

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
May 14, 2019

In Attendance:

Judy Kunec	Donna Groome	Frank Garcia	Brian Fitzgerald
Katie Faldetta	Pat Devaney	Betty Redman	Tom Malletto
Joe Landis	Barry Keefe	Samantha McManus	Eleanor McBride
Anne Garrison	Amy Dindak	Tonia Ahern	Karen Burke
Christine Egizi	Sharon Modzelewski		

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson D. Groome at 5:05PM. Round table introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting was made by Joe Landis and seconded by Barry Keefe. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: A. Dindak distributed the following information: 1) RFPs: Recovery Housing Services for Adult Consumers with Opioid Use Disorders who are homeless or at risk for homelessness; and Supportive Housing with individualized case management services to adult with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) who are homeless or at risk for being homeless. 2) DMHAS approved up to 10 days for Community Support Services (CSS) for individuals being discharged from State Psychiatric Hospitals who are forensically involved. 3) DMHAS seeks up to three qualified individuals to complete separate IPR(s) of substance use treatment facilities, to be selected by DMHAS in the Northern, Central and Southern Regions of the state.

Addiction Services: No Report

GCADA: S. Modzelewski reported that this year the Alliances will complete an application process for a new five-year Grant Cycle which begins FY 2021. GCADA will provide three (3) State-Wide Logic Models (Marijuana, Underage Drinking and Prescription Drugs) to the Alliances. Alliances can choose to adopt one or more of the logic models. The State-Wide Logic Models will include Problem Statements, Root Causes, Local Conditions, and data for all three components. Alliances will choose local conditions that best match the community and provide local data to support the choice. The Alliances will select programs from a drop-down list of approved interventions.

Old Business

Membership: Tom Malletto and Deborah Lukens can be re-appointed for three years. Donna Groome cannot. A memo will go the Freeholders outlining such. Donna will seek another person from Social Services to participate.

Heroin Issue Update: Joe Landis is continuing to research the difference between the data on fatalities and overdoses from the Prosecutor's office and from NJ CARES. It continues to be an issue. Recent data does reflect a down turn in overdoses at this time (compared to last year). There is an increase in meth arrests.

Recovery High School: Katie Faldetta reported that the Recovery High School is temporarily housed at a Church of Christ facility in Middle Township. There are presently five students and they are doing well. The state DOE has allowed them to use left over funds for a summer program and they are currently developing a framework and schedule.

Plan: Pat reported that the Cape May County plan was submitted. No feedback has been sent back so far.

New Business

Jersey Cape Supportive Employment: A presentation was made by Brian Fitzgerald regarding the program; and material was distributed that outlined the outcomes and the client profiles. Thirty folks were served at 17 worksites. The Board was very impressed with the program and the dedication of staff. A motion was made by Frank Garcia, seconded by T. Maletto to recommend the program to the state and write a letter stating how valuable the program is to Cape May County. Motion carried.

Screening Waiver: Eleanor McBride distributed the screening data to date and explained the waiver request. After some discussion, a motion was made by F. Garcia and seconded by B. Keefe to send a letter to the state regarding the Board's acceptance of the waiver. There was no public comment submitted to the Board that would cause concern about the waiver.

CCS Merger: Eleanor McBride reported on the proposed merger that will take place on or about July 1, 2019. The Board had many questions and it was decided that Robin's Nest would be invited to a future meeting to give additional details.

Grant Modification –Pat explained that there will be a need for a grant modification during the summer. A motion was made by T. Maletto, seconded by J. Landis that a subcommittee would be empowered to act on behalf of the Board if necessary. Motion carried.

Elections in August: Due to the fact that *We Check for 21* is scheduled for June 11, the election of officers will be delayed until the August meeting.

Award Candidates: Pat reminded the Board to start thinking of possible candidates for the recognition awards that are given out annually.

CASS Minutes/Budget Modifications

CASS Minutes and Budget Modifications were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes and budget modifications was made by Judy Kunec and seconded by Joe Landis. Motion carried.

S. Modzelewski reported that the *We Check For 21* Kick-off will be held June 11th at the Wildwoods Convention Center. The fake identification trainings for liquor license establishment staff will include information about REAL IDs.

Public Response

Samantha McManus reported that four consumers are living at various sites in Cape May County via the Community Support Services program. There are six vacancies. The referrals are primarily from Ancora Psychiatric Hospital.

Tonia Ahern reported that the Center for Excellence and Cooper Hospital are developing trainings for EMTs regarding substance abuse and overdoses.

Joe Landis reported that the *Hope One Van* project is operating successfully. The dates of operation may be changed to accommodate community requests and schedules. The changes might impact staffing especially for the Narcan trainers. Tonia Ahern offered to find out more information about the requirements to be an approved Narcan trainer.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.