

AGENDA

Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Community Awareness Commission November 18, 2022 noon-1pm

Meeting location: County Council Conference Room, Monroe County Courthouse

Quorum needed *in person*: 6 people

Virtual Attendance:

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In person: Sarah, Melanie, Kathy, Karen Wrenback?, Whitney, Nick

No in-person: Beverly, Erika, Steve

1. Announcement:
 - a. Bev- downtown outreach grant. For people that are unhoused or at risk for unhoused. Encourages to pass on to agencies
2. Approval of the September 16, 2022, meeting minutes
 - a. Min approved by Bev, seconded by Steve. Min approved
3. Commission membership update
 - a. News: President Oliphant's term end December 31, and she will not be re-applying at this time due to the conflicting meeting times with another board that she serves on – leaving SUDAC. Will be in-person in December
 - i. Anyone else terming out? Who is renewing?
 - ii. Is there a need for further recruitment?
 - b. Let Oliphant know if you're interested in serving as President, Vice President, or Secretary in 2023. Email her.
4. Andrea provided Erika a folder of summit information
5. Sarah asked about hybrid meeting policy.
 - a. Erika will discuss with county attorney. Understanding was county approved by state law basis.
 - b. Bev: maybe it's the time of day that's an issue?
6. Response to Sam Quinones events
 - a. Draft LTE, revised by Oliphant with input from Capler and Voyles
 - i. Steve made a motion. Nick seconded

- ii. Discussion: Kathy: didn't hear this language at the Buskirk Chumley. Heard it at Lunch and Learn.
 - 1. Erika: not that exact phrasing. He did talk about how jail was a good model.
 - 2. Nick: He did clean some stuff at Buskirk, but his message was still the same about corporal punishment and incarceration. I heard people hated the Buskirk talk. The problem is his rhetoric and he is a journalist. Some stuff isn't bad, like community-led stuff. But saying some people can't clean up and need to be incarcerated. Forced coercive treatment.
 - 3. Erika: part of the book said more compassionate to arrest folks and force them to treatment that to let them come on their own.
 - 4. Bev: I hear he's a journalist and writing from observations. We invited him anyways, despite what it's in the book. I see it as he's providing his opinion. If we were uneducated about his opinion then it's on us.
 - 5. Nick: I think you're right. It was on us to say something.
 - 6. Erika: we wanted to differentiate our opinion from his.
 - iii. Approved to send LTE
 - b. Draft Letter to Mr. Quinones by Oliphant with input from Voyles
 - i. Do we send it?
 - ii. Sarah: will this letter be received by him at all?
 - iii. Erika: welcomes any edits. Melanie and Sarah will work on a draft then send to Nick and Erika.
 - c. Nick says we should submit it, it's what we represent
 - d. Sarah: are there other sponsors?
 - i. Erika: I was on a call with other groups (CRE, Centerstone, Beacon, IU). I'll email that group and let them know how we're proceedings
7. Upcoming Lunch & Learn Programs
 - a. Nick: have you been in touch with Dr. Cook for a potential Lunch & Learn in January?
 - i. Nick will try to contact him one more time. Might look into someone else.
 - b. Other ideas? We need to think of other ideas for December meeting
8. Kathy: we should discuss if we need to change resolution/bylaws to allow ourselves to do a different outreach event instead of a huge summit. Lunch n Learns are easier to organize.
 - a. Erika: good point. We'll need commissioners to approve it.
 - i. It can be difficult to get things off the ground. The resources required is difficult for the group to take on as the group is right now.
 - b. Nick: The summit doesn't have to be huge. We can laser-focus. Multiple sessions and activities throughout the year is more effective in community.

- c. Erika: We have funding, \$25,000. We'll need to appoint a lead person on this in December.
- 9. 2023 Educational Summit
 - a. Erika has received materials from last summit from former SUDAC member Andrea Havill. Might turn to Penny?
 - b. Who would like to take lead on this? This is an obligation of our founding ordinance.
 - c. Need to consider theme/audience.
 - d. When? Likely need until fall 2023 for planning to come together.
 - e. Duration? More days equals more challenging.
- 10. Opioid settlement funds
 - a. County Attorney Molly Turner-King provided a memo to SUDAC, explaining approved uses for these funds
 - i. Email her if you have questions.
 - b. Based on Community Justice Response Committee meetings, the Commissioners have some intention to use some of the funds for treatment resources and help make sure people don't go back to jail.
 - i. Lots of discussion about mental health resources.
 - ii. Nick's worry is that too much will go to law enforcement.
 - iii. Erika: if you put a plan together to send to commissioners for a funding proposal.
- 11. Distribution of posters/brochures
 - a. Many commission members took posters and brochures after the May 20, 2022, meeting.
 - b. Anyone else need/want materials to help distribute in Monroe County?
- 12. Adjourn
 - a. Motion Erika, seconded by Nick

Next meeting: December 16, 2022, at noon