

Quarterly Meeting of the SPAM/AEOW

The May 3, 2017 quarterly meeting of the State Prevention Advisory Board/AEOW was called to order by Chair Seyram Selase at 10:05 AM.

Participants included: Chair – Seyram Selase, Elana Parker Merriweather, Deegan Malone, Corporal Cedric Leonard, Vandlyn Pierre, Qshequilla Mitchell and Vincent Hinton Invited Guest: Debra Robbins

Representing the State of Alabama Department of Mental Health - Office of Prevention State Management Team: Tafeni English, Brandon Folks, Lauren Blanding and Catina James.

Chair Mr. Selase began by calling the meeting to order and called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Elana Parker Merriweather motioned to have the agenda adopted. Corporal Cedric Leonard seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes from last SPAB meeting were approved as written by unanimous vote with Vandlyn Pierre making the motion for approval and Corporal Cedric Leonard seconded.

Brandon Folks provided Office of Prevention Updates/Discretionary Grants –

- Mr. Folks reported that the Quarter two report had been submitted and was currently under review by the federal project officer. Quarter one was submitted and approved.
- Alabama Department of Mental Health was in the process of scheduling interviews for the SPF-Rx. It is estimated the SPF-Rx consultant would be on staff by July 1st. The evaluator for the SPF-Rx has been identified and will be Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), the same evaluator for the PFS discretionary grant.
- Block Grant-ADMH is still awaiting the final evaluation from the three year comprehensive site visit review from 2016.

There were no additional questions for Brandon Folks regarding the Office of Prevention Updates/Discretionary grants.

Tafeni English provided a status on the Planning Committee that was introduced to the SPAB. There were no additional updates and requested an extension to gather more information and provide a report to the SPAB at a later date.

Catina James proved a status update regarding a document distributed to the SPAB providing an overview of all the grants within the department. Those grants are:

- Block Grant
- Partnership for Success (PFS)
- SPF-Rx
- Strategic Targeted Response (STR)

Ms. James reported that there had not been any counties identified for the SPF-Rx or the STR grant. Ms. James stressed that the identification of the counties would be an item the SPAB would need to address. Ms. James will provide a more in-depth analysis at the next scheduled SPAB meeting. Next Ms. James explained the fact sheet on the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). Ms. James reminded the SPAB the framework is used for all grants and requires writing a strategic plan, which the SPAB would be responsible for reviewing components of the strategic plan under certain grants. Ms. James encouraged the SPAB to familiarize themselves with the SPF because moving forward this would be criteria they would use to review RFP's. Ms. James listed the five components of the SPF along with the two guiding principles for members. Ms. James reported that in upcoming meetings there will be designated trainings on the SPF.

Mr. Selase, the chair reported that his local coalition had recently received training from ADMH State Management Team. He reported the training was well received and very helpful to his coalition.

Mr. Selase, the chair introduced our invited guest, Ms. Debra Robbins, the Pharmacy Project Director from Alabama Department of Public Health.

Ms. Robbins provided an overview of the work ADPH was conducting under a three year grant from the CDC for the Data Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI) for Heroin and Opioid Abuse/Overdose.

Members of the SPAB were provided a powerpoint prior to the call. Ms. Robbins overview included information pertaining to:

- Provide an update on the number of entities they are partnering with throughout the state of Alabama. She provided an attendance update on the 1st annual stakeholders meeting. They had 88 partners registered, with 77 of them attending the actual meeting.
- Discussed the governors Health Care Task Force
- Provided a recap of the summit held in Prattville, AL with over 250 participants. The participants received an overview of the data and discussed policy and legislation regarding the Heroin and Opioid abuse and overdose throughout the state.
- Discussed the 2016 Top 6 Alabama Counties Naloxone given by EMS. Those counties were Chilton, Etowah, Jackson, Jefferson, Randolph, and Walker.
- She provided an overview of the top 20 Alabama counties with drug OD deaths of residents in 2015.
- She discussed the collaboration between ADPH and the Auburn School of Pharmacy and ADECA. They hosted four workshops with over 800 attendees. Two workshops were held in Huntsville and two in Montgomery.
- Ms. Robbins discussed the importance of the ADMH also working with ADPH in an effort to gather, identify and analyze data in an effort to identify areas of high need with regard to the Heroin and Opioid abuse/overdose.
- Chair, Seyram Selase asked if there was any data that identified the risk factors associated with the heroine and opioid crisis. Ms. Robbins reported that the data had not been drilled down that far yet. She did affirm that the data points to more white male deaths.
- Ms. Robbins then reported there were ongoing discussions regarding a pilot needle exchange, rural coroners training and prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) and mapping.
- Ms. Robbins discussed the need for sustainability as the current CDC grant was for three years.
- Lastly Ms. Robbins pointed to two resources she felt the SPAB members would find interesting. They were:

- Chasing the Dragon- <https://www.justthinktwice.gov/video-chasing-dragon-life-opiate-addict>
- Know Dope-<http://www.knowdope.org/learn/#learn-home>

There were no additional questions for Ms. Robbins.

Elana Parker Merriweather thanked Ms. Robbins for providing a comprehensive presentation regarding the epidemic we're dealing with in Alabama.

Tafeni English reported that the Director, Beverly Johnson was not in attendance because she was presenting nationally on the coordinated efforts between the Office of Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Ms. Robbins advised Corporal Leonard that ADPH would really love to partner with the Sherriff's office.

There was no old business.

Under new business the chair Seyram Selase, called for a motion to table the discussion for the planning committee until additional information could be provided. Deegan Malone motioned and Elana Parker-Merriweather seconded. All were in favor to table the discussion.

Next Meeting Date was scheduled for August 9, 2017. The conference call line will be made available for those unable to attend the next meeting on August 9, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am

Respectively Submitted By Tafeni L. English