

Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Advisory Council

Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023

Voting Members: Elyse Grossman, Nick Borowski, Malliga Iyer, Margaret Mattson, Laura Mitchell, Ed “Bunny” Rich Denyse Dillon.

Ex-Officio Members: Pam Abramson, Dr. Rolando Santiago, Celia Serkin, Sara Rose, Kyle Potter, Jody Childers

Guests: Jerry Jing, John Glowa, Michelle Scarlett, Craig Long & Caroline Davenport (Presenter)

Welcome: Chair Called Meeting to Order at 7:01pm. **No Quorum Present / 7 Voting Members)**

Chair Updates: (Elyse Grossman)

- ✚ January 11, 2024, Legislative Retreat (in person) Voting members and Ex officio Members are welcomed but do not need to attend. Location: 401 Hungerford Dr. Rockville, MD. Conf. Room 1A Will be reviewing Bills relevant to AODAAC and writing testimony.
- ✚ AODAAC interviews are complete. Recommendations will go to the County Executive then to the County Council for approval.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Meets from 6-7pm

- ✚ **Legislative & Communication Committee:** Memo on Cannabis. Working on Newsletter; this is still pending. January 11, 2024, review Bills before Retreat that are relevant to AODAAC. If you're interested in assisting and learning about the process, please let Elyse know. Will be meeting with the County Council in April to discuss AODAAC budget.
- ✚ **Training & Outreach Committee:** Focus on communication with parents, outreach events focusing on active listening skills. Parent Academy viewing film “Under the Influence”, live discussion and panel. December 16, 2024, Speak of Save a Life Concert, top prize \$1,000.00.

III. County Reports:

- ✚ **Department of Health & Human Services (Dr. Rolando Santiago) Full report emailed to Members.** Dr. Santiago highlighted recent events he supported and attended: American Muslim Senior Society, how services can be provided to seniors of Color. Presentation at the Inter-Agency Committee on Aging 12/13/23.; Cannabis Challenges from an equity, social justice, and public health perspective (will provide presentation to be emailed). Opioid Settlement Funds updates: over 10 community grant proposals were submitted 10/31/23. Currently in review. Award amount: about \$25,000.00. Chair asked who is involved in reviewing awards? And requested that a AODAAC member be part of the process. Answer: Reviewed by OTT who determines award recipients. Stabilization Room opened 9/6/23 at the Crisis Center. They have way over 50% Substance Use issues. Referrals are needed.
- ✚ **Local Behavioral Health Authority: (Sara Rose) LBHA** hosted a Provider Council Event. Providers networked and were made aware of services. Over 50 providers attended. LBHA Plan State granted extension to January 26, 2024. LBHA DHHS Pilot to work with MCPS to increase Behavioral Health services to students, at present 10 hubs offered hope to get selected.
- ✚ **Police Department: (Lt. Pete Davidov)** Full report was emailed to Members.
- ✚ **Alcohol Beverage Services: Jody Childers** Full Report emailed to Members. Coaster Campaign and The Keeping it Safe Coalition for Under 21 Alcohol use prevention announcements sent to media specialists, private schools in Montgomery County.

- ✚ **Montgomery County Public Schools: Kyle Potters.** Looking forward to the Hub pilot. The grant will allow for community / parent engagement and training. DADS on duty: Program that started at Seneca Valley High School. Started as a anti violence initiative. DADS go into schools during the day; provide mentoring and informal group discussions. Will be able to hire a PT Time person under this grant.
- ✚ **Correction And Rehabilitation:** No Report
- ✚ **HHS Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction: Sara Rose reported.** Hired a Prevention worker who is bi-lingual. Completed 31 Narcan Training DHHS staff. Chair, asked if AODAAC could be trained possibly at the January 11th Retreat? Sara advised training is about 30 minutes. Sara and Elyse will connect to see if this could be scheduled.
- ✚ **Board of License Commissioners:** No Report
- ✚ **Mental Health Advisory Committee: (Celia Serkin) Full Report was emailed to Members.** Happy to continue the collaborations between MHAC & AODAAC. AODAAC members are invited to attend MHAC's virtual meeting scheduled for January 2, 2024, to hear Lori Doyle, Director of Public Policy for the Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland, the guest speaker, give an update on behavioral health legislation at the State level. AODAAC invited MHAC members to attend its in-person Legislative Retreat scheduled, which will take place on January 11, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at 401 Hungerford Dr Rockville, Conf room 1A, Rockville, MD. MHAC members also voted electronically and approved to sign on with AODAAC to the letter from the Parity Coalition to get some major rule changes adopted to improve access to mental health and substance use care and treatment.
- ✚ **Commission on Health:** No Report

Chair asked members prior to presenter arriving if they had any idea of topics they would like discussed as AODAAC will have a Judge from DUI Court to present soon. If you think of a topic let Elyse know.

- ✚ **Guest Presenter:** Ms. Caroline Davenport, Senior Legislative Aide in the Office of District 7 Councilmember Dawn Luedtke. Ms. Davenport provided slide presentation on Bill 43-23: Crisis Intervention Team. The presentation discusses the reasons behind the bill and why it's needed. Discussion and Q&A. Full presentation emailed.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. New Business: Ed "Bunny Rich" Tree of Hope Holiday Donation for Avery Road Treatment Center. Will occur Christmas morning. Donations needed. Please see website for more information. Information emailed to members.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:56pm.

Minutes recorded by Pamela Abramson

AODACC Staff Liaison

