

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
September 10, 2019

In Attendance:

Judy Kunec	Mary Dozier	Tom Maletto	Deb Lukens
Katie Faldetta	Pat Devaney	Betty Redman	David Grusemeyer
Barry Keefe	Donna Groome	Brian Fitzgerald	Katie Faldetta
Amy Dindak	Robert Johnson	Sharon Modzelewski	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson J.Kunec at 5:45PM. Round table introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting was made by Robert Johnson and seconded by Keefe. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: A. Dindak reported: 1) DMHAS issued an RFP for continued provision of Designated Screening Services (i.e. Psychiatric Emergency Services) for Gloucester, Hudson and Ocean Counties. DMHAS anticipates making one award for each of these county-based service areas, resulting in three total awards. The psychiatric emergency service program awarded through this RFP will offer services to persons who may be approaching or are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. The program will also operate a 24-hour hotline, with calls always answered by trained clinical staff. Total annualized funding subject to State appropriation is allocated as follows: Gloucester County: \$1,496,624; Hudson County: \$2,353,840; Ocean County: \$2,488,796. Award Notification Date is September 27, 2019. 2) In the Southern Region, Atlanticare Regional Medical Center received \$99,075.00 for an Opioid Reduction Option (ORO) in the Emergency Department by the NJ DHS, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The facility will develop and implement a program to increase awareness and focus on non-opioid pain management strategies, reduce the use of opioids at ED discharge. 3) In the Southern Region, John Brooks Recovery Center received an award from DMHAS for \$113,660.00 (5 consumers) for Recovery Housing Services for Adult Consumers with Opioid Use Disorders who are homeless or at risk for homelessness. 4) An Opioid Summit will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center on Friday September 20, 2019. The summit is free and includes a breakfast, lunch and parking.

Addiction Services: No report

GCADA: S. Modzelewski reported 1) Cape May County Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year, Kathy Pittaluga of the Dennis Township Municipal Alliance, was selected as the recipient of the W. Cary Edwards State Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. 2) For the FY 2021-2025, GCADA granted supplemental funds to thirteen of the counties that previously had their funds decreased if the counties spent more than 90% of grant funds over past 5 years. Cape May County will receive \$9,822 in supplemental funding.

Old Business

Membership: Pat will reach out to Majken Mechling. Donna Groome will reach out to the Pastor at the SOAR Church.

Heroin Issue Update: The Hope One van is continuing its service to the community. Next year they plan to be in every community at least once. Overdose Awareness Day was very successful and moving. There were 264 white chairs with purple balloons attached in the lawn next to the Lighthouse Church. Many had pictures and keepsakes

of the people who passed. Testimonials were given at the ceremony. Reggae Fest is scheduled for Sept. 15th. Over 500 people are expected to attend. 130 Narcan kits were purchased for the Hope One Van and 50 for the jail. The Jail staff are working with Pat on an application to the state for MAT in the Jail. It is a very challenging program to operate and fund. They are working next week with the health provider in the Jail.

Recovery High School Update: Katie Faldetta reported that the summer program went well. It started with three, but one student went back to their home school. The engagement events were better attended, and one student will be returning and three are being interviewed. No word yet on DOE funding.

Plan Update: Pat reported that the plan was approved by DMHAS.

New Business

2020 Grant Application: The Board discussed the logic behind the 2020 application and supported the allocations as presented. A motion was made by B. Keefe and seconded by T. Maletto, to recommend the programs in the outline to the Freeholders for submission to the state.

RFP Cycle and Subcommittee: Pat requested that Board members look into their October schedules as a subcommittee will need to be formed to review the RFPs once they are received (on October 16th)

CIT Training: Pat and Katie spoke about the upcoming Crisis Intervention Training that will be held in early December. Staff from the Prosecutor's office, ACENDA, Cape Assist and others will conduct the week-long training on how to de-escalate individuals in high stress situations.

Public Response

K. Faldetta announced 1) CMC Healthy Community Coalition Networking Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, 9/24/19, at 8:30am at Avalon Links and will highlight the Recovery Court and its successful stories. 2) Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2019 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Cape May Convention Hall, Cape May. Doors open at 8 a.m. for naloxone training. Local leaders will discuss the impact of the opioid epidemic on the community and the business community. All are welcome to attend. 3) CRAFT program will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church beginning Tuesday, 9/17, at 7pm. 4) NJPN will schedule a CAR Recovery Coach training for the southern region in October. This is a 5-day training.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.