

Minutes of the February 27 Meeting of the State Prevention Advisory Board

Chair Seyram Selase called the 2/27/2019 meeting of the State Prevention Advisory Board meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

In attendance at the SPAB meeting were as follows:

In person

Chair Seyram Selase– ASAP

Beverly Johnson – Alabama Department of Mental Health, Office of Prevention

Tafeni English – Alabama DMH, Office of Prevention

Catrina James – Alabama DMH, Office of Prevention

Lauren Blanding – Alabama DMH, Office of Prevention

Derek Osborn – Pride of Tuscaloosa

Iesha Crook – ASAP

Deegan Malone – Private

Jessica Singleton – Bradford Health Services

Bruce Kimble – SPAB Secretary – ADOC

On Conference Call

Brandon Folks

Erin Burleson

Danita Stapleton

Shai Markis

Ebony Crews

Gerald Douglas

Charon Douglas

At the onset of the meeting, the Mayor of Anniston, Alabama – Jack Draper addressed the SPAB. Discussed the Museum, and the Sites of Anniston Alabama. The Mayor expressed his appreciation of the SPAB.

Agenda was unanimously accepted

The minutes were brought up for approval. Ebony Crews related that she was in attendance at the meeting and wished the minutes to reflect this. The minutes were approved

Beverly Johnson, expressed thanks to Chari as well as the Mayor of Anniston Alabama for providing the facilities, as well as a word of thanks to the SPAB committee.

Ms. Johnson discussed some of the updated initiatives that the State of Alabama Office of Prevention have been involved with.

Alabama is one of five states nationwide that is participating in Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America, Known as CADCA. Which, according to Ms. Johnson is the Johnson and Johnson over the counter project. Ms. Johnson related that this project is for a school Based Curriculum that will implement prevention services as these relate to over the counter medications. Ms. Johnson reported that the Officer of Prevention efforts relate primarily to illegal substances, however, Ms. Johnson went on to report that the Office of Prevention in the State of Alabama convey the message of prevention as it relates to over the counter medications. Ms. Johnson stated that the Office of prevention will continue to work with CADCA and continue to make appeals to anyone who is interested in receiving additional information as it relates to how this curriculum can be incorporated into your local school system or in afterschool and summer programs.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Alabama Department of Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse Prevention participated in the Opioid Addiction Council Meeting that was held in Montgomery of December 11th 2018, as well as the National Prevention Network Conference that was held in Boston Mass. In August of 2018, and, Ms. Johnson went on to report that the Office of Prevention is currently in the planning stages of the upcoming National Prevention Network Conference which, Ms. Johnson reported, will be held in August 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Johnson stated that any individuals interested in this can go the Website. Ms.

Johnson reported that The State of Alabama serves on the planning committee for this national conference.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Quarterly Prevention Provider meeting was held on January 17th, 2019. Ms. Johnson stated that the updates that will be provided will be since the last SPAB meeting. The CADCA National Leadership Forum, as well as the incorporation of the state's facilitators meeting was held on February 4th through 7th 2019. Ms. Johnson reported that there were several individuals from the State of Alabama that attended the CADCA National Leadership Forum. Ms. Johnson stated that the opportunity was taken during this National Leadership forum to have a state facilitators meeting. Ms. Johnson expressed that this meeting was informative.

Ms. Johnson reported that some of the representatives that the collation has had the opportunity to meet with was Richard Shelby, Doug Jones, Gary Palmer, Mike Rogers, Terry Sewell, as well as others. Ms. Johnson expressed excitement that these legislatures had the opportunity to see the promising programs that are going on within the state of Alabama. Ms. Johnson reported that Alabama Office of Prevention received the Outstanding State Member Award during this meeting. Ms. Johnson stated that, in that the Office of Prevention was recognized on the national level, the State of Alabama would like to recognize the Office of Prevention. Ms. Johnson invited the SPAB to be a part of this recognition on April 4th.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Alabama Office of Prevention co presented with CADCA in Orange Beach at the Alabama Drug Court Professionals Conference on February 11TH and 12th. Ms. Johnson reported that is one of Governor Ivey's recommendations within the state Opioid Plan is to have the CADCA model within each jurisdiction of the state. Ms. Johnson stated that the office of Prevention is working with the Drug Court Professionals to establish key point of contact to establish this CADCA model state-wide, and assess the needs at the community level.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention will have a Prevention Planning Committee meeting that will take a look at prevention efforts. Ms. Johnson reported that she will be sharing what was discussed at the SPAB meeting with this Prevention Planning Committee. Ms. Johnson related that the



Prevention Planning Committee will be looking at the Strategic plan following the template of the Fiscal Year 15 through 18, with some additional items that Ms. Johnson stated that she would like the SPAB to look at and consider for approval so that we can move forward with the strategic planning process. Ms. Johnson reminded that SPAB that we are in the Fiscal Year 19, and Ms. Johnson reported that there were some delays as it related to the FY template. Ms. Johnson stated that the additional items that had to be imbedded into the strategic plan, and this is what created these delays, as far as the SPAB adopting for approval.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention has several initiatives throughout the Office of Prevention. Ms. Johnson stated that she would Breakout the different initiatives based on the different funding sources. Ms. Johnson stated that the primary funding source is the Block Grant, for which Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention services receives about \$4.6 Million dollars annually for this (20% set aside for prevention.) The Office of Prevention is currently doing Community College Initiative and is looking to expand on that. Ms. Johnson reported that there was a revised Prevention Plan Template Training of December 17th, 2018. The 2020 RFP for prevention is on the website. Anyone applying for this should go to the website and following the instructions, as no state prevention personnel will be available to answer questions. Ms. Johnson stated that there would, however, be a process for the provider to submit questions as it would relate to the RFP.

Ms. Johnson reported that The Office of Prevention continues to provide Core Course Development Training, Certification Site Visits, Monitoring Compliance Visits, and the Community College Initiative is expanding. Ms. Johnson related that the Office of Prevention Services has received positive feedback for Commissioner Beshear as it would relate to the Community College initiative, as well as coordinated efforts. Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention was fortunate to collaborate with the Collegiate Recovery Communities (CRC's). Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention had the opportunity to connect with the Universities that are associated with the CRC's, such as Jacksonville State University, University of Alabama, Auburn University, as well as the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Ms. Johnson reported that the University of Alabama in Huntsville has also become a CRC. There was a representative to attend the UAH CRC event and the CRC has not yet been

established on the campus. In discussion, but not up and running. Ms. Johnson stated that the Office of Prevention has met with Gordon Stone, the Executive Director of The Higher Education Partnership. Ms. Johnson stated that the Office of Prevention had the opportunity to dialog and discuss efforts on how to assist with College Initiatives throughout the state, if the University has a CRC. The Goal is to provide comprehensive services to individuals so that these individual that have substance abuse issues can receive services without sacrificing academics.

Ms. Johnson reported on the Partnership for Success, which, according to Ms. Johnson, is a discretionary grant program. The continuing application has been submitted. Ms. Johnson stated that the Office of Prevention is currently awaiting approval for the next Fiscal Year.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Technical Assistance RFP that has been closed and have been awarded to MG Consultation, Dr. Maranda Griffin (Formally Maranda Brown) Executive Director and CEO.

Brandon Folks reported that he has an announcement for the next Partnership for Success Opportunity. Mr. Folks reported that the community collations will be given the opportunity to apply for the next round for a five year from Partnership for Success. This is open at PF grants.gov.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention has summitted the continuation application Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF-Rx). Ms. Johnson reported that this grant is a discretionary grant and is competitive, and is annual.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention has continued to utilize the “My Smart Dose” campaign, provide technical assistance, and the SPF-Rx with

Brandon Folks reported that the “My Smart Dose” campaign has been administered at the football games, and will be administered at the basketball and baseball games.

Derrick Osborn, Pride of Tuscaloosa, reported that his agency has been making efforts in relation to integrating prevention, educational and awareness campaigns, partnering with West Alabama Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Osborn reported one of the issues in the workforce, and entry level positions has been finding qualified individuals for these positions that have the ability of pass drug

screens. Mr. Osborn reported that Shelton State Community College, Mercedes and CCI have partnered to help fill positions and bring awareness. Mr. Osborne reported that there are many events that are coming up, one of which is called Would of Work 2.0 (WOW). Mr. Osborne reported that the WOW event is an opportunity for the industries to interview high school seniors for the workforce.

Chair Seram Selase reported that his program – ASAP, with the SPF-Rx program, is currently planning an Opioid Roundtable for Tuesday March 5th, 2019. Chair Selase reported that his agency has multiple partners involved, such as Bradford, CRC (Jacksonville State University), Anniston Fellowship House, and Self Recovery Program. Chair Selase reported that Derrick Osborn, Pride of Tuscaloosa, will be participating as a panelist.

Chair Selase called on Iesha Crook to speak on a “My Smart Dose” initiative that the Agency is involved with. Ms. Crook reported that Officials with the ADMH met with the Agency at Gadsden State to discuss the “My Smart Dose” campaign. Ms. Crook reported that the turnout was great, she received positive feedback. Ms. Crook reported that the coach at Gadsden State invited her to return to speak to the athletes in relation to the Opioid epidemic.

Ms. Johnson called on Ebony Crews to discuss The Community College Initiative. Ms. Crews related that she had her office had partnered with Enterprise State Community College in relation to the “My Smart Dose” campaign. Ms. Crews went on to state that the ADMH was involved in an induction ceremony involving collation members at Wallace State Community College.

Ms. Johnson called on Shai Markis to discuss prevention efforts with coastal Alabama. Ms. Markis stated that her office has a leadership team that was working in partnership with Coastal Alabama Community College. Ms. Markis went on to report that it was through this leadership team, working with the Dean of Coastal Alabama Community College, has arranged to make the “My Smart Dose” campaign a part of the campus’ Orientation Course that all new students are required to take. Ms. Markis stated that there have been efforts to bring the “My Smart Dose” campaign to Social Media.

Ms. Johnson then reported on the State Targeted Response Grant, the state discretionary grant as it relates to Opioids. Ms. Johnson related that under this

grant there are Community Engagement Subcommittee meetings as well as the Public Education and Media Subcommittees.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention participated in the Opioid Implementation meeting on November 27, 2018, and the Opioid Summit, hosted by Pride of Tuscaloosa, on November 28, 2018.

Ms. Johnson called on Derek Osborn to discuss the Opioid Summit hosted by Pride of Tuscaloosa. Mr. Osborn related that his agency was happy with the turnout, and received positive feedback, regarding the community support. Mr. Osborn reported that on April 7th Pride of Tuscaloosa will be hosting an event focusing on a female population regarding opioid called “Girl Talk.”

Ms. Johnson Reported that the next initiative to be addressed in the State Opioid Response (SOR). Ms. Johnson reported that the SOR will sustain the activities of the STR through the SOR, a minimum of 16 trainings, “getting down to the community level.” Ms. Johnson reported that the Office is excited that the Opioid Training Institute contract has been awarded to Auburn University, associated with the Harrison School of Pharmacy.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention have received approval to have a Suicide Prevention Coordinator within the Office of Prevention. Ms. Johnson related that this is significant in that this would allow the Office of Prevention to focus more fully of the overall health and wellness of the individual.



Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention is continuing to provide the “Question, Persuade, Refer” trainings. Ms. Johnson related that the Office of Prevention has had “QPR” training at West Alabama Mental Health Center, Wellstone, Southwest Alabama Mental Health Center, Mountain Lakes Behavioral Health Center, Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority, TCR (Talladega).

Ms. Johnson reported that the Office of Prevention has provided Mental Health “First Aid” trainings in Talladega, Montgomery, and Homewood.

Ms. Catina James reported that Google Maps is providing Drug disposal sites.

Ms. Johnson reported that there have been approx. 178 individuals that have been training in “Mental Health First Aid” and 397 individuals have been trained in “QPR.”

Chair Selase reported that there was no old business. Chair Selase called for new business, the Office of Prevention Strategic Plan.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Strategic Plan is the template by which all the initiatives and plans are developed. Ms. Johnson reported that there have been some updates. Ms. Johnson explained that within our plans have been updated in such a way to identify gaps in service provision. (Note: The Strategic Plan was distributed among the SPAB for review.) Ms. Johnson stated that should the SPAB decide to take a more extensive look at the Strategic plan, that the time would be provided. Ms. Johnson reported that the priorities of the Strategic Plan are focused on the development of a data driving prevention framework, Emotional Health through coordinated efforts involving substance abuse and mental health, A Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Improving organizational business management systems at the state agency level, prevention of the complications of substance abuse and mental illness, prevention and reduction of the consequences of underage drinking, prevent opioid misuse and abuse with teens and young adult populations, Prevention of prescription drug opioid misuse and abuse, prevent substance abuse related suicides and attempted suicides, as well as a priority on the older adult population, reduce risk among high risk populations, such as military families, LBGTO, Youth, Native American and Alaska Natives.

Ms. Johnson related that the vision for FY 2019-2022 has remained the same. Ms. Johnson reflected that there is a highlighted area that she would emphasize that the SPAB should review. Ms. Johnson stated that she will make sure that all the SPAB members have a copy of the document, and Chair Selase will call for a vote, via email, on the document.

Chair Selase reported that he will be calling for a vote on this document on March 13th.

Chair Selase reminded the SPAB of the Opioid Roundtable on March 5th at 6:00PM.

Chair Selase called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. The Motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Bruce Kimble – Secretary of the Alabama State
Prevention Advisory Board.