



## MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) Minutes of November 7, 2016

### ◆ ATTENDANCE

- Present

Louis DeLoss - Township Alt. Rep.

Susan Kinney Dillon – Brunswick Alt. Rep.

Will Koran - School District Rep.

Pat Nahrstedt - Wadsworth Rep.

Kent Patterson - Police Chiefs Assoc. Rep.

Robert Starcher – Medina City Rep.

Jeff Vogel - Commissioners Rep.

- Absent

Evelyn Czyz - Township Rep. (excused)

Cliff Nowak - Brunswick Rep. (excused)

Wally Schaedel - Villages Rep.

Mary Schultz – Commissioners Alt. Rep. (excused)

- Others Present

David Centner – Incoming Commissioners’ Rep.

Brian Nowak - MCDAC Executive Director

Allison Petty – Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

### ◆ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the lower conference room of the Professional Services Building located at 124 West Washington Street, Medina. Chairman Will Koran called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After roll, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Koran introduced the newest member, David Centner, who will be serving as the Commissioner’s Representative effective November 8, 2016.

### ◆ CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 3, 2016, were emailed in advance. Robert Starcher moved to accept the minutes as submitted; the motion was seconded by Kent Patterson. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be placed on file as submitted.

### ◆ PRESENTATION

Brian Nowak introduced Recidivism Prevention Specialist Allison Petty of Solutions Behavioral Healthcare (“SBH”); this position is funded with anti-drug levy money and the ADAMH Board. This position does not receive Medicaid funding or funding from insurance.

Ms. Petty distributed and reviewed a handout (made part of the permanent record.) Ms. Petty noted that SBH offers a phased opiate intensive outpatient program and have recently began a medication-assisted treatment program. She explained her main duties including detox assessments, outreach, wrap around services, agency support and developing/maintaining community relationships and agency partnerships.

Ms. Petty then gave a brief overview of the current fiscal year. As of July 1, there have been 49 community calls (random calls) coming in. Of those 49 calls, 17 became new client appointments, 24 were family or friends calling regarding a loved one, 17 were self-referred or follow up from family calls, 7 were agency calls and 1 call was from a concerned employer. There were 184 outreach attempts to current clients who were no shows and 20 diagnostic assessments for no show outreach attempts. Regarding case management and wraparound services, there were 68 calls placed to follow up, coordinate and/or reengage ongoing clients.

Ms. Petty also maintains a small caseload of ongoing individual clients. Her position has the flexibility to allow her to maintain ongoing clients. She has quite a few that are maintaining sobriety, but they are still seeing the doctor for psychiatric reasons; she meets with them generally once or twice a month to make sure they are maintaining sobriety.

Currently, they have ten clients that have gone through indigent detox – six were for opiate addiction and four for alcohol. Kent Patterson asked how many of those who went through detox maintained sobriety. Ms. Petty answered that out of the

eleven that completed last year, two of them remain sober and she briefly reviewed their case studies.

Mr. Koran thanked Ms. Petty for her time.

◆ **NEW BUSINESS**

Brian Nowak distributed and reviewed a budget revision request from Share Cluster (made part of the permanent record.) The request was made for the purpose of transferring a \$1,100 surplus of training funds to material funds. Kent Patterson moved to approve the fund transfer request; Robert Starcher seconded the motion. Kent Patterson noted that the date needs to be changed to reflect the year 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Brian Nowak distributed a copy of a letter that went to Don Hall, Director of MEDWAY, regarding MEDWAY’s transition out of Brunswick and Medina County Drug Task Force’s transition into Brunswick. A copy of the letter is being made part of the permanent record. Brian noted that Director Hall appreciated it.

Brian also distributed and reviewed a handout that included information relating to Overdoses in Medina County in 2016. The information was provided by Gary Hubbard. The increases since 2015 as well as the average age (both male and female) were noted. Will Koran stated that he appreciated Brian putting this information together. Brian stated that he believes the number of overdoses is related to Fentanyl and people not understanding the risks involved. Educating the public on the help that is out there is also key. He stated that if you do a “Google” search on drug treatment Medina County, the MCDAC website is the first site that comes up; the MCDAC website lists all of the programs, not only in Medina County, but also those in surrounding counties.

On October 5, Brian Nowak and Lou DeLoss attended Jim Bigam’s funeral; it was a great tribute to a great person; it was very moving.

The commissioners proclaimed October 23-October 31 as “Red Ribbon Week.” Brian noted several activities that took place during that week including a parent community forum, student assemblies, a luncheon meeting bringing together members of the City of Brunswick administration and council, local law enforcements, schools, churches, substance abuse/mental health agencies, people in recovery and families of those who have lost loved ones to addiction – it was a good meeting. A website called GreaterthanHeroin.com was announced; it highlights community resources supporting those affected by drug addiction.

Continuing, Brian Nowak noted that the deputies that are currently in Cloverleaf and Buckeye schools are the best team they’ve ever had; they are vested in the community and are making a big impact in those schools.

◆ **GO AROUND**

Lou DeLoss welcomed David Centner to MCDAC. He also noted that Jim’s service was beautiful;

Rhonda Beck asked everyone to please keep Evelyn in their prayers.

◆ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Lou DeLoss moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Pat Nahrstedt. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

◆ **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Professional Building on the first Monday of each month except where noted. There are no meetings scheduled in January, July, or August. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016.

**\*Future 2017 Meetings\***

February 6	June 5
March 6	September 11
April 3	October 2
May 1	November 6
	December 4

*Minutes provided by Rhonda J. Beck  
Assistant Clerk to the Medina County Board of Commissioner*