

State Prevention Advisory Board/Prevention Planning Committee
Special Called Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021

Meeting attendees:

Seyram Selase
Elana Merriweather
Candy Gaff
Shalandra Rogers
Lauren Blanding
Emi Ajero
Dr. Danita Stapleton
Shereda Finch
Jamie Lake
Erin Burleson
Phillip Howard
Gloria Howard
Catina James
Carie Wimberly
Tommie Sanders
Brandon Folks
Beverly Johnson
Erin Burleson

Meeting called to order by Seyram Selase.

Elana Merriweather motioned to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Dr. Danita Stapleton. The motion was approved by the body with no opposition.

Beverly Johnson stated there were additional monies (4.3 million) allocated to the state for prevention services from SAMHSA.

\$500,000 is allocated for a statewide media campaign that will address primary and physical health.

\$125,000 is allocated to support and match Drug Free Community Coalitions supported by CADCA for each coalition.

\$200,000 is allocated to support HBCU initiatives regarding need and health disparities for each HBCU.

\$165,000 is allocated to support Alabama and Auburn University for health disparity trainings for communities.

\$300,000 is allocated for a statewide survey to gather baseline and provider level needs.

\$800,000 is allocated for Problem Identification and Referral services that will be designated for juvenile court programs.

\$214,000 will be allocated to providers to expand service provision when contracts have been exhausted.

Tommie Sanders motioned to approve the seven-line items presented by Beverly Johnson. It was seconded by Elana Merriweather. The motion was approved by the body with no opposition.

Beverly Johnson informed the members of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the intent to submit a proposal that will be focused on Veteran service members and their families. This will potentially provide an additional one time 3.7 million dollars for prevention services. Should the proposal be approved by SAMHSA, the same process of presenting to the SPAB/Prevention Planning Committee will occur.

The next SPAB meeting will be August 4, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned by Seyram Selase.