

Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

August 7th, 2024 Meeting

Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention
Vacant (Co-Chair)
Nicole S. Hopson (Secretary), READY (Resources, Education and Advocacy for Drug-Free Youth)
Amber Whitson, Northeast Mental Health
Brenae' Waters, ADMH
Carie Wimberly, APC
Nichole Dawsey, APC
Deegan Malone
Erin Burleson, Grant Consultant
Kimberly Gibbs, ADMH
Maegan Huffman, ADMH
Mary Reddish, CED Mental Health
Michelle Moore, MHCNCA
Vandlyn Pierre, DEC
Kendrikka Suddith, ADMH
Brandon Folks, ADMH
Emi Brooks, INTEGREA
Carlene Robinson, ADRS
Shai Markis, AltaPointe
April Knight, Northwest
Angela Powe, ADMH

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA as Amended:

Motioned by: Vandlyn Pierre

Seconded by: Michele Moore

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent out.

Motioned by: Deegan Malone

Seconded by: Vandlyn Pierre

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Office of Prevention Updates: By Brandon Folks

No major updates to report currently. Brandon Folks previously suggested for FY'25 all providers contact the office of contracts to check and receive beginning balances, however after speaking with the Office of Contracts he has suggested waiting. Contract information and beginning balances traditional are not provided this early. All budget information has been submitted by the OOP.

The Opioid Settlement Dollar 2nd Round RFP has been released questions can be emailed to Leola Rogers to have those answered.

FY'26 Budget request will be addressed within the agenda item.

Old Business

Prevention standards: Covered by Brandon Folks

The Office of Prevention still has questions, comments and needs rationale for some of the prevention standard changes. The rationale was not captured, only the suggestions were captured in the standard meetings. **The Office of Prevention will send out the draft of the standards for review and for prevention agencies to provide the reason for the change. Brandon will also include a date that all responses should be sent by to the OOP.**

Billing Rates:

Belinda did not make the zoom meeting. Brandon Folks provided the update. Belinda emailed Brandon earlier in the week before the SPAB zoom meeting. She was awaiting a meeting with the associate commissioner. **Brandon will have Belinda follow up with Seyram.**

FY'26 Budget Request:

At a previous SPAB meeting the SPAB voted to have contract increases of \$50,000 per certified agency for underage drinking and vaping. The request was denied when presented.

Currently the OOP is requesting a FY'26 budget proposal. Proposal process: A.) SPAB would vote on an amount B.) SPAB would vote on a priority C.) SPAB would include all data/ documentation for the priority.

Michelle asked about a previous email sent that provided details of what the FY'25 ask was by prevention providers that was denied.

Seyram asked why the previous ask from FY'25 was denied. Brandon did not have that information to provide details but will inquire with the associate commissioner.

April Knight informed the SPAB that from what she has seen the biggest priority right now is crisis prevention and state hospital beds. April Knight suggested presenting the vaping epidemic as being prevalent and that it could be a health crisis in the near future.

Brandon suggested providers speaking to state representatives to aid in championing prevention causes.

April Knight suggested doing a legislative update for our legislators by doing an email update of the thing and impact prevention has made in our area. Seyram asked for guidance on how to make this work for prevention. April discussed how mental health centers did a breakfast for legislators. She provided an overview of how mental health centers used this breakfast to champion a priority for their area.

Nichole Dawsey suggested having prevention day at the Capitol and a legislator forum. This gives legislators an opportunity to come and share what they are doing in their district and parts of the state around prevention. Nichole suggested positioning alcohol as a crisis particularly with binge and heavy drinking. Nichole suggested also thinking about cannabis and edible poisoning.

Vandlyn Pierre mentioned Barbara Drummond and her proposed legislation on vaping. Seyram discussed OMNI creating a one pager infographic to provide to legislators. Brenae' is currently working on a one pager about vaping and will include what is currently going on with youth and vaping, how it is impacting the community, where vapes can be purchased etc.

Brenae' has agreed to create the one pager needed for legislators. The one pager will include the impact of prevention as well.

Seyram was provided with information on who the President Pro Tem is? Greg Reed. **April Knight agreed to assist in scheduling a meeting with the Pro Tem.** April suggested reaching out to Rex Reynold as well.

Prevention Day at the Capital Day 2025 Committee:
Nichole Dawsey email as requested: Nichole@apcbham.org
Nicole Shine- Hopson
Seyram Sealse'
Vandlyn Pierre
Michelle Moore

Brenae' provided National Prevention Day dates in the chat for the committee. February 3rd, 2025

Recap of assignments:

A.) Brandon will provide feedback on FY'25 budget denial and a deadline date for the FY'26 budget proposal.

B.) Brenae' will complete the one pager for legislators.

C.) April and Seyram will talk and educate the two-legislators discussed with prevention priorities.

D.) Nicole will find legislative session dates:

The Legislature convenes in regular annual sessions on the first Tuesday in February, except

(1) in the first year of the four-year term, when the session will begin on the first Tuesday in March, and

(2) in the last year of a four-year term, when the session will begin on the second Tuesday in January.

The length of the regular session is limited to 30 meeting days within a period of 105 calendar days.

There are usually two meetings or "legislative" days per week, with other days devoted to committee meetings.

Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor, with the Proclamation listing the subjects which the Governor wishes considered. These sessions are limited to 12 legislative days within a 30 calendar day span.

In a regular session, bills may be enacted on any subject.

In a special session, legislation must be enacted only on those subjects which the Governor announces in his proclamation or "call." Anything not in the "call" requires a two-thirds vote of each house to be enacted.

Providers Updates:

None currently.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING: Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:34 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Special Called SPAB September 11th, 2024. 11:00am Location; Zoom
Quarterly meeting Nov. 6, 2024 Location: TBD