

MINUTES – ORP Steering Committee/ ORSC Virtual Meeting (August 13th, 2020)

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8th 2:00pm-4:00pm

Committee Members Present:

Micah Robbins
Michael Schlossman
Jeff Jacob
Bill Lynch
Scott Rice
Ariana Ciancio

Matthew Mossburg
Philip Dvorak
Nikki Soda
John Hulick

Not Present:
Maureen Kielian

I. Meeting Commencement

Michael Schlossman started this meeting started at 2:10 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from the June Meeting

The minutes from the June meeting were approved by all committee members. (2:11pm)

III. ORP Nominating Committee Updates

Michael Schlossman discussed the changes to the nominating committee, the selection process, and outstanding items for the October meeting.

Nominating Committee Members: Nikki Soda, Maureen Kiliean, Matthew Mossburg, Bill Lynch

IV. Subcommittee Updates

A. Prevention and Education Subcommittee:

Micah Robbins discussed consolidating the number of strategies from five to three, explored the digital media component of prevention and education work, and the importance of using social media to highlight pre-existing and emerging support systems and resources. Robbins also mentioned that public safety initiatives had been consolidated in one category and that progress has been made in terms of assessing key prevention providers in Palm Beach County and the expansion of the RCC/RCO.

B. Recovery/Treatment:

Joshua Horton provided an overview of the existing strategic plan for this subcommittee. Micah Robbins has volunteered to lead the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee.

C. Public Safety and Law Enforcement Subcommittee:

Joshua Horton and Ariana Ciancio provided updates on the action items in terms of diversion efforts and engaging the drug courts and the RCO/RCC in Palm Beach County to prevent

individuals with SUD's from entering the criminal justice system as well as cross-system collaboration on programs that assist returning citizens post-release. Joshua Horton also addressed the shift from the opioid epidemic to the fentanyl epidemic, educational opportunities for professionals and paraprofessionals through the Recovery Leadership Institute, and expanding the Baker Act to ensure individuals receive adequate mental health and behavioral health services in the event of an overdose.

D. Public Policy

Matthew Mossburg provided an overview of the action items added to this subcommittee's strategic plan and addressed the importance of building out legislative strategies and proposals at the county level. Mossburg also provided an explanation of the ways in which this subcommittee can garner support from key stakeholders and policymakers in Palm Beach County. Joshua Horton expanded on the silos that exist in Palm Beach County in terms of mental health services and mental health parity for folks experiencing an active SUD and other co-occurring disorders that was mentioned in the Public Safety and Law Enforcement discussion. Matthew Mossburg identified two key strategies to be employed by this committee in their future efforts:

1. Memorializing an authority to move amongst the silos that currently exist in Palm Beach County human-serving entities
2. A long-term dedicated funding stream for this work

E. Ancillary Services

Bill Lynch provided an overview of the five action items adopted by this subcommittee and set goals for the next subcommittee meeting scheduled for August 20th at 3:30pm. Bill Lynch also discussed existing and emerging Palm Beach County programs in the areas of housing, transportation, career and job support, faith-based support, food/nutrition, healthcare, childcare, and physical and emotional wellness activities. The title Essential Services will be adopted into the ORSC Subcommittee Guidelines to better reflect the crucial nature of these services.

F. Evaluation and Monitoring:

The overall focus of this committee is data collection and development. Matthew Mossburg discussed creating and re-defining data collection methods and using the RCI to reach the goal of finding data-driven practices that translate to successful long-term recovery. Mossburg also highlighted the importance of shifting from a treatment-centered approach to a person-centered approach and collecting data that reflects this shift.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place Thursday October 8th, 2020 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

VI. Public Comments

John Hulick provided a community update regarding Palm Beach County Government's response to COVID-19 and highlighted two emerging initiatives centered around housing

services and support for those seeking treatment who are experiencing homelessness and/or are currently displaced.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by Michael Schlossman at 3:20 PM.

Attendees

1. Allison Wallace
2. Gabriella Nixdorf
3. Barbara Shafer
4. Bert Winkler
5. Bill Lynch
6. Charla Reece
7. Ariana Ciancio
8. Frank Whiting
9. Ian Ston
10. Jan Cairnes
11. Jeff Jacob
12. Jessica Gray
13. Joana Reid
14. John Hulick
15. Joshua Horton
16. Maggie Vottler
17. Marsha Martino
18. Matt Mossburg
19. Micah Robbins
20. Michael Schlossman
21. Judith Dunn
22. Mike Cocchiola
23. Mona Duffus
24. Phil Dvorak
25. Rich Olek
26. Scott Rice