



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Substance Abuse Advisory Commission

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
12:00 PM

Regular

Department of Public
Health and Human
Services
Training Room 1
1005 W. Worley St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lindner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Michelle Baumstark, Molly Lindner, Gary Smith, Danielle Mondloch, Bradford Noble and Vinita Khanna

Excused: 4 - Jennifer Roelands, Anne Eisenbeis, Christy Hutton and Chastity Haxton

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mondloch seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Attachments: [SAAC draft minutes 3-11-20.pdf](#)

IV. Election of Officers

Smith moved to approve the slate of officers as Linder serving as Chair, Smith as Vice Chair and Mondloch as Secretary. Baumstark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Alcohol Policy- Linder explained to the Commission the agreement the local bar owners in the CID came to as the pandemic hit regarding drink specials. She continued at the State level they are still discussing the allowance of to-go drinks. Hollis stated the Council person who requested the report for Door person training is no longer on the council but the report still needs to be completed by the commission. Linder stated she is now working with Partners in Prevention and will take responsibility for completing the report. Perkins stated with the pandemic and current health orders, DWI arrest times have shifted to earlier in the day. He continued they haven't been doing compliance checks, but after receiving a State grant they will be restarting underage drinking enforcement. Linder asked with the transient population in the downtown area increasing if CPD was doing enforcement of open container. Perkins stated he would will check on it. Linder stated Partners in Prevention is working on their MACHB survey. Hollis stated they have the sense that many of the college students plan to stay in Columbia this summer.

B. Opioids- Linder stated the DEA is now allowing fentanyl test strips to be distributed as many other substances contain fentanyl. She stated the next prescription take back day is April 24th. Traditionally MU and the Sheriff's department coordinate those events. She concluded Missouri has not yet passed legislation supporting a PDMP. Mondloch provided the numbers for SORE/STR overdoses specific to the Central region. January 2019 - September 2020 there was a 44% increase in opioid related overdoses, 52% increase in stimulant overdoses, and a 110% increase in the combination of the two.

C. Medical Marijuana- Linder stated dispensaries are opening and obtaining a medical card is becoming much easier. Perkins confirmed before a dispensary could open CPD and CFD had to inspect the site. Hollis stated if a dispensary sells edibles PHHS also has oversight. Linder stated most facilities were delayed on opening due to construction or leasing hold ups or troubles obtaining product. Hollis will see if he is able to get updates for the next meeting.

D. Vaping-Linder stated due to COVID there has been more awareness about smoking and vaping, and this has allowed for additional conversations about the negative effects of vaping. Baumstark stated CPS is not seeing a huge increase of vaping in the schools. Hollis stated PHHS is still doing compliance checks and enforcement has a part of the Tobacco 21 efforts.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. REPORTS

A. ADAPT-no one present to report

B. Youth Community Coalition (YC2)-no one present to report

C. Columbia Public Schools-Baumstark stated their efforts were affected by the pandemic and they plan to restart things this summer in time for the upcoming school year.

D. Staff Report-Hollis provided the commission with a brief report on the PHHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic. PHHS continues to serve as the incident commander and lead ESF-8 Health and Medical. Hollis continues to serve as the lead for ESF-6 Mass Care/Human Services and as the lead for donations management under ESF-7. Hollis stated anecdotally the department is seeing an uptick in mental health and substance use issues. From the mass care and human services side, Hollis has tried to increase access mental health services. Through the donations management they were able to help keep the nonprofit agencies afloat. Hollis said they were able to keep all homeless shelters and services open whereas many other communities saw closures. Hollis stated Sandi Miller on his staff has led the mental health response and has worked diligently to get good messaging out through traditional outlets, partners, and social media. Hollis said the County provided resources for mental health services for children and families through FACE. Hollis said homelessness is in a transitional state in which there are people experiencing homelessness who are new to Columbia and are unwilling to engage with street outreach. Hollis said youth homelessness resources have improved with the opening of Flourish, a transitional shelter for youth. Hollis said the City Council approved funding for a Public Safety Mental Health Collaboration program but he has been unable to hire a program supervisor due to the low rate of pay established by Human Resources. However, Hollis said the position is being upgraded and he hoping this will allow PHHS to find a candidate to build and lead the program. Hollis shared information about the Mental Health and Justice Collaboration to reduce the burden of mental illness on the justice system and individuals in our community. Hollis said they applied for and received a Justice Reinvestment Initiative Grant which will provide capacity building opportunities for our community. The initial meeting of the collaboration was held and the group agreed there is value in meeting and plans to continue convening. Next steps include virtual site visits to communities doing this work and hiring a consultant to guide our efforts moving forward.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

A. Noble asked if there was anything the commission could do to address the overdose issues. Mondloch and Linder provided specific resources such as Truth.org and PIP, and Baumstark explained the process in CPS uses to address drug use. Hollis stated the role of the commission is to make recommendations to council. Hollis said he mention this issue to Sandi Miller on his staff to see if she has any information about overdoses related to the pandemic.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 9, 2021

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Linder adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.