

# ***Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council***

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

**7:00- 9:00 pm**

**401 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Large Conference Room**

### **Voting Members Present:**

**Elyse Grossman, Kabir Singh, Sherry Beach, Edwin "Bunny" Rich, Larry Simmons, Veronica Wright, Anaum Khan, and Celia Young**

### **Ex\_Officio Members Present:**

**Michael Subin, Hardy Bennett, Jennifer Pauk (DHHS)**

### **Guests/Others:**

**Margaret Mattson, Mariana Rodriguez (DLC), Evelyn Saim-Lobos**

### **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. 8 members were present which was insufficient to have a quorum. Introductions were made and the following visions and goals were discussed.

### **VISIONS FOR AODAAC:**

#### **Legislative**

AODAAC will be having its first Legislative Retreat in January 2019 (date & location TBA) to review relevant state and county level bills and teach its members how to provide written and oral testimony.

#### **Promote AODAAC**

Create stronger collaborations with other Montgomery County Boards, Coalitions and Councils. Child Welfare Commission would like to attend a meeting as a speaker. Sherry Beach volunteered to have a website created for AODAAC hoping to mirror

websites for other Boards already in existence under [www.montgomerycounty.gov/hhs/boardscomm/boardscommmain.html](http://www.montgomerycounty.gov/hhs/boardscomm/boardscommmain.html) Hardy Bennett to find out how to proceed. Possible Contact: Elizabeth (Betsy) Lueckling Promoting New Members through website, word of mouth, having a 1-page colored brochure.

### **Transition Document**

Due Monday, September 24 and presented at Director's Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCC) on that same day. (See Attached)

### **Committee Volunteers**

All members of AODAAC were reminded by Chair, Elyse, that you must volunteer on one of the following 3 Committees and the Committees will meet typically an hour before monthly AODAAC Meeting and give a report each monthly AODAAC Meeting.

#### **Prevention**

This committee shall be responsible for keeping (a) the Council informed of prevention information, issues, and programs affecting alcohol and other drug abuse in the county; (b) recommending to the Council any plans and strategies that should be passed on to the County Executive, County Council, State Government, and Federal Government as part of the Council's recommendations and advice; and (c) providing in June of each year input to the Annual Report reflecting progress of the local prevention programs, any actions needed to improve local prevention programs, and prevention goals of the Council for the following year.

Those who volunteered: Jenny Pauk, Margaret Mattson, Larry Simmons, Sherry Beach (See Attached Sign Up Sheet)

#### **Recovery Committee**

This committee shall be responsible for keeping (a) the Council informed of recovering information, issues and concerns that impact programs operating in the County continuum of care and affecting alcohol and other drug abuse in the county; (b) recommending to the Council any plans and strategies that should be passed on to the County Executive, County Council, State Government, and Federal Government as part of the Council's recommendations and advice; and (c) providing in June of each year input to the Annual Report reflecting progress of local recovery programs and initiatives, any actions taken to improve local recovery programs and identification of recovery goals of the Council for the following year.

Those who volunteered: Evelyn Saim-Lobos (See Attached Sign Up Sheet)

It is being discussed to have previous Treatment Committee combined with Recovery Committee.

### **Legislative Committee**

This committee shall be responsible for keeping (a) the Council informed of legislative information, issues, and concerns that impact programs operating in the County continuum of care and affecting alcohol and other drug abuse in the county; (b) recommending to the Council any plans and strategies that should be passed on to the County Executive, County Council, State Government, and Federal Government as part of the Council's recommendations and advise; and (c) providing in June of each year input to the Annual Report reflecting progress of any legislation that impacts prevention, treatment and recovery programs and actions needed to follow-up legislative initiatives for the following year.

Those who volunteered: Veronica Wright, Anam Khan  
(See Attached Sign Up Sheet)

### **Events AODAAC Participate**

Montgomery County Thanksgiving Day Parade on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
(Deadline to Enter: Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>)

Those volunteering to participate: Elyse Grossman, Kabir Singh, Sherry Beach

Those voicing participation in parade as good idea: Larry Simmons & Bunny Rich

Evelyn Saim-Lobos suggesting participation opportunities for MCPS students.

Celebrating Multiple Pathways of Recovery on September 21 & 22 / Bunny Rich suggested AODAAC member give 2 to 3-minute speech about who we are and what we do. (See attached Flyer)

Sherry Beach volunteered to speak on behalf of AODAAC.

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR AODAAC:**

#### **Bylaw's:**

Members are only allowed to miss 3 meetings in a given year. Need a Quorum for Voting at each monthly meeting. Inform as early as possible if you are unable to attend a meeting.

#### **Robert's Rules of Order:**

A hard copy of "Abbreviated Robert's Rules of Order" were handed out to be reviewed and used when attending our monthly meeting. (A copy is attached)

#### **Time of Monthly Meetings**

Meeting starts at 7pm and should adjourn at 9pm.

#### **Reminder of County Regulation Regarding Email Lists**

Please refrain from using your AODAAC email list to endorse any Candidate in this upcoming Election.

#### **Meetings are Recorded**

Disclosure that our meetings are being recorded to help facilitate individual who volunteers to take “Minutes of the Meeting”. HHS is short staffed so we must rely on a volunteer from AODAAC.

**GOALS FOR AODAAC: (Open Floor Suggestions)**

Opioids Crisis Recommendations -Veronica Wright

Julling (Banning?) - Evelyn Saim-Lobos

Every goal from last year into this year’s - Larry Simmons

Rise & Flourish Program - Larry Simmons

**Executive Committee Suggestions**

Updating Bylaws (hard copy given out to attendees) (See Attached)

Advocacy through Evidence Based Laws

Working with MCPS & Private Schools - Proactive in Education

1 page document/brochure explaining who we are and used to promote us in community

**Committee Reports**

**Legislative Committee:** No Report

**Prevention Committee:** No Report

**Recovery Committee:** No Report

**County Report**

**Health and Human Services**

-Introduced Jenny Pauk – DHHS

- Transition Period due to Election Year

- Interviewing Therapist for Adult Drug Court

-Larry Stewart replacing Larry Gamble in Adult Drug Court

-MC Jails trying to fill positions

-STEER Program filled positions

-Green Light to hire Administrative Support for Programs & Therapists

**Police Department**

Not Present

**Montgomery County Public Schools**

Not Present

**Correction and Rehabilitation**

Not Present

**Board of License Commissioners**

Mariana Rodriguez gave report for absent Kathy Durbin.

-Monthly Alert Classes

- New "Take it Personally", "I take it Personally", "We take it Personally" Be Responsible Campaign (advertising everywhere including MC Liquor Distribution Trucks)

- Responsibility for ALL Employees regarding liquor control

### **New Business/Public Comment**

- Bunny Rich invited all attendees to Celebrating Multiple Pathways of Recovery (Friday 9/21 & Saturday 9/22) Meghan Westwood & Dr. Raymond Crowell to speak at retreat

Evelyn Saim-Lobos spoke for Elizabeth Rathbone announcing Recovery & Academic Program is operating as of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Elyse reviewed To Do List for October Meeting:

Review Bylaws

1 Page Marketing Brochure

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

