

TBOAAC BUSINESS MEETING

Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee

Thursday, July 30, 2020
6:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Jane Benitz, Candice D'Agostino, Anthony Greene, Sandy Mattingly, Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Keith Pardieck (Chair), Mike Shisler, Paul Sullivan (absent: Kathy Clune, Ricky Cress, Cheryl Greene (Co-Chair), Cathy Letteney, Patti Schleeter, Drew Licurgo, Roseanna Vogt, Ashley Staples-Reid).

- I. Meeting called to order – 6:05 pm
- II. Introductions
 - a. Andrea McDonald-Fingland (New TBOAAC Mtg attendee.)
Director, Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA)
Calvert County Health Department
<https://www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/mentalhealth/lbha.htm>
From website: "The Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) is a division of Calvert County Health Department. The LBHA is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring public behavioral health services at the local level. The agency exists under the authority of the Behavioral Health Administration and is an agent of the county government, which approves the LBHA's organizational structure. The LBHA assures that a comprehensive range of services are available, accessible and affordable, including: evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, case management, rehabilitation, community support, therapeutic foster care, supervised housing, emergency services and crisis intervention.
Mission- To ensure all Calvert County Residents have access to quality Behavioral Health Services."
 - Calvert County moving to a "Crisis Now" model (similar to that used in Arizona).
 - <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-health/2020/02/21/other-states-copy-arizona-model-behavioral-health-crisis-care/4794168002/>
 - <https://crisisnow.com/>
- III. Minutes from January 14, 2020 meeting approved.
- IV. Agenda approved
- V. Reports & Old Business
 - a. CAASA activity report – D'Agostino reported that their last in-person event was held Feb 11. "Mental Health and Your Teen: What's the Connection to Substance Misuse". Approximately 12 attendees including two teens who provided welcome perspectives. CAASA continues to distribute www.hope4calvert.org resource cards and have been providing food support

to local pantries. CAASA is also exploring how best to do outreach during the social distancing requirements of Covid-19.

- b. CCHD Behavioral Health Services activity report – No report.
- c. Discussed removal of used hospital bed, prop from “The More You Know” event, from Windy Hill Middle School. **ACTION:** Pardieck to follow-up with Chesapeake Beach administration for assistance in removing.
- d. Discussed pros and cons of Health and Wellness Fair. Staples-Reid recognized by group for organizing a great event. Suggestions and comments: advertise earlier, good location but parking may be issue, late Feb / early March a good time. Mayor and Town Council have recognized it as a Town-sponsored event and has budgeted funds for another. Unfortunately, winter 2021 event unlikely to occur due to Covid-19.
- e. TBOAAC will not be hosting or organizing in-person events until safe to do so again. Thus, the Health & Wellness Fair, St. Anthony’s outreach event, and a Twin Beach Players events have been postponed indefinitely.
- f. PositiveVibes. Mattingly reported that Hidden in Plain Sight display now online; she will provide group with link. They continue to work on two projects: Recovery Fest (Sept 5) and “This is me” 5K color run (Sept 27). More details to come.
- g. Celebrate Recovery. Benitz reported that CR up and running at Emmanuel Church. They have had 40-50 people attend; masks and temperature checks required. No dinners.

VI. New Business.

- a. 2020 Election. The election may impact fate of TBOAAC as it is a Town committee formed by current Mayor and Town Council. Committee members affirmed that opioid use disorder still a crisis, and that Committee work should continue under new administration. **ACTIONS:** 1) Develop 1-2 pager outlining effects of opioid crisis and importance of Committee work for edification of candidates and residents. 2) Develop set of questions to ask potential candidates to see where they stand on opioid crisis and need for committee for use at candidate forums, etc. Due by October 1.
- b. Outreach Ideas.
 - i. Light Up the Town event – purple lights to raise awareness about the opioid crisis. Target date: August 31, 2020. **ACTION:** Mattingly to explore light bulb donations.
 - ii. Revamp and re-emphasize use of TBOAAC website and Facebook pages for outreach during Covid-19. **ACTION:** A. Greene to take lead and work with Pardieck and others to update.

VII. Next Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2020, 6 pm. Virtual.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned – 7:16 pm