

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00- 9:00 pm

401 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850

1st Floor Large Conference Room

Voting Members Present:

Elyse Grossman, Kabir Singh, Edwin "Bunny" Rich, Larry Simmons, Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Celia Young, Margaret Mattson, Andrew Darby, Evelyn Saim-Lobos and Cynthia Wright

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Michael "Mike" Subin (OCE), Hardy Bennett (DHHS), Jennifer Pauk (DHHS), Raymond Crowel (DHHS), Man Cho (BLC), Dave McBain (MCPD), Anthony Sturgess (DOCR)

Guests/Others: Dave "Dawinder" Sidhu, Eric Sterling and LaTonia Rich, Yasmeen Mabry, Samar Khleif

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, 10 voting members were present which were sufficient to have a quorum. Introductions were made and the September 13th Minutes were approved.

Board Member Expectations:

It's expected that the Board members make at least 9 of the committee meetings in the current year, but the hope is that they make all meetings. Also, committee members are asked to join a subcommittee. The choices are Prevention, Treatment and Recovery and Legislation.

Director's Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Boards, Commissions and Committees on September 24, 2018

Sherry Beach, Co-Chair, attended FY19 First Quarter Report and presented AODACC's priorities. The three priorities are to advocate for treatment dollars, Public and Private schools and strengthening AODACC through recruitment. George Leventhal discussed that all committees should develop 1 or 2 generalized priorities, for example poverty. Hardy brought up that other committees were focusing on the Opioid Crisis and we should keep in mind when developing our own.

Meetings with Montgomery County Executive Candidates on October 11, 2018

Candidates Nancy Floreen & Marc Elrich

Elyse Grossman, Kabir Singh and Evelyn Saim-Lobos met with County Executive Candidates Council Members Nancy Floreen and Marc Elrich. They explained AODAAC's mission/purpose, membership and goals. They also let them know we are available as a resource. One thing Evelyn highlighted was the need for recovery programs for youth in the county. When seeking treatment for adolescents she is forced to defer to Baltimore, St. Mary's and Fredrick counties. Although both were receptive, Council Member Floreen was not supportive of how the current alcohol control system is operated. Council Member Elrich was not as responsive but perked up as the meeting went on and AODAAC members discussed the need for an increase in supported recovery housing with him.

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.

Review of Bylaws

Elyse stated that bylaws were rejected by the County Attorney and are working to remove any language that was rejected. Elyse will send revisions for review and voted upon at November's Meeting.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee: Members present: Elyse Grossman, Eric Sterling
January Retreat still be planned to review legislative bills and testimony training.
Details are being worked on for it. They also reviewed and revised the Bylaws.

Prevention Committee: Members present: Larry Simmons, Margaret Mattson
Development of an online brochure as well as a hard copy. To include helpful information, links to resources such as:

- Montgomery County has lowest rate in state
- Safe & Drug Free Schools
- Old Medication Take Backs
- Where to go for help? (Linking outside sources?)

Hardy Bennett stated that we need a dedicated admin for the committee to be able to move forward with web and social media development.

Recovery & Treatment Committee: Members Present: Kabir Singh, Celia Young, Bunny Rich

- Assisting STEER Program
- Musician Event Symbolizes Recovery
- Gathering Information for Brochure. (i.e. Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Avery Road Treatment Center, 10/29/2018)

COUNTY REPORTS

Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services: Dr Crowel talked the intensity of hiring therapists now that that DHHS positions have been released and can be filled. He also about the work of the Local Opioid Intervention Team (OIT). Will share data about the county overdose deaths and suicides. Jennifer Pauk reported about Many Voices, Smart Choices and agreed to schedule a condensed version of the Narcan training at a future AODAAC meeting. Hardy Bennett announced that the Mental Health Court's graduation will be Thursday October 18th at 1:30 PM_in the District Court Building and that the Drug Court Graduation will be 4:00 PM on Wednesday November 14th.

Police Department:

Lt. Dave McBain Reported

1. Saturday, October 27th Drug Take Back at Wegmans
2. MC District Police Stations have 24/7 Drug Take Back boxes. All 24 hours CVS have boxes
3. 12 permanent locations in Montgomery County
4. Damascus & Downtown Silver Spring have highest OD's in County
5. What police can share with public & HHS is evolving
6. Test strips for fentanyl can provide a choice
7. As of now, 41 Overdose deaths in County, 2017, 50 overdose deaths in County
8. 90% of Overdose deaths from fentanyl

Montgomery County Public Schools:

No Representative Present

Correction and Rehabilitation:

Anthony Sturgess Reported

1. Narcan provided to inmates who have been users while in jail
2. Vivitrol for inmates being released
3. Seeing lots of poly-substance abuse

Board of License Commissioners:

Man Cho Reported

1. Failure to check ID's for alcohol use is a problem. Education and prevention trailing too far for front end staff serving alcohol
2. County stores doing better at compliance than non-county stores
3. Need a clear policy regarding checking ID's and communicating to staffs.

New Business/Public Comment

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9pm