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

 **Monthly Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Rev. James Hunn, Chairperson. Board members present were: James Hunn, Brent Blevins, Kevin Caudill, Mary Huston, Jenny Clark, John Caywood, and Christy Whitsell. A quorum of the board was present. In addition, there were 35 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

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

 A)Ethan Banzon, Centre College Junior, presented his prevention PSA video which he developed for Centre students, and which won 2nd place in a national contest. It can be found at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2Y2X4J7Nv5M>. Members were encouraged to consider similar opportunities for area high school students to produce prevention/education videos.

**Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2024, Meeting:** Minutes were emailed by Kathy Miles. Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Kevin Caudill, to accept the March 22, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of April 26, 2024, Treasurer’s Report:** Brent Blevins, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report, which reflected a beginning balance on February 16, 2024, of $19,862.06, and an ending balance on March 19, 2024, of $25,117.46. Motion was made by Kevin Caudill, seconded by John Caywood to approve the April 26 Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

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

1. Kathy Miles - $400 for March Coordination (Budgeted Annual Budget)
2. Secura Insurance - $1,011.00 for D.& O. Liability Insurance (Budgeted Annual Budget)
3. Stepping Stones Recovery - $400.00 Sober Living for 2 (out of Donated funds)
4. SWI - $122.50 for drug Drop Box pick up fee (Budgeted Annual Budget)

Motion was made by John Caywood, seconded by Jenny Clark, to approve all requests for payment. Motion carried.

 \*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$2090.89

**Program Updates:**

 -EMRMC update by Misty Rice, Monica Gilbert, Alisha Broadwater, & Connie Edwards: Community Mental Health Symposium planned for May 29, 10 AM at Boyle Co Public Library. Packets of info, including community resources are available.

 -ARC update by Hunter Glasscock: Current census at Crown Recovery is 555.

 -New Vista Prevention update by Kinsey Swafford: A new prevention/education program has been developed for youth, parents, and teachers. It is an in-person program.

BGCAP: John Ellis is a new mobility coach. His cell # is: 502-384-5469. Assistance for electric utility bills is now available.

 -Alteri update by Ashley Dowell: New parenting services are now available.

 -Pinnacle update by Ashley Lopez, Community Relations: Her contact # is 859-358-5760. They accept all insurance except for Medicare. They would like to remain on the monthly program update list

 -EMS Follow-up Visits update by Terry Dunn: They continue to see more mental health challenges in their follow-up visits. Statistics for Feb. and March- 62 cases, 101 home visits (24 of those involved substance use). 12 overdoses, and 2 (possibly 3) o.d. deaths in March. Fentanyl & heroin were most common substances. Suicidal ideation and attempts were up in March. 6 referrals to MH services were made. He introduced Mark Smith, the new social worker for the new Crisis Response Team. EMS is working on the requirements of the grant for training and services to be offered. A question was asked about Mercer County doing away with their EMS. Julie Wagner reported that a contract has been signed for the services to be provided by a contractor, so that services will continue.

 -Law Enforcement Updates: No reports.

**Old Business:**

 -Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths: Ongoing Problem-Solving Discussion

 Restaurants and gas stations should have narcan available. EMS will deliver narcan to restaurants. They are continuing to look for trends in o.d.s and o.d. deaths. We must continue to stress not using alone.

 -Homelessness Task Force Update: ASAP members attending the Task Force meetings shared updates. County and City have met to hire a central coordinator re: homelessness services. It was noted that a central coordinator would assist with the problem of no centralized data base of rentals available. Brent Blevins stated that funds have been allocated to be distributed by Heart of Ky United Way, for homelessness assistance.

 -Arts Commission Prevention Play Update by Mimi Becker: The play for next year has been chosen to be “The Piano Paradox”. Early logistics and scheduling planning has begun with the goal of presenting it to all area middle school students.

 -Tabling events update by Kathy Miles: Danville Schools Mental Health Fair organized by Centre student, Child Abuse Prevention Night, and Earth Day were events where ASAP tabled. Observations from those events were shared as – 1) adequate attendance is very challenging when the only focus is mental health or substance use – particularly at times of many competing family events such as athletics; and 2) Narcan is being accepted better by the public compared to a year ago. People are starting to realize that everyone needs to carry it. Effective tabling seems to work best where people are attending an event for another reason (such as Earth Day).

 -Balance on Harm Reduction funds for Peer Support initial and ongoing training: $189.70. Must be spent by June. Contact Kathy Miles to access this funding.

 -Kentucky “Recovery Ready” Communities 1 Year Milestones: Kathy Miles shared that over 750,000 Kentuckians are now living in certified communities. Boyle was the first of now 10 certified counties; 1 region (Northern KY) is certified.

**New Business:**

 -Ephraim McDowell Health events:

* Get Moving for Mental Health, sponsored by Ephraim McDowell Wellness Center: April 28, 2:30, Millennium Park ASAP will table w/ Narcan.
* Ephraim McDowell/Rotary Club Community Luncheon for Mental Health Month: May 29, 10 to 2, at Boyle Co. Public Library. For info, contact Libby Mayes, at lmayes@emhealth.org.

Ephraim McDowell staff were thanked for organizing mental health community events.

 -Local Fair Chance Academy training for local employers Update: Harold Nally shared that the training event is scheduled for May 8, 10 to 3:30, Boyle County Extension Office. There is no charge. Please contact Harold at Harold@developdanville.com, to recommend employers to register, and help publicize it to employers who would benefit from this training.

 -New statewide resource for Fair Chance/Second Chance Employment: <https://secondchance.ky.gov>. -

 -Kathy Miles stressed the importance of Voter engagement in relationship to SAMHSA’s definition of “Recovery”, which includes community participation. Also, a “Recovery Ready Community” encourages and facilitates community involvement by those who have been marginalized. Kentucky Voter registration info: <https://elect.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

 -New statewide Naloxone resource: [www.FindNaloxoneNow.KY.org](http://www.FindNaloxoneNow.KY.org).

 -Kathy Miles announced tentative planning for a Suicide Prevention training for Veterans, by Lexington VA staff: May 30, Tentative time: 10:30 to 12, Danville Site TBA. No charge. More info will be sent when plans are final.

 -National Fentanyl Awareness Day is May 7. Any suggestions for community outreach should be sent to Kathy Miles.

 -Nurture Nest Counseling Center is sponsoring a mental health networking event on May 16, 11 to 1. This is not open to the public, but an event for local providers to network with each other.

 -Danville Housing Authority Resource Fair: June 7, 11 to 2. To reserve a space, contact Michelle Baker at mbaker@danvillehousing.org.

 -“Bumps & Bundles Baby Expo”: June 29, 12 to 2, at Extension. Contact Kathy Perkins to be an exhibitor, at KathyL.Perkins@boylehealth.org. This will be an event for pregnant parents, and parents of children under 1.

 -“Nurturing Parenting Classes for Parents of Children w/Special Needs & Health Challenges”: Every Tuesday in May & June, 11 to 12:30. Ky-SPIN, funded by a WellCare grant. For more info, contact Amber Hamm, at amber@kyspin.com.

 **Other Business and Announcements:**

 -Mental Health Awareness & Stress Day Event: April 27, 10 to 4, McCall Springs Baptist Church, US 127, Anderson County.

 -Excellent Resource for parents re: the conversation that must be had with their kids given the pervasiveness of Fentanyl: [www.songforcharlie.org/the-new-drug-talk/](http://www.songforcharlie.org/the-new-drug-talk/)

 -Excellent resource re: SUD Stigma and language:

<https://www.recoveryanswers.org/addiction-ary/>

 -Kentucky Harm Reduction Summit: June 20, Louisville. For info: phoebe.wheelercrum@ky..gov.

 - Healing Communities Study continuing ed programs are now available at: <https://www.cecentral.com/kyopen>.

 -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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

 **\*\*Next Meeting: May 24, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department.**