

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, June 9, 2016 Minutes

Chair: Cynthia Peterson

Present: Daniel Castellanos, David Choate, Marsha Currant, Paul Daly, Anita Fain Taylor, Paul Faulk, Stephen Ferrante, David Freedman, Jim Hall, Joel Kaufman, Mark Ketcham, Jeff Marcus, Charles Morton, Ralph Page, Cynthia Peterson, Gisele Pollack, Carmen Puentes-Croye, Jose Rada, David Scharf, Rosemarie Stadelman, Tammy Tucker, Norma Wagner.

Absent: Catherine Baez Sholl, Julie Chaikin Hogan, Cassandra Evans, Monica King, Judge Ginger Lerner Wren, Carlton Mills, Rudy Morel, Shawn Oden, Rosalind Osgood, David Pinsker, Renée Podolsky, Richard Seely, Sanford Silverman, Karlene Tomlinson.

UWBC Staff: Gonzalo Cadima, Heather Davidson, Maria Hernandez, Madeline Jones, Angela Ventura.

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 April minutes. Dr. Joel Kaufman motioned and Mr. Paul Daly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- Remembering Judge Marcia Beach.

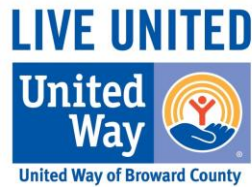
Nominating Committee: Mr. Paul Daly announced that Don Maines from Broward Sheriff’s Office, Captain Dana Swisher from Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Jackie Rosen from Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, Marielle Sologuren from Pierson Grant Public Relations and Chris Checke were nominated to the Board of Governors. He motioned for approval, all were in favor and new members approved.

VP Report: *Maria Hernandez, Vice President, UWBC

Ms. Hernandez reported on the positive reviews of the 2016 Behavioral Health Conference; 76% of attendees stated the conference was, “Excellent”. She emphasized the importance of the keynote speakers highlighting their personal stories.

Director Report: *Gonzalo Cadima, Director, UWBCCSA

Mr. Cadima reported that an evaluation of the UWBCCSA will be available on July 30, 2016 to the Board of Governors. He invited board members to join in on activities at the Youth Leadership Institute, learn more about the Strategic Prevention Framework and participate in the BBQ. Mr. Cadima also reported that the Marijuana Action Team is updating their position statement on the legalization of medical marijuana.



Presentation: Emery Cowan, One Community Partnership (OCP2)

Ms. Cohen presented on recent art projects from OCP2 and handed out associated materials. She read a spoken word poem written by a youth served by OCP2. She also discussed their grant and how they connect with at risk youth in unique ways. The services are targeted to transitional youth and teaching life skills.

Presentation: Ed Smith, NSU, Health Professions, Tobacco Training & Behavioral Health

Mr. Ed Smith reported that overall smoking rates for tobacco or down. He reported that smoking tobacco is dangerous and that people engaged in substance use or with a mental health disorder smoke cigarettes at a higher rate. This is a danger to their finances and health. Hookah and vaping are also considered dangerous and a gateway to cigarettes.

Surveillance Support Committee: *Jim Hall, Co-Chair

Mr. Hall reported on the annual drug trends report from the FYSAS as well as the new emerging drug trends. Paul Daly asked where Non Pharmaceutical Fentanyl is coming from and Mr. Hall responded that it is coming from China. Mrs. Peterson commented that as of July 1st, Nurse Practitioners will be able to prescribe narcotics. Please see attachments for more information.

Community Response Team: *David Scharf and Paul Faulk, Co-Chairs

Mr. Scharf stated that a sub-committee of the Community Response Team had a conference call with the Office of the Attorney General to discuss the Designer Drug Enforcement Act, which takes effect on July 1st. The legislation is still unclear as to how they will address prosecution of synthetic drugs. Mr. Scharf emphasized the importance of community education and stated that we can arrest our way out of this problem. He urged the Board to participate in the Community Response Team and to bring education to the community. Mr. Paul Faulk stressed the importance of addressing opiates and how they are killing people. He addressed that this is a silent killer as opposed to a drug like Flakka. Mr. Faulk highlighted the importance of a press release or press conference to let the community know that this group is taking action to address the opiate epidemic. The next meeting is July 21st at 9 AM. Mrs. Peterson commented on the importance of naloxone being more prevalent in the community; it was requested that the Commission look into funding for naloxone.

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

Dr. Kauffman discussed that the Advocacy Action Team is focusing on the increased access to naloxone, mandatory use of the PDMP, the enactment of the CDC prescribing guidelines and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Act. This group will continue to monitor the Syringe Exchange Program in Miami and also the civil citation program for marijuana.

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

Mr. Page reported that the Underage Drinking Action Team discussed the projects that they wish to sustain including Project Brain and SBIRT. He also reported that both the Town Hall meeting and SBIRT training were very successful and well-received.

Closing & Adjournment: Cynthia Peterson, Chair

- Mrs. Peterson advised the next meeting is June 14, 2016.
- Mrs. Peterson thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.