

LIFELINE CONNECTIONS
SOBERING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2019

Center for Community Health
Second Floor, Mod B Conference Room

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

Members Absent: Olivia Resnick, Peggy Sheehan, Amy Reynolds, Todd Skenandore, Sabrina Coggins, Christian Rietman, & Terri Owen

Staff Present: Ashley Costello, Mariah Spreadborough, & Krysta Pennington

The meeting was called to order at 8:39am

Minutes: The March 2019 minutes will be emailed to the Advisory Board for approval, due to lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Review: Ashley and Mariah presented the Sobering Unit Board report to the Advisory Board, including highlights of referrals, admissions, frequency, and substances of choice. The percentage of self-referred/walk-ins for the unit from March-May of 2019 was 96.8%. The primary substance of choice continues to be cannabinoids and alcohol. There were a total of 2,600 admissions, with 386 unduplicated patients. There has been difficulty pulling reports to track the data of homeless patients for the unit, which Ashley and Mariah will look in to. Kate will provide a list of housing types for Ashley and Mariah to use in their reports.

Ashley and Mariah also shared a success story for one of the frequent patients of the unit. There were a few safety issues in April where staff tires were slashed and rocks were thrown through windows, which has since been resolved. However, this did cause a loss in staff numbers. The agency has looked into providing additional support to staff and implementing new safety policies and procedures. A peer support position has been added, and we are looking into adding a permanent swing position to the unit. A new CDPT has started for the unit and is going to the navigation center and needle exchange.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SURV Update: With an increase in staff, we will be starting up the van again as of tomorrow. We will also begin hiring additional staff specifically for the van. The goal is to get the van back to running seven days a week. This will likely require around 5-6 staff. Once the schedule is finalized, Ashley and Mariah will send out to schedule to the Advisory Board.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The unit is doing well with supplies; however they are always in need of socks. Kate noted that there is a company called Bombas which we may be able to get a large amount of socks from.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.
Respectfully Submitted, Krysta Pennington