

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COMMISSION AGENDA

5:30 p.m., May 9, 2022

Meeting being held virtually only

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SUDC MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Sepulvada, Christine Berge, Jozee Roberto, Jackie Heath

SUDC MEMBERS EXCUSED:

COUNTY STAFF: Casey Swnak

AGENCY REPS: Stacey Paulau, Claire Friedmn

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS*

2.0 CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

3.0 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.0 PROVIDER REPORTS

5.1 New Life Community Services

Powerful year for New Life. Been great being able to partner with the county and the Board of Supervisors. Served over 200 men/women in their facilities this past year.

Focusing on re-entry to the community in the sense of being employed, starting their recovery journey, connected to family, and connected to the community. From the time people enter treatment they start talking about where people are going to go when they finish treatment so they can safely re-enter the community post treatment.

Began serving DMC-ODS clients in February of 2021. Really great response from beneficiaries.

Gemma – focused on women coming out of the cycle of incarceration, women that have had engagement with criminal justice system. Very gender specific, women have different reasons why they enter the criminal justice system and why they need substance treatment. Very high success rate, all the women who have graduated have not recidivated yet.

Averaging 10-12 a year.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta's office contacted New Life in January and wanted to do a site visit. Jimmy Panetta said he had heard good things about New Life and the work that they do.

Reviewed a variety of data points, TPS survey, PHQ-9 outcomes.

5.2 Sobriety Works

IOT is a unique program because it is 12 hours per week.

With the rise of fentanyl, they are seeing people struggle more. They have had active clients that have overdosed. Seeing an increase in severe mental health issues coming in for treatment.

Continuing to serve people through telehealth (Zoom).

Positive elements are that they've opened up RSS. Gives them a lot more flexibility in how they're going to work with people. They are running 2 types of RSS programs. One program for people who have completed treatment and have experience with recovery. The other group is for people who might not be ready to commit to treatment, but they are seeing some aspects of the support that could be helpful.

Mental health needs, fentanyl deaths impacting both clients and staff

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Report of Chairperson

Colleen plans on leaving the commission when Ryan's term ends which will be September/November of next year. Sent a message to Ryan to be watching for a request for more funding for our service providers for DUI programs because they have not raised costs in 10 years. Service providers are seeing increased costs across the board.

6.2 Commissioner Reports

Christine – sending a letter to Supervisor Caput requesting he appt someone to his SUDC

6.3 HSA Substance Use Disorder Updates
Discussed contract statuses and changes as a result of CalAim.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Vacancy update-currently 2 vacancies in south county

7.2 Update on MH Board Merger - in the hands of county council, seems to be moving forward.

8.0 NEW AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

September 12th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. location TBD

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

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