



MINUTES

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) Division
Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board
January 25th, 2023

Members Present

Coberly, Stephanie
Frohring, Linda
Greene, Jeff
Hatfield, Matthew
Hurt, Kathy
Nelson-Wernick, Eleanor
Rapaglia, Ray
Resnick, Charles
Smyth, Garry

Members Absent

Brewton, Greg
Checke, Christopher
Sobelman, Jonathan
Speiser, Judge, Mark

ALSO PRESENT

Jack Feinberg Division Director
Salvatore Torre, Recording Secretary

Location

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC)
Rocky Rodriguez Community Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Coberly at 7:40 am.

Quorum

It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the October 26th, 2022, meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Matthew Hatfield moved to accept the minutes from the October 26th, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eleanor Nelson-Wernick and carried unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Coberly welcomed board members and guests. Ms. Coberly stated to the board – that guests in attendance this morning at here today as part of the new periodic Agenda Item – Client’s Corner – which would highlight client’s effective treatment through BARC programs.

Ms. Coberly introduced BARC MAT Nurse – Barbara Mitchell – who then introduced the three Guest Speakers- all clients of BARC’s extended release Sublocade MAT program.



All three speakers described their personal journey with substance abuse disorder and how the MAT program utilizing extended release sublocade has transformed their lives for the better.

Upon completion of the speakers' presentations – various members of the board expressed supportive and appreciative responses to the guest speakers. Mr. Ray Rapaglia talked about his own personal journey and stated that the message of hope coming from these three individuals is amazing.

Ms. Coberly thanked the speakers and MAT Nurse Barbara Mitchell for their participation in today's meeting – stating that these are the stories that people need to hear, then turned the floor over to Director Jack Feinberg for the Division Report.

Division Report

Mr. Jack Feinberg discussed the amazing success and roll-out of the Sublocade program, the extended-release buprenorphine injection. Mr. Feinberg stressed that the three stories the board heard this morning are true testament to the program's success in saving lives, preventing overdose incidents and death.

Mr., Feinberg discussed the budget restraints for such a program – due to the current high cost of the extended-release sublocade. Initial funding from last fiscal year's state budget of \$158,000.00 with an additional 25% from BARC's budget went quickly for the initial purchase. Secondary purchase due to the high success rate of the initial roll-out has limited future purchases unless new funding sources are secured. As it stands now- the program may have to be discontinued or severely limited.

Mr. Feinberg stressed the need to make the argument on what the program is saving, not only in lives, but in cost related to each overdose incident, which is in the range of \$50,000.00 in overall cost related to EMT response, emergency room visit, hospital care, job loss and more. The overall cost of a overdose fatality can be close to one million dollars.

Board members inquired what steps the advisory board can take to assist BARC with the funding issues related to the extended release sublocade program and similar funding concerns. The Advisory Board Trust Fund and the use of any funds remaining in that account was discussed. Additional information will have to be gathered, since there were some uncertainties on the balance of the fund and previous board action.

There was a consensus that a committee would need to be formed to formally make recommendations to utilize the funds if still available.

Mr. Jeff Greene made the motion to create the Advisory Board Trust Fund Committee, Mr. Garry Smyth seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. The board will wait till information on the fund is obtained before moving ahead.



Member's Forum & New Business

Ms. Coberly stated that due to the client presentations and discussions following the Director's Report, it was now time to bring the meeting to a close since members had to get on their way. Ms. Coberly inquired if any member had any further business to discuss as part of the Members Forum or under New Business.

Seeing no other business, Ms. Coberly asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn

Mr. Matthew Hatfield motioned to adjourn, Mr. Rapaglia seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Next quarterly meeting will be held on April 26th, 2023 beginning at 7:30am.