



MINUTES

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) Division
Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board
October 26th, 2022

Members Present

Coberly, Stephanie
Checke, Christopher
Greene, Jeff
Hatfield, Matthew
Nelson-Wernick, Eleanor
Rapaglia, Ray
Resnick, Charles
Smyth, Garry
Speiser, Mark, Judge

Members Absent

Brewton, Greg
Frohring, Linda
Hurt, Kathy
Sobelman, Jonathan

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 June 29th, 2022, meeting was presented for approval. Mr. Matthew Hatfield moved to accept the minutes from the June 29th, 2022, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ray Rapaglia and carried unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Coberly welcomed board members, stating that this was her first in-person meeting of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board since the COVID pandemic began over two years ago, having not attended the last meeting on June 29th, 2022.

Ms. Coberly stated that this meeting was to make up for the cancellation of the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of September 28th, 2022. That meeting was cancelled due to county closure in connection with the approach of Hurricane Irma.

Ms. Coberly 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. The Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) had requested funding in last fiscal year's state budget in the amount of \$325,000.00 to fund the launch of this program. BARC ultimately received \$158,000.00 from that request. BARC was able to fund an additional 25% of that amount and was able to move ahead with the purchase of the necessary supply of Sublocade.

Currently BARC has enrolled 49 clients to the Sublocade program, with 104 injections to date. This program is a wonderful opportunity for people in the community who lack the resources needed to benefit from this treatment. Of the 49 clients initially enrolled, 3 have left AMA and 6 others were discharged due to medical advice.

Mr. Feinberg stated that there has been some resistance to this line of treatment from within the recovery community. Education and awareness of the benefits of such treatment need to be better conveyed.

Staffing issues at BARC - continuation of previous discussions on the challenges of finding and recruiting licensed clinicians and nursing staff. Seeking to hire and develop supplementary Peer Programs to assist in certain areas. BBHC's Care Coordination Team might be a source of funding – however, BARC would not be able to utilize funds to hire individuals unless such funding to be re-occurring.

Other initiatives to attract and retain staffing – morale boosting events, promoting from within the organization, and the implementation of a 4-day work week when possible.

Questions and discussion from board members went back to the topic of issues within the community concerning Sublocade. One main issue has been the refusal of some sober homes to accept or allow individuals enrolled in a Sublocade treatment program to continue utilizing those facilities.

Mr. Garry Smyth discussed how more homes are now open to MAT programs and clients. Mr. Ray Rapaglia agreed, also stating that James Club is now MAT certified.

Member's Forum

Ms. Coberly thanked Judge Mark Speiser for attending and making Public Comments at the County Commission meeting concerning the naming of the Community Room here at BARC Central in honor of the late Rocky Rodriguez. Ms. Coberly also thanked board members who submitted letters of support that were included in the back-up to the agenda item.



Mr. Feinberg stated that an event should be planned now that the Commission approved the naming of the Community Room to the Rocky Rodriguez Community Room here at BARC Central. Inquiry to see if county funds would be available to commemorate such naming with purchase of a plaque or other designation.

The updating of board members profiles on county website was discussed- instructions having been sent out to all members.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Coberly inquired if there was any additional business to discuss, seeing none, asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Jeff Greene so motioned, Mr. Rapaglia seconded, meeting was adjourned at 8:35am.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 25th, 2023, at 7:30am, in-person at the Rocky Rodriguez Community Room, BARC Central.