

LIFELINE CONNECTIONS
SOBERING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

December 21, 2017

8:30 am

Center for Community Health
Second Floor, Mod B Conference Room

Members Present: Kathy McNicholas, Kate Budd, Marc Muhr, & Kalen Beasley

Members Absent: Terri Owen, Todd Skenandore, Amy Reynolds, Peggy Sheehan, Olivia Resnick, & Rusty Warren

Directors Present: Rusty Williams

Staff Present: Kaylee Collins, Jared Sanford, Victoria McKinley, Katie Carpenter, Corliss Wentworth-Thompson & Krysta Pinson

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am.

Minutes: The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Review: Kaylee gave an update of the Sobering and Withdrawal Management units. We have had to amend the hours of the SURV van due to staffing. We are hoping to have full operation of the van in January. We are still trying to fill one Recovery Coach position, and we are still working on staffing the units with C.N.A/MAs. We are hoping to have an end of year report to bring to the Board. We are still seeing increases in Fentanyl use among our patients.

Katie Carpenter, one of our Chemical Dependency Professionals, was introduced to the Board. She gave an overview of her role in assisting sobering. She discussed some success stories from the unit and how the units are helping individuals move forward with their recovery. The nights have been filling up very fast, and the weather is making the unit busier. We have also seen an increase in females coming to the unit. High utilizers are using the units multiple times a day, sometimes for years.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Kate noted that they are working on putting together a better severe weather list. They have identified some churches that will open up to individuals in need, some of which being Living Church and two local Lutheran churches. The housing hotline number can also assist with getting individuals into shelters for the night. They also have the vouchers to use for motels in case of emergencies. Most severe weather shelters will also accommodate individuals with pets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Krysta Pinson