

## **Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting**

**November 21, 2024**

### **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  
Nichole Dawsey, APC  
Deegan Malone, Private Therapist  
Erin Burleson, Grant Consultant  
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House  
Kimberly Gibbs, ADMH  
Maegan Huffman, ADMH  
Mary Reddish, CED Mental Health  
McKenzie Reed, AL ABC Board  
Michelle Moore, MHCNCA  
Vandlyn Pierre, DEC  
Kendrikka Suddith, ADMH  
Kristin Johns, SpectraCare  
Brandon Folks, ADMH  
Emi Brooks, INTEGREA  
Carlene Robinson, ADRS  
Shai Markis, AltaPointe  
SFC Charlotte Tarver, ALNG Counterdrug Task Force  
April Knight, Northwest  
Angela Powe, ADMH

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The SPAB Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Seyram Selase', Chair.

### **II. Approval OF AGENDA:**

Motioned by: Vandlyn Pierre  
Second by: Michele Moore

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were sent out.

Motioned by: Vandlyn Pierre  
Second by: Kristin Johns

### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Office of Prevention Updates: By Brandon Folks**

From a State Planning Committee Standpoint: A committee was formed to have the Inaugural Prevention Day at the Capital. Brandon explained how several groups have days at the capital and that Prevention would like to do the same. Brandon Folks communicated with the Director of Legislative & Constituent Affairs to attend the upcoming Day at the Capital Planning meeting. Prevention Day at the Capital Day 2025 Committee:

Nichole Dawsey email as requested: [Nichole@apcbham.org](mailto:Nichole@apcbham.org)

Nicole Shine- Hopson

Seyram Sealse'

Vandlyn Pierre

Brandon has invited an individual from the AL Magic City Acceptance Center to attend the next upcoming QPPM.

**\*\*\*Reminder to look at the make-up of the SPAB to look at the sectors at the table and the sectors that are not at the table to recruit needed new members. \*\*\***

Seyram requested information about the Opioid Settlement Dollars Notification (**Brandon discussed that those submissions are still under review and each notification of award will be made by/from the OOC**)

Gloria provided insight into the Huddle call Tuesday. Gloria provided details that Debbie explained that everything had been scored in relation to the Opioid Settlement Dollar submissions and that they were doing their due diligence in terms of looking at agencies from round one and they would try to get the notification out by November 30, 2024.

**Old Business****Prevention standards: Covered by Brandon Folks**

Brandon has submitted the standards internally after not receiving any feedback. Brandon will provide the SPAB with an update once he has received one.

**Billing Rates:**

Brandon explained that the billing rate increase is a discussion for the planning committee. Brandon explained that the planning committee will begin meeting in January. Brandon provided a list of who is on the planning committee via the chat during the meeting.

**Prevention Planning Committee:**

Zina Cartwell

Nicole Dawsey

Susie Kingry

April Knight

Shereda Finch

Emi Ajero

**ARPA Funded Initiatives:**

HBCU, Military Families, Coalitions, and Juvenile Justice (Four key areas) are set to expire next year. Seyram opened the floor for conversation about sustainability. Nicole provides details of sustainability for a portion of the HBCU (Stillman College) grant through foundation dollars.

Brandon provided details of ARPA dollars ending March 2025 (CADCA and HBCU). He could not provide details of ADMH being able to sustain those funding sources.

**FEI:**

Seyram opens the floor for thoughts and questions on FEI. Nicole asked if training can be offered after the systems go live date. Brandon confirmed that the OOP can offer additional training.

**Upcoming training (FEI):**

**FEI December 13<sup>th</sup> location TBD**

**FEI December 18<sup>th</sup> training @AIDT**

Michelle asked about separate section training(s) for billing staff, prevention staff, etc. Brandon confirmed that the training will be set up in pods. Prevention Plans, Invoicing, etc.

**Providers Updates:**

Gloria asked for the SPAB Bylaws and discussed Officer terms of SPAB Officers. Seyram discussed having an Officer election at the next meeting. Nicole Dawsey also discussed needing bylaws to understand what the SPAB is for and to aid in finding additional members for the make up of the SPAB.

**VI. ADJOURN MEETING:** Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:23 am.

**VII. NEXT MEETING:**

Quarterly meeting February 12, 2025, Location: Zoom