

AODAAC Minutes  
June 8, 2017

Meeting held at Public Safety Communications Center

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. No quorum. Will review and approve February, March, and April minutes via conference call.
3. Rough draft of recovery school letter distributed. Consider this a brainstorming document.
  - a. Captures some of conversation following Phoenix Rising presentation.
  - b. AODAAC only makes recommendations to County Executive to inform budgeting.
  - c. Phoenix Rising proposing recovery high school so will need budget line (and Mike Subin had offered advice on where to include so that it can become a sustainable budget item).
  - d. Questions or concerns:
    - i. (Elise). Good start, want to support data-driven sustainable efforts. Need to review what is needed in county, numbers of students, cost/student vs. costs for other recovery efforts, logistics of all the details (e.g., location). Seems to be at preliminary idea level. How would this affect students and how would they move through the recovery school? How long would they be at school? Continuity of lessons with transitions to and from comprehensive school, especially if do not complete a full year.
    - ii. (Fred). Letter expresses some realities and opportunities but does not specify what we want to do. Suggests relying heavily on the impressions and attitudes of individuals in recovery because they have an understanding of needs. Is school setting beneficial? Is a segregated school setting beneficial?
    - iii. (Celia). Why did Phoenix close? Elizabeth gave some background and last year of Phoenix (2012–2013 school year), only four students were enrolled and the following year, there were zero students—it was not feasible to maintain the program for so few students, despite the knowledge that there are more students that might need the services. People have differing opinions on why students stopped enrolling in Phoenix.
4. Tour of Command Center
5. County Report
  - a. DHHS (Hardy)
    - i. Hope Act Legislation increased funding for community behavioral health services over next three years; BHA and Medicaid must conduct rate setting study by September 2019; establish behavioral health crisis treatment centers consistent with BHA Advisory Council; expand 24/7 hotline and train staff members for substance use and mental health; training in overdose identification before can obtain naloxone from pharmacist (does not change how Montgomery County trains individuals currently); require hospitals to have protocols for discharging patients with substance use disorders or following overdose; develop plan to increase substance use disorder treatment in jails and prisons.

- ii. Thanked interview committee which recommended new members to County Executive to appoint for September.
- iii. Thanked nominations committee for putting forth slate to vote into office.
- iv. Looking into specialty call meetings in July and August.
- b. Raymond reported that:
  - i. Budget cycle completed;
  - ii. Funding added for visit/exchange center for individuals with restraining orders or who were victims of domestic violence;
  - iii. Extended funding to deflect from arrest to treatment;
  - iv. Mental health court continuing and Judge Baer wants to consider expanding staff members so will need to go back to recommend addendum to budget;
  - v. Changes in prescription drug monitoring program which doctors and pharmacists can use voluntarily. In July 2018, pharmacists will be required to check before filling prescriptions and doctors will be required to check before writing prescriptions.
  - vi. Overdose Fatality Review Team considering reviews of non-fatal overdoses, greater access to autopsy reports, increased access to PDMP data to evaluate trends in substance use in Montgomery County.
  - vii. Governor formed Opioid Overdose Command Center out of MEMA. Montgomery County involved on working to better coordinate county efforts.
- c. Ben reported:
  - i. April 29 Drug Take-back Day took back 1,904 pounds of prescription drugs at 16 sites (including at senior centers). Over 11,000 pounds taken back since 2013.
  - ii. Opioid misuse prevention PR campaign to increase awareness and perception of prescription opioids (about 700,000 impressions). Presentations have reached over 18,000 individuals.
  - iii. SAMHSA 9-week program on intervention and education. 93 students have gone through program and 1,047 individuals have seen presentations.
  - iv. On Tuesday, transferring to position in SAMHSA
- d. Department of Liquor Control—no report.
- e. MCPS working on provisions in HB1082 that speaks to increased education for students, naloxone in each school.
- f. DOC/MCPD.
  - i. Trying to keep tabs on new designer drugs, especially ones that are made to look like other prescription drugs. Drug dealers in upstate NY are selling drugs that look like Xanax (complete with embossing) but contain fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine.
  - ii. DEA website is good resource on drugs out there.
- 6. Committee Reports
  - a. Prevention—did not meet. OLO report, for which AODAAC wrote a letter, coming to end stages.
  - b. Recovery—did not meet. Thank you to Celia for her hard work on Spring Forum.
  - c. Legislative—no report.
  - d. Providers—no report.
  - e. Table elections until quorum present.

7. Public Comments.
  - a. Fred said Montgomery County fortunate to have people like Ben Stevenson and Lt. Ron Smith who are assets to the county. County government and services delivered in county provide a lot of resources and supports.
  - b. Kabir spoke to Larry. Surgery went well on Tuesday and he hopes to be home soon.
  - c. Man Cho said that effective July 1, all 27 county liquor stores will be required to check IDs on all patrons (before, it was based on employees perception that consumer was 35 years old or younger). Want to encourage all other vendors and license holders to do the same.
  - d. Hardy reminded the voting members present to submit travel and childcare reimbursement ASAP.
  - e. Patty had thoughts on letter, including recommendation that County Council solicit feedback from individuals in recovery and former teachers and students of Phoenix. Remind County Council that despite increases in costs/student up front, mental health issues often co-occur with substance use disorders which can cost a lot in the long term.
    - i. Kabir suggested changing "sobriety" in second to last paragraph to "recovery."
    - ii. LaTonia suggested reviewing what Phoenix did before.
    - iii. Elise said recovery school is a good idea but need details before can sign name to letter.
8. Elise made motion to adjourn; seconded by Christine.
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.