

Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

May 3rd, 2023

Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention
Vacant (Co-Chair)
Nicole Shine- Hopson (Secretary), P.R.I.D.E of Tuscaloosa
April Knight, Northwest MHC
Ashly Langley, CED Mental Health
Brandon Folks, ADMH
Brenae' Waters, ADMH
Cheryl Winston, OMNI
Deegan Malone
Emi Brooks, East AL Mental Health
Erin Burleson, Prevention Consultant
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House
L'Tanya Green, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center
Major Reakeshia Robinson
Shai Markris, AltaPointe
Shawn Winston, Addiction Prevention Coalition
Staci Wilson, South Central MHC
Susie Kingry, SpectraCare
Teresa Dawson, CED Mental Health
Tommie Sanders, Wellstone
Vandlyn Pierre, Drug Education Council
Wade Lewis, SpectraCare
Shereda Finch, COSA

I. CALL TO ORDER: The SPAB/AEOW Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Seyram Selase, Chair.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent out.

Minutes – motioned by April Knight

Seconded by Vandlyn Pierre

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates from the Office of Prevention –

Block Grant RFP due date is May 19th, 2023, at 2:00pm funding will be up to 5 years.

Alabama Administrative Code/ Prevention Standards

Brandon communicated with Beth Bergeron Director of the Office of Certification to discuss changes to the prevention standards. Beth made the recommendation for prevention providers to host a working meeting to discuss the standards line by line for recording to determine changes. Beth is available in June (not June 8th). The SPAB will provide edits for comment and response.

Dates recommended: June 14th and June 21st with a 9:00am start time. Brandon will provide the SPAB with a copy of the standards for review ahead of the working meeting. Brandon will also communicate with Beth to determine which date she is available.

Old Business –

ARPA Opioid Settlement Proposal

Brandon sent the proposal to all SPAB members for review. A brief discussion was held on thoughts about the updated proposal. A few SPAB members expressed concerns about the current proposal and the need for prevention agencies (ED's, PD's and PC's) to be involved in all planning aspects of the proposal. Seyram has agreed to share SPAB members concerns on the proposal to the office of prevention.

Brandon informed all SPAB meetings that the department has not been involved with the ARPA proposal document planning. He explained that from his understanding that the funding will go through the attorney general's office and that the office of prevention has expressed the need for additional and continued prevention efforts.

Gloria Howard was also able to provide feedback that Sherita met with legislators to discuss the opioid settlement funding. Gloria will contact Sherita to provide Seyram with an update on the outcomes of the meeting for prevention efforts. Seyram agreed to communicate all information learned to the SPAB in the next meeting.

SPAB co-chair reelection has been tabled and will remain under old business for the next meeting.

Susie Kingry made a motion after the review of the SPAB bylaws that no changes be made to the current State Prevention Advisory Board current bylaws. Staci Wilson seconded this motion.

New Business –

Liletta Jenkins administrative over the State CPC's spoke with the SPAB committee on the upcoming CPC needs assessment data collection efforts. Last year's top three for the state included 1: Mental Health 2: Family engagement 3: Substance Abuse. The CPC website is www.Alcpc.org this provided a list of all CPC chairs and the official CPC meeting calendar.

Mrs. Jenkins informed the SPAB of the upcoming CPC conference which will be Hybrid. Hosted in person on Wednesday Aug. 2nd at the Prattville Ledge.

2023 Youth Survey focuses on 4th and 8th grade. It covers four main topics: 1. The age of onset 2. Past 30-day use 3. Perception of harm 4. Parental approval. It is for block grant providers to use for future prevention planning. Survey can be administered Now until September 2023.

Seyram discussed sending names from the 12 sectors identified to Seyram and Brandon for them to reach out for potential membership with the SPAB committee.

NPN Conference

A planning meeting was held at the host location. The opening speaker has been confirmed. The next planning meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. Next month the office of prevention will have exact specifics needed from providers. Registration is now open. Brandon discussed that no scholarships are available from the office of prevention, but agencies can move funding dollars to travel if needed. April discussed workforce development funds paying for NPN. Brandon suggested submitting that information to him and he'll forward it for a response.

Shereda Finch was able to provide the SPAB with an update on her meeting with legislators. Shereda will update the committee on any upcoming meetings. Cheryl and Shereda will work to provide all SPAB members with a one-pager of information to provide to elected officials in all meetings discussing prevention services.

V. PROVIDER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COSA will host a QPR training at the end of June. A official invite announcement will be sent to the SPAB.

ASAP will be hosting a Faith Based Support Specialist training on June 29 and 30 at the University of South Alabama.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING: Seyram concluded the meeting at 11:08 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: August 9th – 10:00 am.