

## **MINUTES**

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) Division  
Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brewton, Greg  
Coberly, Stephanie  
Coward, Jodi  
Frohring, Linda  
Hatfield, Matthew  
Hurt, Kathy  
Nelson-Wernick, Eleanor  
Rapaglia, Ray  
Resnick, Charles  
Speiser, Mark  
Sobelman, Jonathan

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Greene, Jeff  
Smyth, Garry

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Jack Feinberg, Division Director  
William Card, Assistant Division Director  
Patricia Bailey, Recording Secretary  
Sal Torre, Recording Secretary

Dr. Teri Peck, Medical Outcomes and Value Liaison, Indivior treatment Services, Inc.

### **Location**

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC)  
Via Microsoft TEAMS

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Stephanie Coberly, President, at 8:05 am, via TEAMS.

### **Quorum**

It was determined a quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were presented for approval.

Ms. Kathy Hurt moved to accept the minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eleanor Nelson-Wernick and carried unanimously by all members present.

### **Guest Presentation**

Dr. Teri Peck, PhD., ICADC  
Indivior Treatment Services, Inc.  
Medical Outcomes and Value Liaison

Dr. Peck was introduced by Board President Coberly.

Dr. Peck gave an initial overview of Indivior Treatment Services highlighting the topic of today's presentation to be Sublocade, the extended buprenorphine release injection.

Dr. Peck went through a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the following:

- Stressed the importance that Sublocade could not get into the hands of the patient. If the product is taken intravenously, serious complications could occur.
- Therefore the product is distributed within a very restrictive program.
- Sublocade is administered subcutaneously into the abdominal area.
- Product needs to be held under refrigeration.
- Dosage strength levels are 100mg and 300mg
- Patient levels of 2ng/ml are steady goals to achieve, usually achieved within 4 to 6 months.
- Initial treatment requires seven days of dosages taken orally.
- Initial injection might require the higher dosage of 300mg to bring patient levels up to the 2ng/ml desired amount, after which the dosage would decrease to 100mg.
- Distribution is done through a specialty pharmacy, which delivers product directly to the doctor's office.
- Can be distributed wholesale to DEA registered facilities such as healthcare and prison facilities.
- Distribution information can be requested by emailing [info@sublocadeREMS.com](mailto:info@sublocadeREMS.com) .

Ms. Coberly thanked Dr. Peck for the presentation and opened the floor to questions or comments.

Mr. Jack Feinberg informed Dr. Peck that the Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) was in the process to obtain Sublocade. Funding has been approved for a pilot program and now waiting on county purchasing protocols to be satisfied.

Mr. Feinberg asked Dr. Peck what research or data was available that documented the need in certain patients for the higher dosage of 300mg vs the 100mg levels.

Dr. Peck stated that certain patients might have higher metabolisms or a greater Body Mass Index (BMI) that causes the variability. In addition, patients who were injection users of opioids also seem to require the higher dosage.

Seeing no further questions from the board, Ms. Coberly thanked Dr. Peck and moved to the Division Report.

## **Division Report**

Mr. Jack Feinberg announced that BARC had received full accreditation for the Opioid Treatment Program from Joint Commission. The full accreditation was given without any request for improvements, which is a result he is very proud and happy to report.

Mr. Feinberg stated that Joint Commission will be returning within a few weeks to review the Behavioral Health Program at BARC. Confident that the division and staff's professionalism will again shine through.

Mr. Feinberg reported that BARC is moving ahead with the 3-year strategic planning process. Reported on the wonderful experience and partnership with Trainnovations, a company that is currently gathering staff input through surveys and will assist in drafting the Strategic Plan.

In connection with this planning process, Mr. Feinberg asked that the Advisory Board assist in fulfilling a directive from Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) in gathering industry benchmarking standards and identifying some goals. For example, if BARC is reporting that 49% of clients are receiving their appointment within a 24-hour period, we need to benchmark that number against what others are doing in the community. Mr. Feinberg expressed that the assistance from the Board is essential to provide the necessary benchmarking requested by the Recovery System of Care Committee (ROSC) of the BBHC.

Ms. Coberly thanked Mr. Feinberg for his report and opened the floor for any questions. Seeing no questions, Ms. Coberly moved to the President's Report.

## **President's Report**

Ms. Coberly thanked all for participating and reminded members to offer feedback and suggestions on how best to bring about greater community involvement for upcoming meetings.

Ms. Coberly asked Board Liaisons Patricia Bailey and Salvatore Torre to clarify the date of the next meeting scheduled for March. Mr. Torre responded that the next meeting of the board will be the last Wednesday, which will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 8am, and will at this time continue to be a virtual meeting utilizing Microsoft TEAMS.

Ms. Coberly opened the floor for any New Business and recommendations for future topics to be added to future agendas.

Seeing no request under New Business, Ms. Coberly asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further issues or discussion, Mr. Matthew Hatfield made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christopher Checke and carried unanimously by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.