



PBC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/12/2024 | Time: 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order 2:03 PM

A. Roll Call

Members:

Lissa Franklin, Sharon Burns-Carter, Natalie Kenton, Brent Schillinger, M.D., Austin Wright, Jon Van Arnam, Patrick McNamara, Sandra Sisson, Cheo Reid, Esq.,

Absent: Ariana Ciancio, William Freeman (CPRS Exam), Rae Whitely (Family Emergency), John Makris, Charles Coyle, Daniel Oria, Angela Burns

Staff and PBC Representatives:

Taruna Malhotra, John Hulick, Jill Singer, Tammy Fields, Dr. Heather Howard

B. Member and Staff Introductions

Quorum

Yes

II. Agenda Approval

A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

None

B. Adoption Motion: Brent Schillinger, Second Sandy Sisson, motion passes unanimously.

III. Regular Business

A. Opioid Settlement Presentation (Shayna E. Sachs, Partner, Napoli Shkolink PLLC)

Shayna walked Committee through the plaintiffs and defendants, as well as the different actions filed against Manufacturers, Distributors, Pharmacies, Pharmacy Benefits Managers, and the current status of the Bankruptcy cases relating to Purdue and the Sackler family. Shayna explained that mandatory mediation is currently underway with groups of plaintiffs and Purdue / Sackler for the Bankruptcy case that the Supreme Court pushed back to the District Court to resolve. She also noted that some of the cases are in a status of Injunctive Relief, which a type of action that seeks to stop activity, rather than pay for wrong-doing. She fielded questions from members of the Advisory Committee as well as members of the public. Shayna suggested that NACo has some excellent resources. There was also discussion around co-occurring disorders and she indicated that core strategies and approved uses are broad enough to encompass multi-substance misuse. Additionally, the Settlement Agreement is flexible enough to cover cradle to grave.

B. Adoption of Special Committee Meeting Minutes (10-17-24)
Motion: Austin Wright, Second Brent Schillinger, motion passes unanimously.

C. Adoption of 2025 Full and Subcommittee Meeting Schedules
Motion: Jon Van Arnam, Second Natalie Kenton, motion passes unanimously.

D. Nomination Committee Report

Natalie Kenton reported on the Nomination Committee's meeting from December 5, 2024. Six candidates applied; five were interviewed either in-person or virtually. The Committee decided to take a pause before reconvening to determine which candidates will be recommended to the full board. The Nominating Committee will reconvene and have a recommendation to present for the full Advisory Committee in time for the February 13, 2025 meeting.

E. Master Plan Update / Subcommittee Report

John Hulick updated the full Advisory Committee that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2024 Master Plan and the proposed budget for the Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF). He also noted that a NOFO for both FAA and OSF funding is being worked on for an early 2025 release.

Jill Singer reported that attendance has been relatively low during subcommittee meetings and affirmed feedback from some of the subcommittees' members who suggested that the subcommittees should be re-assessed.

III. Other Business

A. Staff Updates –

Tammy Fields noted that she was on a panel at a conference in Tampa with three (3) other panelists from different counties. Only one of the three (3) counties has expended any of its OSF. We are ahead of other counties, even though it feels like things are moving slowly.

B. Member Updates and Non-agenda Items –

Natalie Kenton invited members interested in being involved with the Opioid Fatality Review Committee to contact her or her colleague Randy. She also mentioned that a new overdose data dashboard will be launched in 2025 (January 29, 2025).

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C. Public Comment –

Dr. Suzanne Spencer asked about the length of contract terms for the NOFO. Response was that contracts usually run for 2 or 3 years.

Dr. Barbara Gerlock encouraged everyone to review the Health and Human Services Element for the FAA NOFO.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Patrick McNamara, Second by Sharon Burns-Carter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm