**BOYLE COUNTY AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY, INC.**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: September 22, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James Hunn. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Hilary Blevins, John Caywood, Jenny Clark, Paige Lutz, and Christy Whitsell. A quorum of the Board was present. In addition, there were 26 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

**Trends, Updates, & New Program Info:**

A)Heart of the Family University of Kentucky Study: Emily Cravens shared information about a need for participants in a health study being conducted by U.K. Recruiting for participants will be done for 1 ½ years. Participants must be pre-heart disease, and pre-diabetes. Gift card incentives are provided. Medical screenings to begin the study are free to participants. Evidence-based health classes by zoom are included in the study. Contact: [emcravens@uky.edu](mailto:emcravens@uky.edu).

B)New Vista Primary Care Update: Erika Burnside, New Vista Nurse Practitioner, shared info about relatively new services at New Vista, Danville. Primary Care services are being offered to New Vista behavioral health clients, and to the public. People with no private insurance or Medicaid can be seen. Hep C testing is available, but Hep C treatment is not yet available. MOUD is planned, but not yet available. Contact: [Erika.burnside@newvista.org](mailto:Erika.burnside@newvista.org), or call 859-236-2726.

**Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2023, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Paige Lutz, to accept the August 25, 2023, Minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of September 22, 2023, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the August 25, 2023, Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on July 19, of $17,773.21, and an ending balance on August 18, of $17,174.33. Motion was made by Brent Blevins, seconded by Hilary Blevins, to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

**Approval of Budgeted Requests for Payment and New Requests:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the following Requests for Payment:

1. Tiffany’s Flowers: $20 for Overdose Awareness (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Douglass Catering: $350 for Overdose Awareness (Budgeted Annual Budget)
3. Amy Anness: $25 for Overdose Awareness (Budgeted Annual Budget)
4. Sarah Bryant: $25 for Overdose Awareness (Budgeted Annual Budget)
5. John Vance: $25 for Overdose Awareness (Budgeted Annual Budget)
6. Kathy Miles: $400 August Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)

Motion was made by Paige Lutz, seconded by Jenny Clark to approve all Requests for Payment as presented. Motion carried.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$1142.51

**Program Updates:**

-Detention Center: Chad Holderman reported that the jail now has 3 Nalox boxes inside the jail. They have had 2 O.D.s in the jail recently, and are working very hard to prevent any further overdoses. Jail staff are being trained in using Narcan.

-Shepherds House: Becky Grubb reported that Shepherds House is providing some jobs training in the jail at this time.

-Isaiah House: Trevor Short reported that Oliva house has 24 beds, and is now D.O.C. approved.

-NewVista Prevention: Kinsey Swafford reported that the Ky Moms programs helps pregnant women, including giving baby showers. Contact her for more info at [kinsey.swafford@newvista.org](mailto:kinsey.swafford@newvista.org)

-Syringe Exchange Program: Amy Anness reported that 103 individuals were seen in the program last month. Program staff saw their first Xylazine wound patient this past month. Staff have been doing much Narcan training throughout the community, including the Central Ky Realtors Association, and a faith-based group.

-Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center: Brittany Hager reported that the ER is giving food boxes to those who report being food insecure, as they leave the ER.

-Recovery Roadhouse: Hilary Blevins updated that the Roadhouse has sponsored a Sober Poker, and that a Christmas Toy Drive is being conducted.

-Addiction Recovery Care/Crown Recovery: Brandon Wilson reported that the ARC 300-bed facility in Owensboro is now open. They are also opening up a program in Greenup County inside the hospital there.

EMS Follow-up Visits: Terry Dunn reported that 76 home visits were conducted in August. 19 cases were substance use disorder-related, there were 14 overdoses, and 0 o.d. deaths. There were 2 deaths by suicide in August. 9 Narcans were distributed. Pills and heroin are most commonly being seen. At this point, overdoses are lower for September.

EMS Update: Mike Rogers updated on the QRT grant. The grant was submitted to Health & Family Services by the due date, and has been accepted; but the grant deadline has been extended for others due to the small number of submissions. He will keep ASAP posted on the results.

Law Enforcement Updates: There were no reports from the Danville Police or the Boyle County Sheriff Departments.

**Old Business:**

-Homelessness Updates were shared by several members, including Amy Anness and Hilary Blevins. Additional community meals have begun to be served to the homeless where they are living, by various groups. Syringe Exchange is accepting winter supplies to give out to the participants who are homeless. Sue Andres has created a Facebook group for local people interested in addressing homelessness. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1454113155423219/>. New resources for food and housing that members would like added to the Homelessness Resource List, should be sent to Kathy Miles.

-Overdose Awareness Event Report: Kathy Miles thanked Olivia Cantrell and Hannah Marquez for planning the event, held on August 31, at Extension. Attendance was around 50, which included those who were tabling. Attendees from provider organizations were thanked for their participation.

-Opioid Settlement Funds: Members are encouraged to send ideas for needs to be funded by Opioid Funds to Brent Blevins or Kathy Miles, to assist in preparing for an application for those funds later this year.

-Centre College Research Methods in Sociology Class Update: Brent Blevins updated that the focus of the class will be on local homelessness. Some ASAP members will be asked to be interviewed by a student, and survey sites will be needed, as soon as the focus of the surveys is finalized. Brent reminded members of the value of data gathered in the past by this research class.

- Regional Job Fair is scheduled for Sept. 28, 10 to 2, at The Showroom in Danville. Harold Nally shared on update that employer and educational resources signed up to be present include a group of over 40. Providers are urged to publicize the Fair with their clients who are looking for a job. Harold’s contact is: [harold@developdanville.com](mailto:harold@developdanville.com).

- Fair Chance Employment Regional Conference set for Nov. 3: Kathy Miles shared a preliminary update on the conference set to be held at Boyle County Extension Office. It will be cosponsored by ASAP, Danville Boyle County Development Corporation Workforce Development Committee, and the Danville Boyle County Chamber of Commerce. Some ASAP members will be asked to make presentations. A flyer will be sent to all ASAP members.

**New Business:**

-First Responder Thank You Lunch: Kathy Miles gave an update on the annual lunch. She shared that the date being considered is Nov. 16. Members indicated that this is a good date. Some funding is still needed, and delivery volunteers will be needed that day. Last year, 254 lunches were delivered.

-Spero Health Health Fair: David Belcher announced that their Health Fair is set for Oct. 19, 12 to 3, at Spero Health. Space for resource tables is still available. Contact [christine.rowland@sperohealth.com](mailto:christine.rowland@sperohealth.com), or [david.belcher@sperohealth.com](mailto:david.belcher@sperohealth.com).

-What Strategies are we missing to prevent overdose deaths: In light of continuing overdose deaths in our county, and ASAP’s goal to have 0 o.d. deaths in Boyle County, Kathy Miles announced that this discussion will be on the agenda each month. Suggestions of what we may be missing include: Clearer and stronger messaging re: not using drugs alone (from an NPR recent story); Educate our employers better; and Correct pervasive incorrect info that people can die from passive Fentanyl exposure, thus they choose not to use Narcan.

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-New # for Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center: 859-533-9755.

-Young People in Recovery Run/Walk Oct. 7, 10 to 1, at Millennium Park: Sponsorships are needed. Contact [Chelsea.craycraft@youngpeopleinrecovery.org](mailto:Chelsea.craycraft@youngpeopleinrecovery.org).

-Young People in Recovery Day of Service: Sept. 30: Sammi Holt

-Deaf Sober Gatherings by zoom (ASL only): Every Monday, 6:30 to 7:30 EST. ID81574961747. PW: Sober. For more info, contact: [rondeafcpss@gmail.com](mailto:rondeafcpss@gmail.com).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: October 27, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**