

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 08, 2018

7:00- 9:00 pm

401 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850

1st Floor Large Conference Room

Voting Members Present:

**Elyse Grossman, Kabir Singh, Sherry Beach, Edwin "Bunny" Rich,
Larry Simmons, Celia Young, Anaum Khan, Margaret Mattson,
Veronica Wright, Evelyn Saim-Lobos and Cynthia Wright**

Ex-Officio Members Present:

**Michael "Mike" Subin (OCE), Hardy Bennett (DHHS), Dave McBain
(MCPD), Anthony Sturgess (DOCR)**

**Guests/Others: Eric Sterling, LaTonia Rich, Yasmeen Mabry, Ronna
Cook, George Gabel, Mariana Rodriguez, Melody Talaki**

Overview

The goal of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council (AODAAC) is to express the views of the community in the formulation and administration of alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment services in Montgomery County. Members of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council serve as community representatives, who provide guidance to the County Executive and the County Council in identifying prevention and treatment needs and reviewing the county's efforts in addressing those needs. The Advisory Council will make recommendations in support of, or to improve, current prevention and treatment efforts. The AODAAC also serves as the local drug and alcohol abuse council and submits a bi-annual strategic plan to the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration.

A call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Elyse Grossman, Chair. With 22 attendees, 11 voting members were present which were sufficient to have a quorum. Introductions were made and the October Meeting Minutes were approved with typographical errors to be corrected.

Old Business:

- Briefing on October 22nd Montgomery County Health & Human Services Board, Commission & Committees Priority Meeting with Montgomery County Council Health & Human Services Committee
- Briefing on October 30th Avery Road Treatment Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Update on Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade participation on Saturday November 17th
- Invitation to Montgomery County Drug Court Graduation Wednesday, November 14th
- Invitation to Second Chance Addiction Care Ribbon Cutting & Open House on Wednesday, November 14th

Montgomery County Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council Bylaws:

Our draft bylaws were reviewed and approved. (a copy is attached)

Montgomery County Citizens Review Advisory Panel for Children Presentation by Ronna Cook & George Gabel

- Quarter Million Children under 18 in county (367,000 households)
- September 1,800 calls, 600+ investigations
- 400+ children in Foster Care, 101 families In Home Services to keep them
- Supply of Case Workers does not equal demand and getting worse daily

Goal: Collaboration with AODAAC because substance abuse is a LARGE factor in determining risk for needs of services.

Ghulam Abbas was curious about the number of MAT participants we have in the county and how they are tracked. Raymond responded that we serve about 48% of need. Beds are always at full capacity. Disconnect is for detox people who don't need to be admitted.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee: Members present: Elyse Grossman, Veronica Wright
January 5th or 12th Retreat still be planned to review legislative bills and testimony training.

To provide link to bills regarding AODAAC involvement

Prevention Committee: Members present: Larry Simmons, Margaret Mattson, Sherry Beach

Discussion of Draft Ideas for AODAAC submitted by Margaret Mattson

Would like input from other Committees

Recovery & Treatment Committee: Members Present: Kabir Singh, Celia Young, Bunny Rich, Evelyn Saim-Lobos

Discussion of Recovery & Treatment Committee's section in AODAAC brochure
PEER Issues

COUNTY REPORTS

Health and Human Services

Hardy Bennett Reported

- On November 6th Marc Elrich was elected County Executive and transition documents have been submitted
- HHS Budget – no changes
- Adult Drug Court Therapist has been hired and will start November 26th
- Department of Corrections / Rehab collaboration for medicated assistance while incarcerated implementation discussion has begun
- Press Manager, Mary Anderson, has agreed to work on website for AODAAC to include Committee Members Name, Minutes of Meetings, Calendar and Future Meeting Dates
- New Prevention Manager will be hired to replace Jennifer Pauk

Police Department:

Lt. Dave McBain Reported

- Saturday, October 27th Drug Take Back collected at 7 locations produced 609 lbs. of prescription drugs
- PCP in Gaithersburg is on rise
- Meth is on rise across County
- Drug Arrests stemming from heroin & fentanyl coming in from Baltimore
- 2018 deaths (43) have decreased 17% from 2017 total
- DUI's decreased due to Uber/Lyft

Liquor Control

No Representative Present

Montgomery County Public Schools:

No Representative Present

Correction and Rehabilitation:

Anthony Sturgess Reported

Issue with False Positive Drug Test during Pre-Release

1. Zantac
2. Anti-Inflammation
3. Anti-Depressants
4. Common Prescribed Medication

Board of License Commissioners:

No Representative Present

New Business/Public Comment

Tree of Hope Crisis Center Training (mental health, spiritual and first aid) being held on December 1st & 2nd and December 8th and 9th. CEU's accumulations.

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9pm