

AGENDA

Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Community Awareness Commission December 16, 2022 noon-1pm

Meeting location: County Council Conference Room, Monroe County Courthouse

Quorum needed *in person*: 6 people

Virtual Attendance:

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Meeting ID: 812 5635 8493

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Attendees in-person: Jean Capler, Melanie Vehslage, Erika Oliphant, Penny Githens, Peter Iverson, Kathy Hewett, Steve Malone, Karen Wrenback, Nick Voyles

Attendees virtual: Sarah Larson, Kamala Brown-Sparks

Meeting began at 12:05 pm

1. Approval of the November 18, 2022, meeting minutes (12:00-12:03) – if no in-person quorum, business will remain on agenda for January
 - a. Moved by Peter, seconded by Melanie, passed
2. Announcements from commission members (12:03-12:10)
 - a. Jean was associated with services to people with brain injuries. This has since been discontinued by former employer, but it will restart in Jan
 - b. Many folks with SUD have brain injuries and may need that service. It will be a statewide program.
 - c. Peter: keep an eye on national association of counties website. They have great resources for substance use programming
3. Commission membership update
 - a. President Oliphant's term ends December 31, and she will not be re-applying at this time due to the conflicting meeting times with another board that she serves
 - i. Erika would be happy to help as needed.
 - ii. Anyone else terming out? Who is renewing?
 1. Penny's term ends in January, but is a Health Dept. representative and will remain on the board.
 - b. Officer elections: we never pinned down a slate for a vote today.
 - i. Anyone interested in serving as President, Vice President, or Secretary?
 1. Melanie may be interested in serving as Secretary.
 2. Peter can do interim role but cannot take it on. Would be happy to recruit someone in this career path/subject expert.
 - ii. Steve motions to vote. Penny seconded. Melanie became secretary.
 - iii. Let Penny know if you would like to stay part of the commission.
4. Last meeting, it was suggested that a different standing meeting time might be easier for everyone. Melanie is the only person who provided any indication of her availability.

- a. When would folks prefer to meet? It will have to be contingent on the availability of the room and TSD.
 - b. Most responded that Friday at noon works. Several people said an evening time would be harder for attendance.
 - c. Erika will cc Peter on TSD availability
 - d. Next meeting is Friday, January 20.
 - i. I'll make sure Dina adds minutes and agenda. Dina adds it. After approved minutes, I send to her the approved minutes to add to website.
 - e. Karen: would like term limits listed on website.
5. Response to Sam Quinones events
- a. Any update from the folks who took on revisions?
 - i. Do we want to send the revised version
 - 1. Penny approves, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed
 - ii. Penny should have the email address
 - 1. Melanie wanted more information regarding sending the email.
 - 2. The concern is if sent as an attachment, it won't be read.
6. Upcoming Lunch & Learn Programs
- a. Nick: have you been in touch with Dr. Cook for a potential Lunch & Learn in January?
 - i. Penny would like Dr. William Cook
 - ii. Nick hasn't had luck yet. Will cc Penny and Peter
 - iii. Dr. Cook motivated other people to get involved, he addressed the crisis and we need help, our residents need help.
 - iv. Might need to move to February
 - b. Erika suggested someone that can talk about harm reduction (from Indiana Recovery alliance)
 - i. Nick: people at harm reduction conferences are shocked that there's a good relationship with Monroe County Health Dept. So, he'd like to highlight that as well.
 - ii. Penny: if we can offer a hybrid presentation and naloxone training
 - iii. Nick: I want to tell people what we do. Many people in the community don't realize all the work we do. It'll be great to invite them to this conversation and show them what we do and opportunities to get involved.
 - iv. Melanie: in Chicago, they're using different technologies to reduce deaths.
 - v. Nick does have a connection with a drug checking organization. At some point Monroe County will want to invest in drug checking tech. Would be great to have a talk about that.
 - vi. Erika: if we do quarterly lunch n learns
 - vii. Peter: ACDC is Alliance for Collaboration Drug Checking.

7. 2023 Educational Summit (12:55-1:00)
 - a. Erika has received materials from last summit from former SUDAC member Andrea Havill, will leave in the Commissioners' office for whoever ends up working on this. Erika will leave them with Penny.
 - b. It's very open with the topic. It is important to keep harm reduction at the forefront.
 - c. Steve Malone: it took a LOT of time, meeting, coordination. It worked out well and beneficial. I would suggest waiting until 2024.
 - d. Kathy: will need someone to dedicate 10 hours a week to this conference.
 - e. Erika: it was really good. As good as national trainings. Brought a lot of people from multi-disciplinary roles. Would it be smarter to do a smaller event? One day of sessions.
 - f. Peter: is none of the files digitized?
 - g. Erika: I'll look at a dropbox for it. We still have a FB page, but the log-in information is with a past commission member... It is a huge undertaking for this conference.
 - h. Peter: Health Dept has a part-time line in their dept for help. It could be intern or staff person.
 - i. Melanie: how many hours per week?
 - j. Erika: 3-4 folks heavily involved
 - k. Penny: IU health helped with printing costs.
 - l. Kathy: they raised a lot of money through corporation help.
 - m. Steve: the commission had 15 members. Nick, can you do this in a lunch n learn?
 - n. Nick: Getting 1-2 people being able to focus on it. It might be better to do this in 2024. What is the outcome of this conference? If we know what the outcome is that we want, it'll help.
 - o. Erika: we work to destigmatize SUD and what are the resources in community and how to use them? It was a lot of IRA.
 - p. Nick: we can tap some IU volunteers.
8. Erika: thank you for work you do.
 - a. Penny: Erika, can you ask someone in prosecutor's office to join SUDAC?
 - b. Erika will ask folks in her staff to apply for the commission.
 - c. Jean: thank you for serving as president.
 - i. Erika: thank you, I think it's important work.
9. Adjourn
 - a. Penny moved the motion to adjourn, seconded by Peter.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Next meeting: Friday, January 20