

Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

February 7th, 2024

Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention
Vacant (Co-Chair)
Nicole Shine- Hopson (Secretary), P.R.I.D.E of Tuscaloosa
Elanna Merriweather, ADMH
Cheryl Winston, OMNI
Brenae' Waters, ADMH
Rhonda Mann, VOICES for Alabama Children
Danita Stapleton, AL State University
Maegan Huffman, ADMH
Erin Burleson, Grant Consultant
Staci Wilson, SCAMHC
Kristin John, SpectraCare
Shaundalyn Elliott, ALSDE
Britany Vincent, ADPH
Eden Griffin, OMNI
Hannah Chandler,
Carie Wimberly, APC
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House
Vandlyn Pierre, DEC
Shereda Finch, COSA

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

(A) Seyram Selase recommended a motion to amend the agenda to add Brenae' Waters Chair of the AEOW for updates after the OOP.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA as Amended:

Motioned by: Glori Howard

Seconded by: Shaundalyn Elliott

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent out.

Motioned by: Staci Wilson

Seconded by: Elana Merriweather

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Office of Prevention Updates: By Brandon Folks

The ADMH OOP is preparing to submit an application for the SAMSHA partnership for success grant opportunity due next month.

Next QPPM will be February 29, 2024 @ AIDT (In-person)

- ❖ OOP has asked that all prevention providers send a representative OMNI will also be in person to conduct focus groups.

OOP will look at each sector presented on the SPAB to make recommendations for additional members.

Suicide prevention coordinator Maegan Huffman provided updates on Crisis Center monthly meeting and TA calls along with quarterly coalition meetings.

No updates for the zero suicide grant still in the beginning phase of the grant.

New staff member with OOP Kenderrika Sutton (State Opioid Response)

Brenae' Water ADMH updates

- ❖ The AEOW has been revamped. The AEOW has a SAMSHA mandate. Brenae' Waters serves as the AEOW chair.
- ❖ The kickoff meeting was held Dec. 14, 2023. In the meeting a detailed presentation was given to discuss the AEOW's mission and the goal of the committee for the year. The AEOW looks to establish dashboard of local data for stakeholders and providers.

Old Business

Co-chair vacancy

Prevention standards Update: All comments from the previous meeting have been compiled and sent to the OOP. They are still under review and comments are being provided from the divisional side and those will be communicated back to the SPAB.

Brandon Folks will provide a standard update at the next SPAB meeting.

New Business

Billing rate increase:

Seyram Selase provided a prevention rate increase overview and timeline for the SPAB.

Seyram Selase discussed pre-covid unit amount and the increase @25% because of the pandemic. Seyram recommended an additional 25% rate increase for comment and discussion to the SPAB.

Vandlyn Pierre suggested asking for a 50% rate increase.

Staci Wilson asked for additional information on how this would factor into the funding allocation for the grant received.

Gloria Howard provided feedback on looking at the mandatory prevention allocation as part of the Block grant from SAMSHA. Gloria also suggested looking at how this will affect all parts of prevention including other grants outside of Block grant ex: SOR, HBCU, etc. Gloria also asked Brandon to provide feedback on the increase in treatment services billing rate.

Brandon Folks discussed working internally within the department to receive information on the treatment services rate increase to provide that information to the SPAB. As it relates to additional funding there will not be any. Brandon provided the example of with the increase what would normally take 100 hours to complete will now take 50.

Brandon provided feedback on the process Seyram would have to take as the chair to present this information to the SACS committee. A vote would happen with the SACS and then the rate increase request could potentially go to the commissioner for comment.

Hanah Chandler motioned to increase the current billing rated by 50% for prevention services 6 CSAP strategies. This motioned was seconded by: Carie Wimberly (motion carries)

Providers Updates:

Seyram thanked all the agencies for their support of the faith-based conference held in Birmingham. Another FBSS training will be hosted on April 11th and 12th In Dothan, AL. March 5th ASAP will host their Annual Opioid Roundtable Virtually

Cheryl with OMNI reminded everyone of the YAS roll out that will begin February 15th, 2024.

ALS invited all agencies to the safe council meeting being held February 21st and again on April 24th. A registration link can sent for sign up.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING: Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:38 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: May 1st, 2024. Location; TBD