

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

7:00- 9:00 pm

401 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850

1st Floor Large Conference Room

Voting Members Present:

**Elyse Grossman, Sherry Beach, Kabir Singh, Edwin "Bunny" Rich,
Larry Simmons, Margaret Mattson, Evelyn Saim-Lobos, Veronica
Wright, Cynthia Wright, Dawinder "Dave" Sidhu, Celia Young,
Ghulam Abbas, Laura Mitchell**

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Hardy Bennett (DHHS), Raymond Crowel (DHHS)

**Guests/Others: Scott Greene (DHHS), Latonia Rich, Yasmeeen
Mabry, Elisha Tyler**

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 19 attendees, 13 voting members were present which were sufficient to have a quorum. Introductions were made and the April Meeting Minutes were approved barring a few typos.

Updates:

- Review of May 2, 2019 AODAAC Spring Forum
- BCC Chairs Meeting with DHHS Director, Monday June 24, 2019
- Fall 2019 Marijuana/Cannabis Forum Planning still in process

Nominations, Elections and Board for AODAAC 2019 - 2020 Session

- Chair: Elyse Grossman
- Vice Co Chairs: Larry Simmons & Margaret Mattson

Committee Reports

Legislative, Prevention and Recovery & Treatment

All voting members present collaborated on the upcoming Fall Marijuana/Cannabis Forum.

- To be held in October 2019
- 2 Hour Event
 - First Hour Panel to inform attendees of evidence-based information regarding Marijuana / Cannabis
 - 2nd Hour Breakout Sessions on at least 4 different topics (still pending topics)
- Planning for 2020 Spring Forum not to coincide with Coalition for Homeless Gala
- Advocating for Recovery High Schools (Money Spent vs Impact)
- Further Promotion of AODAAC through brochures, etc.
- Recovery Chair? (Bunny already served 5 years, anyone else want to serve?)

COUNTY REPORTS

Health and Human Services

Raymond Crowel announced he has been promoted to the New Director of HHS and in the interim, Scott Greene, will be attending AODAAC Meetings until a new Chief of BHC has been hired.

Hardy Bennett reported the following:

- Reimbursement Form for Members of Boards, Committees, and Commissions due tonight
- Interviews are being scheduled to replace retired Raymond Engate
- Intake Behavioral Health is shut down temporarily
 - Spanish speaking psychiatrist along with another psychiatrist retiring June and September
 - Medication Assisted Treatment Program Medical Director leaving 6/17/19 to accept another position
- Who has the fentanyl strips and are how are they being distributed to the public?
- Raymond Crowel reported the following:
 - MC down 20% Overdoses from 2018 and Maryland is down 30%
 - 2019 – Flatline but Fentanyl is the LEADING cause of overdoses
 - Narcan Training, STEER (LaTonia Rich now a Manager), and County Strategic plan to help combat opioid crisis
 - Today, 6/13/2019 Avery Road Treatment Center being demolished for new building.

Police Department:

No Representative Present

Liquor Control

No Representative Present

Montgomery County Public Schools:

No Representative Present

Correction and Rehabilitation:

No Representative Present (Anthony Sturgess contacted Hardy, and advised still working on present projects)

Board of License Commissioners:

No Representative Present

New Business/Public Comment

Scott Greene reported:

- Prevention has been moved out of Behavioral Health at the State level
- Will Maryland consider Utah's per person medicated cap?

Tree of Hope reported:

- Several training sessions will be conducted (Spirituality, Coach Academy, Professional & Ethics)
- Received Grant from Gaithersburg
- July 17th Coffee Event
- August Event at Boehner Park

Evelyn Saim-Lobos reported:

The Landing, program of Family Services, will be holding its Summer Bash on June 21, 2019 from 2pm to 6pm.

Laura Mitchell reported:

Montgomery County PTA is sponsoring Opioid Spoon Project at the MCPS Back to School on August 24, 2019 (Narcan Kits, information to parents to help diminish "not my kid" moment)

MCPS "Handle with Care" Gaithersburg's Police Department is the program's pilot (reporting trauma situations to the school for students who have been involved in trauma situations)

ADJOURN

9pm

