

Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 19, 2012

3:00 to 5:00 pm

ADAA, OETAS Training Room

**ATTENDEES:** Gale Saler; Jodie Chilson; Laurie Adams; Kathleen O'Brien; Michael Hawkins; Nancy Schrock; Jackie McNamara; Kim Kennedy; Stephanie Hawkins; Deborah Weathers; Tom Liberatore; Patrick Dooley, Kathy Rebbert-Franklin; Eugenia Conolly

- 1. Introductions Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, Acting Director, ADAA**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes-Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin**
- 3. SDAAC and MHA Council Re-structuring Update- Kathleen O'Brien, Walden and MHA representative-**

Kathy O' Brien and Lori Brewster represented the SDAAC at the Workgroup meeting on July 19, 2012. Minutes are attached. Kathy indicated that the Councils operate very differently and Policy and Advocacy functions seem to be the stumbling blocks in the combining of the councils.

The joint Workgroup is in the process of doing the following:

- Eliminating duplication
- Defining a model and examining the statutes
- Reviewing Planning processes of both councils to assess strengths and how to maintain them
- Looking at policies and practices
- Having broader representation on the Council
- Determining the pros and cons of having the Secretary chair the meetings.

Questions presented at the meeting that will have to be answered:

- Should the Council have a Public Health focus?
- Who should the Council advise- Governor/Secretary?
- Should the Council provide Testimony during the Legislative Session?
- Should the new state Council incorporate the plans from the local Councils?

Next Steps:

- Trying to separate the roles historically and develop new duties.
- Drafting a mission statement
- Sending out a questionnaire to SDAAC members to identify what are the non-negotiable items that should continue in the new Council

#### **4. DHMH-Behavioral Health Integration Status- Patrick Dooley, Chief of Staff, DHMH**

- ADAA/MHA Organization Integration-  
A revised draft organizational chart /report will be submitted to the legislator. Meetings with administrations, secretary, and DBM will be continually taking place.  
Some of the integrations can begin soon (informally) without legislation.
- Finance and Integration Model (fiscal components)-  
Draft initial report was sent out recommending one of the models.  
Report will be due at the end of this month as well.
- Regulations-  
Accreditations standards will now take place and recommendation is going forward.  
The report will identify issues with the accreditation standards as well as the benefits (the report will go out at the end of this month and feedback is needed).

#### **5. SDAAC Sub-Committee Reports**

- Collaboration and Coordination-no current updates
- Criminal Justice-no current updates
- Prevention-no current updates
- Workforce Development-

MADC is finalizing details with the National Council on a Learning Community to assist with primary care-behavioral health integration in Maryland. Up to 15 triads will be accommodated. The Community kick off is in January, 2013.

Higher Education Subcommittee is being reconvened. The goal is to strengthen and formalize alliances, advancing training opportunities and aligning coursework and degree programs to Licensure requirements.

See attached Workforce Development Committee Report

## **6. ADAA and Council Members Updates**

- ADAA was approved for a SAMHSA-CIHS MAT Tobacco Cessation Technical Assistance grant.
- DHMH-ADAA has developed an Overdose (OD) Prevention Plan and numbers are going down around the state.
- The move toward Accreditation for Behavioral Health providers will modify OHCQ's functions so that they can focus on addressing problem areas.

### **Question:**

How can we intervene throughout the community, law enforcement, education, etc.?

### **Answer:**

A stakeholders meeting will take place to draft a plan for the prioritization of this issue.

**Next Meetings-**Wednesday December 19, 2012, 3-5 pm ADAA; Wednesday April 17, 2013, 3-5 pm ADAA; Wednesday June 19, 2012, ADAA