



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, April 14, 2016 Minutes

Chair: Cynthia Peterson

Present: Catherine Baez Sholl, Marsha Currant, Paul Daly, Anita Fain Taylor, Paul Faulk, Stephen Ferrante, Jim Hall, Joel Kaufman, Mark Ketcham, Jeff Marcus, Rudy Morel, Charles Morton, Ralph Page, Cynthia Peterson, Gisele Pollack, Carmen Puentes-Croye, Jose Rada, David Scharf, Rosemarie Stadelman, Teri Stockham, Michelle Tobin-Singer, Tammy Tucker, Norma Wagner.

Absent: Daniel Castellanos, Julie Chaikin Hogan, David Choate, Cassandra Evans, David Freedman, Paul Faulk, Monica King, Judge Ginger Lerner Wren, Carlton Mills, Shawn Oden, Rosalind Osgood, David Pinsker, Renée Podolsky, Richard Seely, Sanford Silverman, Karlene Tomlinson.

UWBC Staff: Elkin Alfred, Gonzalo Cadima, Heather Davidson, Maria Hernandez, Alicia Hockey, Madeline Jones, Lois Simpson, Angela Ventura.

Guests: Don Maines

Welcome & Introductions: *Cynthia Peterson, Chair

- Mrs. Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.
- Mrs. Peterson requested each individual introduce themselves.
- Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the March minutes. Dr. Joel Kaufman motioned and Mr. Paul Daly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

VP Report: *Maria Hernandez, Vice President, UWBC

Ms. Hernandez invited the Board to the 2016 Behavioral Health Conference on May 10 & 11, 2016. She also advised that sponsorships are still available and gave an overview of the keynote speakers. Ms. Hernandez strongly encouraged Board Members to involve their staff and provided CEU information.

Director Report: *Gonzalo Cadima, Director, UWBCCSA

Mr. Cadima reported that the state of the Commission is strong and being recognized on the National level. He stated that the works of Flakka Community Action Team has now reached over three million people and the Commission has been providing technical assistance to Miami. Mr. Cadima also advised that a formal request was received yesterday from a Colombian delegate; Angela Ventura was able to present to them. He provided an update on recent meetings with Children’s Services Council and Broward County School Board. Mr. Cadima directed members to the Upcoming Events handout in their packet and gave a brief synopsis of the Commission’s current calendar. He then turned the floor over to Ms. Alfred and Ms. Simpson who provided a recap on Alternative Spring Break’s outcome with a video of highlights. The Prevention Specialists closed by requesting Board Members share the word about the upcoming Youth Leadership Institute through Social Media.



Presentation: *Lars Gilberts, Statewide ALICE Director, UWBC

Mr. Gilberts introduced himself and provided the board with a brief personal background and what he does for the State of Florida. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). Mr. Gilberts advised the new ALICE Report is getting ready to launch after not being updated for forty years. He closed with Q&A. *Please refer to handout provided in meeting packet for further information.

Surveillance Support Committee: *Jim Hall, Co-Chair

Mr. Hall stated there are been significant changes in the last few weeks, even more so in the last ten days. He provided a PowerPoint presentation of highlights on these changes and advised he would go into much more detail during his keynote at the upcoming Behavioral Health Conference. Mr. Hall indicated the information presented represented prescription opioid related hospital cases in Broward County from 2007-2014. He further pointed out that only 12% of the 826 cases were given a substance abuse diagnosis in conjunction with the related overdose. Thus, signifying possible missed opportunities for prevention and/or treatment. Mr. Hall also showed data on the heroin pandemic as well as fentanyl and poly substances. He closed with pictures of counterfeit drugs and Q&A. *Please refer to handout provided in meeting packet for further information

Community Response Team: *Dave Scharf, Co-Chair

Mr. Scharf stated the strength of this team centers around the diversity of its members; Prevention Specialists, BSO, Feds, other law enforcement, medical providers, etc. He apprised one of the main focuses of the team currently is the deployment of Narcan beyond First Responders. Mr. Scharf closed with an update on grant applications for hospital discharge planning.

Advocacy Action Team: *Dr. Joel Kauffman, Co-Chair

Dr. Kauffman expressed excitement with the Presidents initiative on opioid abuse offering possibly double the funding for treatment providers and the Syringe Exchange Bill now signed by the Governor. Dr. Kauffman informed that 7,500 of the 10,000 Injection Drug Users Safety Guide has now been distributed into the community. He thanked Mrs. Davidson for all her efforts to make the distribution a success and closed with an update on some of the other initiatives the team is actively pursuing.

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

Mr. Page gave an update on Living Above the Influence, SBIRT Training (June 2nd, 2016) and the Sustainability Plan for the team once the Partnership For Success funding has ended. He also noted the Town Hall flyer included in the packet and advised a PSA would be arriving via email in the next few days.

Closing & Adjournment: Cynthia Peterson, Chair

- Mrs. Peterson encouraged Board Members to attend the Behavioral Health Conference since there would not be a Board of Governors Meeting in May.
- Mrs. Peterson advised the next meeting is June 9, 2016.
- Mrs. Peterson thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.