



## **MINUTES**

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) Division  
Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

Brewton, Greg  
Speiser, Judge, Mark

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Bostick, Keith – Deputy Director Human Services  
John, Gerard – Director Broward Addiction Recovery Division  
Torre, Salvatore, 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 January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Matthew Hatfield moved to accept the minutes from the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ray Rapaglia and carried unanimously by all members present.

### **Meeting**

Ms. Coberly welcomed all, then introduced Mr. Keith Bostick to address the board. Mr. Bostick serves as the Deputy Director of Human Services for Broward County.



Mr. Bostick informed the board of the recent departure of BARC Director Mr. Jack Feinberg, thanking Mr. Feinberg for his commitment to BARC, to the county and to the community served.

Mr. Bostick informed the board that the new Director for BARC has been selected from within the organization, and then introduced Mr. Gerard John. Mr. Bostick described Mr. John's many years of service at BARC along with serving as Clinical Director of the division prior to appointment as Director.

Mr. Bostick also informed the board that a candidate has been selected for Assistant Director, and will announce once the offer is finalized.

Mr. Bostick expressed confidence and excitement on the new leadership for BARC, then turned the floor over to Mr. Gerard John for comments.

Mr. John introduced himself to the board, describing his various roles over the years at BARC, previously serving as Clinical Director, and now as Director. Mr. John talked about his background professionally and expressed his enthusiasm for working with the board.

Mr. John informed the board of the recent challenges to BARC Central facility – with water damaged incurred during the recent historic rainfall the area endured. The Intensive Outpatient and Administrative Wing have extensive water damage and are currently off limits to staff while restoration work continues. No services to clients have been interrupted as the IOP services have mainly been moved to the Mills Center.

Ms. Coberly and fellow board members welcomed and congratulated Mr. John on his appointment as the new Director and offered assistance and outreach if needed.

### **Division Report**

Ms. Coberly stated that the Division Report agenda item had already been covered previously with remarks made by Mr. Keith Bostick and by discussions with new BARC Director Gerard John.

### **Old Business**

Rocky Rodriguez Community Room Plaque-  
Board members reviewed art proof for the memorial plaque recognizing the naming of BARC Central's Community Room as the Rocky Rodriguez Community Room. Members were asked for input and offered minor changes and grammatical corrections. Staff will finalize the corrections and move ahead with having the plaque completed.

Update on Trust Fund and Committee-



Trust Fund balance currently stands at \$175,821.73. By ordinance, the funds can be dispersed first by approval of the Trust Fund Committee, then approval by the board, with final approval by vote of the County Commissioners. The Trust Fund Committee is made up of at least three members – President and Treasurer of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board and the Director of the agency, additional members can be appointed by the board. Ms. Coberly stated that due to the recent changes in leadership at BARC, would be best to put this item on hold until the new Director has time to settle-in and prioritize the needs of the division, board members in verbal agreement.

Discussing on the Trust Fund turned to the topic of fundraising. Mr. Christopher Checke questioned if the board has the ability to host events and to solicit donations. Mr. Bostick suggested that the County Attorney's office be contacted to give guidance on this matter – since ethics laws and procedures have been drastically changed since the original ordinance was drafted. Board liaison to contact County Attorney's office for clarification. General consensus is that fundraising and solicitation are no longer permissible by advisory board members.

### **Member's Forum & New Business**

Ms. Coberly asked if board members had any topics for discussion under Member's Forum or New Business, seeing none, 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 June 28th, 2023 beginning at 7:30am.