

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
August 13, 2019

In Attendance:

Judy Kunec	Mary Dozier	Frank Garcia	Sueanne Agger
Katie Faldetta	Pat Devaney	Betty Redman	David Grusemeyer
Joe Landis	Barry Keefe	Samantha McManus	Greg Speed
Amy Dindak	Robert Johnson	Sharon Modzelewski	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson F. Garcia at 5:05PM. Round table introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Barry Keefe and seconded by Judy Kunec. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: A. Dindak distributed RFP information which included: 1) An Opioid Reduction Option (ORO) in the Emergency Department RFP issued by the New Jersey DHS, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals from health facilities to develop and implement a program to increase awareness and focus on non-opioid pain management strategies, reduce the use of opioids at ED discharge. This RFP is funded through SAMHSA's State Opioid Response to Grants (SOR) and through Governor Murphy's initiative to address the opioid epidemic in NJ. Total funding is \$1,790,000 subject to federal and state appropriations. Funding is available for FFY 2019 and may be available for FFY 2020.

2) John Brooks Recovery Center received the award for the Southern Region for the Recovery Housing Services for Adult Consumers with Opioid Use Disorders who are homeless or at risk for homelessness RFP. The three (3) pilot recovery housing services (one in each region) is for individuals 18 years or older with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) who are being discharged from any/all levels of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) care into the community who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.

Addiction Services: See Heroin Issue Update

GCADA: S. Modzelewski reported 1) Cape May County Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the year is Kathy Pittaluga of the Dennis Township Municipal Alliance. Ms. Pittaluga will be recognized by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council and the Cape May County Freeholders. 2) GCADA distributed the county allocation amounts for the next 5-year grant cycle. Twenty counties' allocation amounts will be decreased. Cape May County's allocation will be decreased by \$14,783. The decreased allocation amount is based on changes in population, youth population, arrests, AEREF funding, and treatment statistics as well as an increase in set-aside funds for a state-wide Municipal Alliance sustainability plan.

Old Business

Membership: Pat reported that there was an inquiry regarding membership from Majken Mechling. Makjen was an employee of the NJ Division of Alcoholism in the 1980's and was assigned to Cape May County where she worked with Pat on several issues. She now works for Resources for Human Development and lives in Cape May County. She is also the President of the ARC Board. Pat asked her to consider attending a few meetings to determine her interest in the Board's activities. She will keep the Board updated. Joe Landis stated that he will connect again with the pastor at the SOAR church in Woodbine.

Heroin Issue Update: Joe Landis summarized the activities of the Hope One van for the Board: 15 locations, 233 people served, 82 NARCAN kits distributed, 6 referrals to recovery services and 7 referrals to mental health services. The Prosecutor's office also applied for the second round of funds from the state for the Hope One van- \$56,000 is available. The effort to determine the number of fatalities continues due to the fact that several agencies are counting them and seemingly using different criteria. It appears that to date the Cape May fatality number is 19. SueAnne reported that Cape Regional did not get the STAR grant; the grant was awarded to the Center for Family Services. This \$350,000 grant provides case management and recovery specialists for CMC residents who are in recovery. The CARES program at Cape Regional was recognized as one of the top five performers in the state and a recent site visit went extremely well. Sueanne reminded everyone that Overdose Awareness Day is August 29th from 5pm to 8pm at the Lighthouse Church.

Recovery High School: Katie reported that the summer program is in operation and 3 youth have participated. Of the youth that were in the program that ended in June, one (1) is returning to their home district school. Cape Assist expects 4 youth to start the new school year. There has been no word regarding funding from the DOE to date.

Plan: Pat distributed the Logic Model for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support which serves as a summary of the county's 2020-2023 plan. Due to all of the rapid changes in the funding environment, the Logic model remains very fluid and large in scope. This will allow maximum opportunity to adjust the priorities of the plan as the years progress.

New Business

Elections: Barry Keefe made a motion to nominate Frank Garcia as chairperson and Judy Kunec as vice chairperson. Joe Landis seconded. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion as made by B. Keefe carried.

Grant Status Update: Pat reviewed the expenditures to date for the 2019 comprehensive substance abuse grant. They are very low as the Medicaid penetration has been a funding source for many of the people who were funded by county funds in the past. This issue will be considered for the 2020 application.

2020 Grant: The funding level for 2020 has not yet been released (in 2019 it was released July 7th), however it is expected soon, and it will require some input from the Board regarding future directions. Pat will inform the Board when the letter of intent arrives

Jail Program: Pat reported on the state issued Request for Letter of Interest for a MAT program at the county Jail. Although the funding is only secured until June 2020, it is expected that funding will be continued by the Governor. Pat has been working with the Warden and medical staff to assess the capacity of CMC Jail to offer this program. It is challenging for the prescription for Suboxone as the number of prescriptions is regulated by the Federal Government. Discussions with the state are ongoing regarding capacity and alternative strategies.

Performance Benchmarks for ACENDA: As CCS is merged into ACENDA, there is a need to create a list of performance "benchmark" criteria that can be measured as CCS and then later as ACENDA. Pat distributed a list of areas that have been suggested so far. The Board is welcomed to suggest additional areas so that they can be presented at the September meeting when ACENDA will present to the Board.

Municipal Alliance Budget Modifications

CASS approved Municipal Alliance Budget Modifications were distributed. A motion to approve the budget modifications was made by Judy Kunec and seconded by Joe Landis. Motion carried. Barry Keefe abstained.

PACADA Minutes: PACADA minutes were distributed for informational purposes. Cape Assist IOPs will be corrected to reflect 2 IOPs, not 21.

Public Response

Greg Speed distributed information about ACENDA Integrated Health. Cape Counseling Services merged with Robins' Nest and NewPoint Behavioral Health Care to form ACENDA Integrated Health.

Samantha McManus reported that there are five vacancies for consumers in Cape May County via the Community Support Services program. The referrals are primarily from Ancora Psychiatric Hospital. The program is also looking to fill a case manager position.

Joe Landis reported that the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office will present an information session about *Consumer Fraud & Elderly Abuse* on Wednesday, 08/21/2019, at 11:30 A.M at the Ocean City Community Center in Ocean City.

Robert Johnson reported that the training for the Narcan administration program at the high school will be completed by the South Jersey AIDS Alliance.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.