens are soon going to be able to process solids in the chambers- this could become dangerous depending on the construction of the pen 2. The Hope One van saw 438 people in 2019 and distributed 219 NARCAN kits. In January 2020 the Van saw 101 people and gave out 45 NARCAN kits. The van is really becoming known in the community and its presence is requested at many local events. The Board discussed the article in the Herald about NARCAN and the number of babies born to moms on methadone or other opiates. Tonia will look into this further. Sueanne provided the Board with a detailed report of the OORP/CARES program at the hospital which provided data on number of deployments, municipalities involved, gender, ethnicity, barriers in Recovery and legal/employment data (see attached). The CRAFT program offered in 2019 by Cape Assist served 26 duplicated family members. Those sessions continue in 2020 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Cape May Court House.

Recovery High School: Pat reported for Katie Faldetta. There are 6 youth involved at Coastal Prep: 3 from Cape May County and 3 from out of county. Three more youth are scheduled for interviews. The school is working on adding some recovery-oriented sessions within the school day.

Jail MAT Program: The Jail program started January 1st and by the end of the month 32 inmates had been served. Initially it was thought to be 15 per month. Of the 32, 28 were connected to recovery specialists at OORP/CARES and connected to community programs.

New Business

CASS Minutes: CASS Minutes were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Landis and seconded by Tom Maletto. Motion carried.

Innovation Funding: Pat reported that three proposal for the \$35,751 award from the state were sent to Trenton: 1. Peer Recovery Center 2. Case management for the released Jail population and 3. A summer camp program for youth who have had a death in their family by an overdose. The state picked the Peer Recovery center. Pat is in process to amend the current contract.

2019 Performance: The challenges of spending down the Comprehensive Substance Abuse grant were discussed. The 2020 budget does increase the rates paid to residential providers and expanded the number of providers, however, the fact that the A&D director position remains unfilled and the preponderance of Cape May County's population being eligible for Medicaid (therefore not needing county funds) remain issues.

PRIDE Survey Results: Pat distributed the findings of the most recent PRIDE survey which measures the attitudes of Cape May County youth in the area of substance abuse. Katie Faldetta will brief the Board on the major findings at the next meeting

Public Response

Rev. Tom Dawson 1) distributed a flyer for the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Coalition for a Safe Community Black History Month 2020 event with Anthony Ray Hinton. Event will be held on February 18th at 7pm at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. Event is free and open to the public; 2) spoke about the regional Report to the Community by the various Coalitions for a Safe Community groups in Atlantic, Cape May and Salem Counties held January 21st in Atlantic City. Joe Landis from the Cape May County Prosecutor's office was recognized for his community work involving the Cape May County Coalition for a Safe Community.

Pat reported that the Mental Health First Aid for Youth is scheduled for 3/24 and is full. Sharon is working on another date before June 30th. Anyone interested should contact 609 465-1055.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm by Vice Chairperson Judy Kunec.