



United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse
“To Empower Our Diverse Community to Live Healthy and Drug-Free”

Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
United Way of Broward County - Ansin Building Board Room

Thursday, November 12, 2015
Minutes

Chair: Cynthia Peterson

Present: David Choate, Paul Daly, Cassandra Evans, Anita Fain Taylor, Paul Faulk, Stephen Ferrante, David Freedman, Joel Kaufman, Mark Ketcham, Monica King, Judge Ginger Lerner Wren, Carlton Mills, Charles Morton, Shawn Oden, Ralph Page, Cynthia Peterson, Renée Podolsky, David Scharf, Sanford Silverman, Teri Stockham, Karlene Tomlinson, Norma Wagner.

Absent: Catherine Baez Sholl, Daniel Castellanos, Marsha Carrant, Jim Hall, Jeff Marcus, Rudy Morel, Rosalind Osgood, David Pinsker, Gisele Pollack, Carmen Puentes-Croye, Jose Rada, Richard Seely, Rosemarie Stadelman, Tammy Tucker.

UWBC Staff: Elkin Alfred, Gonzalo Cadima, Heather Davidson, David Fields, Maria Hernandez, Alicia Hockey, Madeline Jones, Kevin O’Mara, Lois Simpson, Angela Ventura.

Guests: Charlotte Mather-Taylor, Courtney Merricks, Mark Sprada, Marielle Sologuren.

Welcome & Introductions: *Cynthia Peterson, *Chair, UWBCCSA Board of Governors*

- Mrs. Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m.
- Mrs. Peterson requested each individual introduce themselves.
- Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the October minutes. Paul Daly motioned and Anita Fain Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Presentation: *Mark Sprada, *Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer, Broward Health Medical Center*

Mr. Sprada gave a Flakka presentation on behalf of Dr. Nabil El Sanadi. The presentation included a handout and PowerPoint slides. He discussed that Flakka is considered the new “Party Drug” in Broward County and indicated the reasoning behind this; it’s the new cheap, fastest and easiest way to get high. He gave advice of what to do in the event that one comes into contact with someone on Flakka and closed by answering questions regarding identifying factors to look for outside of excited delirium. Board members further discussed treatment options currently available for those entering health and law systems; as well as, some of the limitations for retention after the emergency has subsided.



Director Report: *Gonzalo Cadima, Director, UWBCCSA

Mr. Cadima advised an update on the Commission would arrive via email shortly after the meeting. He and Maria Hernandez presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who had vital roles and were essential support of the administration of the Edward Bryne/Jag Memorial Grant. The recipients are as follows: Broward Addiction & Recovery Center (Paul Faulk), Broward Sheriff's Office (David Scharf), City of Fort Lauderdale, Anita Fain Taylor, David Fields and Kevin O'Mara.

Flakka Action Team: *Paul Faulk, Co-Chair

Mr. Faulk advised the board that there were 39 tips to CrimeStoppers last month, 1800 hospitalizations from June to November and 54 deaths to date. He stated there will be clinical trainings in the winter months; however, dates are to be determined. He also mentioned that there is an indication that Alpha PHPs are on the move in the community.

Surveillance Support Committee: *Dr. Teri Stockham, Forensic Toxicologist

Dr. Stockham advised China has now banned 115 novel psycho-active drugs. She also advised that a recent report indicated there were a total of 447 Heroin and 538 Fentanyl deaths in Florida in 2014.

Marijuana Action Team: *Paul Daly, Co-Chair

Mr. Daly reintroduced the co-chair, Marielle Sologuren. He stated members the team were present for the Civil Citation earlier in the week; 21 total testified. The Citation passed without the evaluation and assessment, until a 3rd citation. Mr. Daly also mentioned the team is planning a Parent Education Meeting in March 2016.

Advocacy Action Team: *Dr. Joel Kaufman, Co-Chair & Cynthia Peterson, Co-Chair

Mr. Kaufman stated they are currently creating a brochure. He stated there are members of South Florida Wellness involved; some who are also in recovery. Mrs. Peterson added that the Needle Exchange Program is back on the legislative table and so far it is passing quite quickly.

Underage Drinking Action Team: *Ralph Page, Co-Chair

Mr. Page advised the team is continuing with its social media planning. He stated the youth involved are very responsive and the last meeting had over 100 unexpected attendees.

Presentation: *Dr. Shelley Robertson, PFS Grant Evaluator, Partnership for Success

Dr. Robertson gave a PowerPoint presentation with a grant logic model. She explained there are three main partnerships: Train the Trainer, Outreach to Targeted Groups and Core Programming. She also explained how compliance checks and policy changes work within the grant. Dr. Robertson discussed the grant's environmental strategies and touched on the social norms aligned with media campaigns and the implementation of SBIRT. She closed with data on the grant's benchmarks and success.

Presentation: *Courtney Merrick, District Manager, Professional Opportunities for Program Students, Inc.

Mr. Merrick gave the board a brief history of POPS and provided a handout with the programs overview and statistics. He also provided his contact information and welcomed members to facilitate workshops.

Closing & Adjournment: Cynthia Peterson, Chair, UWBCCSA Board of Governors

- Mrs. Peterson asked if there was any further business to discuss and advised the next meeting is December 10, 2015.
- Mrs. Peterson thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.