

MHADA Board Minutes  
Cape May County  
February 14, 2023

In Attendance:

Membership:	Judy Kunec – Chair	Interested Parties:	SueAnne Agger	Jennifer Arenberg
	Robert Johnson		Amy Dindak	Jennifer Zoyak
	Mary Dozier		Pat Devaney	Kelly Benigno
	Barry Keefe		Peter Belasco	
	Majken Mechling		Katie Faldetta	
	Joe Landis		Michelle Myles	
	Rev. Tom Dawson		Amy Villano	

**Call to Order**

The virtual meeting was called to order by Judy Kunec at 5:00.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Majken Mechling, seconded by B. Keefe.

Motion carried.

**Reports and Correspondence**

Mental Health: Amy reported on several RFPs that are out now : Open Access to Medication in Shelters and Recovery Check up System.

Addiction Services: No report.

GACADA: Peter is waiting for the MAGS system to be rolled out by GCADA

**Old Business**

Membership: Pat reported that Judy Kunec will not be able to be reappointed in June. She has been a great contributor to the Board and her extensive experience has been extremely helpful.

**Heroin Issue Update:**

Joe Landis reported that Hope One is very busy and is still looking into the second vehicle through the Helping Hands grant. There has been a spike in overdoses since 2/1/23—16 total with 2 fatalities . The Prosecutor’s sent out a press release to warn the public. There have been several seizures lately- one was with 3000 bags of heroin. Joe has not heard of the presence of xylazine in Cape May County although it is very present in Pennsylvania. Sue Anne updated the Board with her report for January 2023. A summary of 2022 will be available at the next meeting. She also remarked on the high number of overdoses in February . Katie reported 10 youth in the Sober High school. One youth transitioned back to their school system but returned to Coastal Prep soon after. OFRT information will be presented by Kelly Benigno later on the agenda. Pat reported that the JAIL MAT grant is having a site visit 2/16. She will

be present. Sueanne brought up the high number of admissions to the ER for SUD and the long wait for adolescents who need inpatient services. Screening staff are even looking for resources in other states in order to meet the need.

### **EISS Update**

Michelle Myles reported on the EISS. It has been a slow start, but currently the caseload is 31 people. Several are there due to the fact that their medication supply had lapsed due a break in service. Some of the clients have SUD issues. Staffing is still a bit difficult and they have more part time counselors than full time. Acenda continues to recruit.

### **IDRC Update**

Pat reported that she anticipates that the RFP for the 12 Hour IDRC program will be out in early April.

### **New Business**

#### **Acenda Dashboard**

The dashboard was included in the packet; however it was decided that a more comprehensive look will be scheduled for the next meeting. The dashboard report contains information regarding wait times for all programs.

#### **Overdose Fatality Review Team**

Kelly Benigno who is the Coordinator of the OFRT provided a power point that addressed the purpose of the Team, its conclusions and activities resulting from the data. See attached power point.

#### **Site Reviews: local (MACs) and County**

Peter reported that he completed the site visits of all of the MACs except Middle and they were all positive. The County's site review by GCADA was also successful.

### **Public Response**

Rev. Tom awson reported that the Coalition for a Safe Community will be at Woodbine Elementary on 2/22 for a Health and Hygiene giveaway to celebrate Health month. Personal items will be distributed. They also have a BackPac to fight Hunger effort going into Woodbine. Wildwood and the Special Services School District. This effort gives youth food for the weekend in food insecure families. Also, the Unity in the Community planning is about to begin.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Judy Kunec adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm