

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
September 8, 2020

In Attendance:

Thomas Dawson	Judy Kunec	David Grusemeyer	Katie Faldetta
Pat Devaney	Majken Mechling	Barry Keefe	Betty Sue Redman
Amy Dindak	Tonia Ahern	Sueanne Agger	Karen Burke
Sharon Modzelewski			

Call to Order

A virtual meeting was held due to COVID -19.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Kunec at 5:15PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting was made by Barry Keefe and seconded by Majken Mechling. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: Amy Dindak reported: 1) Budget hearings will be held in September; she will keep the board informed of the outcomes. 2) All residents of the Dover Wood boarding home, which closed 8/31, were placed in housing. 3) The free distribution of Narcan through pharmacies will take place about 9/24. The pharmacy names have not been identified at this time.

Addiction Services: Distribution of NARCAN to EMS occurred Sept 4th. There was no prior notice. It looks like Cape May County had no takers.

GCADA: Sharon Modzelewski reported the State of New Jersey designated 10/6 as Knock Out Opiate Abuse Day to help raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin abuse rates in our state. Knock Out Opiate Abuse Day (KOOAD) will be a virtual event this year. Awareness information will be distributed electronically (i.e. emails, social media, media, etc.). Several agencies and entities participate in getting the word out each year; the Municipal Alliances will also request proclamations and messaging at their municipalities and the County sends information to all employees. KOOAD campaign is sponsored by the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey in cooperation with the Governor's Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Old Business

Membership: Pat reminded the Board that there is always an interest in new members, so please try to recruit new members.

Heroin Issue Update: Joe Landis was unavailable or unable to call in regarding Hope One.

Jail Grant: Latest update is 150 inmates were eligible. 132 accepted treatment, 18 declined. 85 referred to CARES for follow up and 94 received a warm hand off to a MAT provider.

Innovation Grant (Recovery Center): Center has been very active with group meetings, both in-person and virtual. As of August, 143 unduplicated/ 388 duplicated individuals were served. The center has 16 volunteers. It's likely the Innovation Grant (\$31,751) will be renewed. The grant will end 6/29/22. The grant only pays for operations; it does not pay for programming and/or staff. There is a need for more programs (i.e. job search, parenting, meditation, art/music). Sueanne reported the center received donations of meals, water bottles, toys.

Recovery High School: Katie reported 4 youth are enrolled in the program. Two students live in Cape May County and two live in Atlantic County. Classes are in-person 4 days a week and one day is virtual. Summer program implementation was impacted by COVID and less money was needed.

Overdose Awareness Day: In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day on 8/31, CARES rented the drive-in at the Ferry and showed *Ben Is Back*. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

Overdose Fatality Review Teams: Cape May County was awarded \$100,000 for the implementation of the social autopsy to be completed on 35 people who died as a result of an overdose. More details will follow from the Health Department.

New Business

Plan Update with 2020 Grant Modifications

The 2020 plan update was distributed. Members discussed using administrative funds to purchase Narcan for the Hope One van and expand the prevention goal to include parenting/support for families due to COVID. A motion to approve the plan change was made by Barry Keefe and seconded by David Grusemeyer. Motion carried.

2021 Substance Abuse Grant Allocation

The 2020 Allocation was \$272,094 and the 2021 Allocation is \$280,224. See attached allocation summary sheet. Members discussed 2021 allocations as outlined on the summary sheet and agreed to allocate \$3,000 to the Recovery Center, \$4,000 for Hope One Narcan and \$10,130 for family strengthening programs. A motion to approve the allocation plan was made by Barry Keefe and seconded by David Grusemeyer. Motion carried.

Public Response

Pastor Dawson reported that the Coalition for Safe Community distributed 3,000 masks on 8/12 throughout the county and distributed 800 book bags on 8/26 throughout the county. The Coalition is looking into supplying Chromebooks to students in need.

Karen Burke suggested that funds be available to provide technology training/tools needed during the pandemic. Katie commented that Zoom subscriptions cost about \$75 per year.

Betty Sue Redman reported the Learning Recovery Center is providing limited services at this time.

Adjournment:

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

20021 Allocation \$280,224 Match \$30,532 Education: \$14,734

Administration: \$63,000 Plus NARCAN (4K) if approved

Education \$21,350 (plus additional funding if approved)

Transport (SJI) \$10,000

Detox \$56,446

STR \$7,778

HWH \$30,600

Resource Recovery Program \$65,920

Rec High School Summer \$6,000

CRAFT Family Training \$2,000

Subtotal: \$263,094

Balance left: \$17, 130

Decision: \$4,000 for NARCAN

\$3,000 for Rec Center

\$10,130 for more parenting programs

Total \$280,224