

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
December 8, 2020

In Attendance:

Thomas Dawson	Judy Kunec	Katie Faldetta	Deb Lukens	Jennifer Wolfson
Pat Devaney	Majken Mechling	Barry Keefe	Joe Landis	Karen Burke
Amy Dindak	Sueanne Agger	Mary Dozier	Tom Maletto	
Greg Speed	Betty Sue Redman	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 4:37PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Barry Keefe and seconded by Thomas Dawson. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: Amy Dindak reported: 1) No applications were received for the RFP for Outpatient Services for deaf or hard of hearing individuals. 2) Calendar year contracts are moving forward as usual; however, all FY 2020 contracts will be extended for another 6 months (January 1, 2021-June 30, 2021).

Addiction Services: No Report

GCADA: GCADA power point regarding DEDR funding was distributed. Sharon explained that the DEDR funding was 63% less than projected, a loss of 5 million dollars, due to criminal justice reforms and decreased collections. DEDR is the sole source of funding for the Municipal Alliances. The impacts of the decreases include the following: 1) Alliance programming funds were frozen from March 23 to September 30. 2) Current fiscal year funding was reduced by 62% and there is no guarantee those funds will be available because of the impact of Covid on court cases. 3) The application process for FY 2022 has been paused until GCADA has a better idea of how much money will be available for that grant year.

Old Business

Membership: Pat reminded the Board that there is always an interest in new members, so please try to recruit new members. Jennifer Woldfson attended the meeting as a potential member. Jennifer is on the Board of *Caring for Kids* and a private contractor for *Council for Young Children*.

Heroin Issue Update: Hope One, OORP, Recovery Center

Joe Landis reported the following: 1) Overdoses from 3/17 to 12/8: 2019 – 158 overdoses and 26 fatalities; 2020 – 144 overdoses and 14 fatalities. Joe will confirm the numbers with the Medical Examiner’s Office. 2) Hope One Van’s schedule has changed due to COVID. Hope One Van distributes Helping-Hand Bags at various locations. The bags include hygiene products, hats/gloves, masks, journals, AA/NA books, etc. 3,000 Hope One masks are also available. Staff is working on a Narcan training video that can be shown on the van TV. They just received 60 NARCAN kits from the County. Sueanne Agger reported on her grants and activities. See attached report for full detail.

Jail MAT Program: Pat reported that approximately 180 inmates have been served. She is meeting with the Jail for a review of the budget on Thursday.

Recovery High School: Katie Faldetta reported the school will be 100% virtual until 1/11/21 per Middle Twp School District's schedule. Students would prefer in-person classes. Pastor Dawson's connection with the FBI Citizen Academy provided the students with gifts for the holidays.

Overdose Fatality Review Teams: Pat updated the Board on the progress of the OFRT project in Cape May County. The Team had a virtual session with Ocean and Monmouth County representatives who have been doing OFRT for 2+ years. There were some very helpful insights into the possible barriers and solutions to the first few meetings. Since Cape May County is so small, there is a working relationship already between the agencies so some of their issues may not be substantial in Cape May. Katie and Greg agreed it was a productive meeting.

New Business

Site Visit Summary: Pat distributed the summary of all the site reviews completed by Ellen Taner and herself. The full reports have been sent to DMHAS.

CASS Minutes

Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Joe Landis and seconded by Thomas Dawson to accept the minutes, the revised FY 2022 allocation, and the budget modification. Motion carried.

2021 Meeting Dates

A list of 2021 Meeting dates was distributed.

Public Response

Pastor Dawson reported the Coalition for a Safe Community 1) distributed 600 hand sanitizers in Ocean City and 600 in Woodbine. 2) Collecting hats/gloves/scarfs for homeless population. 3) Raising \$10,000 to increase student access to the internet.

Karen Burke reported that zoom is being utilized to keep people engaged who are living at the State Hospital.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm by Chairperson Judy Kunec.