



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

Board of Governors Meeting

Thursday, July 9th, 2015

United Way of Broward County - Ansin Building Board Room

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Chair: Cynthia Peterson

Present: Catherine Baez, David Choate, Paul Daly, Paul Faulk, Stephen Ferrante, David Freedman, Jim Hall, Joel Kaufman, Monica King, Jeff Marcus, Carlton Mills, Charles Morton, Amalio Nieves, Ralph Page, Cynthia Peterson, Renée Podolsky, Gisele Pollack, Carmen Puentes-Croye, Teri Stockman, Tammy Tucker, Norma Wagner.

Absent: Daniel Castellanos, Julie Chaikin Hogan, Marsha Currant, Cassandra Evans, Anita Fain Taylor, David Fawcett, Mark Ketcham, Susan Langston, Rudy Morel, Frank Ortis, Rosalind Osgood, David Pinsker, Jon Quinton, Jose Rada, David Scharf, Richard Seely, Sanford Silverman, Rosemarie Stadelman, Karlene Tomlinson, Michele Tobin-Singer.

UWBC Staff: Elkin Alfred, Howard Bakalar, Gonzalo Cadima, Heather Clark, David Fields, Alicia Hockey, Kevin O’Mara and Angela Ventura.

Guests:

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

- Mrs. Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.
- Mrs. Peterson requested each individual introduce themselves.
- Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the June minutes. Paul Daly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

VP Report: Gonzalo Cadima, Senior Director, UWBCCSA

Mr. Cadima advised board of Partnership for Success being renewed for another year (\$280,000) to continue work with under-aged drinking with a state level of special interest. BBHC INT completed with submitted list of providers that has been approved by BBHC board. Negotiations with Memorial, Handley, Institute for Children & Family Health. Contract execution anticipated to be completed by next week. He further advised of Memorial offering free training to providers who will be implementing life skills. Mr. Cadima mentioned all Action Teams are up and running and in line with the Comprehensive Community Action Plan. He mentioned the Flakka Action Team has reached between 5,000 and 10,000 in the community with training alone. Mr. Cadima advised that we had over 300 in attendance for the Behavioral Health Conference and had significant positive feedback from those that participated. He advised that we will have a detailed report on Environmental Strategies with KIP in September. And to close, he thanked BARC and BOS for being a free unit of government to allow us to do some best and most creative prevention.



Surveillance Support Committee Report: *Jim Hall, Co-Chair, NSU - ARSH

Mr. Hall advised that there was not a meeting last week due to the Independence Day holiday; the next meeting (July & August combined) is July 31st at 1:30pm at the Broward Dept. of Health with the possibility of a venue change. He advised that the last formal meeting is summarized in the June Board of Governor Meeting Minutes. Mr. Hall stated that the two key factors; National Threat Assessment related to Heroin and overview of the Annual Drug Trends Report for Broward County, are available on the drugfreebroward.org website. He directed the board to the Broward Briefing packet; and, stated there is brand new data based on hospital admissions from the Agency for Healthcare Administration on prescription Opioid poisonings (medical term for a prescription Opioid overdose). He stated that throughout the last decade, the key indicator for rising and changes in abuse have been from the medical examiner due to deaths. This new information is in addition to the prior information. Mr. Hall pointed out, from 2007-2013 there were a 5,254 noted cases of poisonings; peaking in 2009. He then compared the graph of 62,000 reported cases statewide to the graph for Broward County. He also noted, that only 12% of the Broward County hospital cases had a dual diagnosis; both opioid poisoning and a substance dependency problem. Mr. Hall stated there could be several explanations for this: many may have prescription, are legitimate user and may take more than prescribed; or, they may have more than one prescription. He stated he believes that in both cases, this may indicate a missed opportunity for intervention. Also, in 2013, 56% of statewide patients were simply discharged to home or self-care without any additional referral for behavioral health. Mr. Hall stated that these findings are indicators of a critical need for intervention and overdose strategies. He closed with a reference to a CDC Morbidity/Mortality Report concluding that heroin overdoses have quadrupled nationally with specific strategy recommendations.

Advocacy Action Team Report: *Joel Kaufman, Clinical Director, Sunspire Health

Mr. Kaufman advised that the ever-increasing consequences of IV Drug use (new cases of Hep C/HIV at epidemic levels) indicates the need for a Clean Needle Exchange Program. He provided information pertaining to the federal governments' regulations on such programs; in 2009, Congress passed the 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act which contained language to lift the ban on federal funding for Needle Exchange Programs; in 2011, President Obama signed the 2012 Omnibus Funding Bill which reinstated the ban. Currently, the ban remains. Mr. Kaufman stated he does feel the need to revive our task team; he and Cynthia Peterson have agreed to co-chair the team, Heather Clark will be Prevention Specialist. Their goal is to quickly get a broad base of stakeholders on board, a logic model created and strategic plan in place; however, the two immediate objectives are education and legislative advocacy.

SBIRT & WHAM Report: *Stephen Ferrante, Barry University

Mr. Ferrante presented a video and a diagram on SBIRT. He stated we are the first in the state to implement SBIRT to a younger population. He also broke down the model and explained each component; explaining that the goal is to match the level of prevention with the initial screening and follow through to treatment. Mr. Ferrante advised that it is now a very user friendly, web-based process and gave a detailed description of youth and adult intervention tools; as well as, treatment provider implements. He then gave an explanation of WHAM; whom the providers are, what the curriculum entails, who the initiative can help and how it is applied to achieve a level of self management.

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 in September.
- Mrs. Peterson thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.