



**CECIL COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR January 27, 2015**

Meeting Location: Cecil County Health Department, 401 Bow Street, Elkton

Members In Attendance: Scott Adams, John Bennett, Ken Collins, Joseph Fisona, Jack Foreaker, Kelly Frost, Stephanie Garrity, Howard Isenberg, Tom Klenk, Sheri Lazarus, Donna Lewis, Mike Massuli, Dr. Alan Mc Carthy, Walter Rozanski

Others In Attendance: Elaine Barclay, Diana Broomell, Chris Burge, Mark Debussy, Burton Dickerson, Jackie Hartman, Leah Heyel, Cheryl Mattix, Stephanie Palko, Christina Hanna-Roland, Jenny Shields, Nancy Swartzman, Karl Webner

Call to Order: John Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

- John Bennett announced that the agenda included public comments, followed by the Council’s review of two items: (1) the LDAAC progress report entitled “Plans, Strategies and Priorities ...for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Evaluation, Prevention, and Treatment” and (2) proposed LDAAC By-Laws.
- John Bennett announced that during the current calendar year, nine lives had been saved with credit to the County’s overdose response training and promotion of Narcan. John also reported that two overdose deaths occurred during the third quarter of CY 2014. Ten deaths had been reported during the two prior quarters.
- Mr. Bennett stated that the County Executive had encouraged MACO to adopt substance abuse as a priority, and that the new Governor plans to make the opioid overdose problem a priority within his administration.

Public Comments:

- Dianna Broomell stated that she did not get a notice of this meeting or a copy of the proposed by-laws. Asserted that the previous by-laws had been adopted in 2005. Asserted that no one is scrutinizing where the treatment dollars were spent and that funds are supposed to go to the detention center.
- Christine Hanna-Roland from the University of Delaware School of Nursing announced plans for a new psychiatric nurse practitioner program. The University plans to initiate the program in the Fall of 2015.

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- Walter Rozanski announced that he wrote a letter to Ken Collins asking why the liquor violations were never reported in any of the local papers. Noted that cigarette issues were reported, but that alcohol was not. Walter Rozanski stated that the LDAAC did not adhere to original by-laws.

Review and Update of the Plans, Strategies and Priorities:

- Council members present reviewed the LDAAC progress report entitled “Plans, Strategies and Priorities for Meeting the Identified Needs of the General Public and the Criminal Justice System for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Evaluation, Prevention, and Treatment, FY14-FY15.” Updates, identified by red typeface, were discussed by membership. One type error was identified for correction.
- Motions to approve the progress report were initiated and approved by a vote of 12 to 2.

Review of LDAAC By-laws:

- Stephanie Garrity informed the committee that Health Department staff discovered the original draft by-laws in archived records. However, staff were unable to verify that the 2005 by-laws had been approved. It was verbally reported that the prior Council did not finalized the original document. Therefore, new by-laws were created with the assistance of the County Attorney.
- In response to a question regarding the role of an advisory council, Kelly Frost was informed that the LDAAC advises the County Executive, Health Officer and the Board of Health and the Board of Health ultimately makes the decisions.
- In response to a question regarding health department funds, Kelly Frost was informed that Laurie Humphries, Fiscal Officer for the Cecil County Health Department would attend the next LDAAC meeting to report on the addictions treatment and prevention budgets.
- Howard Isenberg brought up a discrepancy in Article 3.4, in reference to what percentage of missed meetings may a member be removed from the LDAAC. Motions were initiated and passed that members could be removed for failure to attend 75% of scheduled meetings.
- Motion was made by Walter Rozanski to defer the process of reviewing the by-laws until the full council completes a review of the original 2005 draft by-laws. Motion was seconded, but did not pass.
- In regard to elections, a motion was made by Thomas Klenk that officers should be elected every two years. The change was approved.
- Motions to approve the progress report were initiated and approved by a vote of 12 to 2.
- Kelly Frost provided her resignation from the LDAAC. John Bennett extended appreciation to Ms. Frost for her work on the LDAAC.

Review of LDAAC Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2014:

- Suggested correction to meeting minutes to include a comment provided by Walt Rozanski that physicians who overprescribe should be held responsible for murder. Committee members agreed to amend the December minutes to include this comment.

- Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meetings were accepted.

Adjourned: 3:55 PM

Next Meeting: March 26, 2015

Submitted by Alicia O'Connor