



Alliance for  
Substance  
Abuse  
Prevention

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## ASAP Coalition Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:00AM

### Attendance

Allison Kerr, YFA	Lisa Kern, Pasco County School Board
Art Rowand, PSO Dept	Lara Frazier, Springs Garden Detox
Beth Picora, CFBHN	Liana Dean, BCBH-CHAT
Benjamin Garland, TN24	Leslie Noland, GulfCoast Jewish Fam.
Bonni Snider, BCBH CHAT	Lisa Conca, Community Member
Brian McNulty	Lisa Kern, Pasco County School Board
Crystal Mallard, Footprints Beachside	Mark Mainardi, Turning Point of Tampa
Chrissie Parris, BCBH-CHAT	Melinda Velez, United Way of Pasco
Davis Farquharson-Eckerd	Michelle Emmereman, Court Admin
Despina Blow, FL DOH	Miguel Velazquez, Staywell
Donna Alford-NTBH	Missy Coyle, BCBH CHAT
Heather St. Amand, Organize Florida	Paula Green, Community Member
James Bowman, PSO	Paula Warner, Wellcare
Jenae Haddocks, Pasco DOH	Randy Holm, Juvenile Arbitraion 6th Court
Jeannine Timmins, MADD	Rochae Zwicharowski, TBSL
Jillian Uhl, PSO	Shnai Simmons, Inside Reach
Jo Dee Nicosia, CFBHN	Sharon Lanier, TN24
Jillian Grulich-North Tampa Behavioral Health	Sharon Schmidt, BCBH CHAT
Keith Bell Dr, BCBH CHAT	Sheri Maggilian, YFA
Kellie Walker, BCBH-CHAT	Summer Robertson, Congress Bilirakis
Kent Runyon, Novus Detox	Tiffany Nozicka, DCF
Lara Frazier, Springs Garden Detox	Tom Dunning, PAR
Liana Dean, BCBH-CHAT	Tonia Walden, DOH Pasco
Leslie Noland, GulfCoast Jewish Fam.	Tracie Entler, Gulfcoast Jewish Fam.
Lisa Conca, Community Member	Yvonne Rodgers, Narconon Suncoast

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- I. INTRODUCTIONS: Chrissie began the meeting at 10:05 AM. Groups were welcomed and introductions were done around the table. Minutes were passed as written, Paula Green and Randy Holmes approved.
- II. GUEST SPEAKERS: 211--- Melinda Valdez, Patty Sutton VP of community Impact- provided back ground of 211- under united way worldwide umbrella, 32 in Florida and been here since 1982 raised \$30 million UW supports over 50 programs, focus area- food shelter, financial stability, education, and Health. They discussed what is entailed with the hotline 211 also has an online directory and handles crisis calls. Melinda ask that the community partners please update information on the site. Patty Discussed Grants for community partners and process to apply for funding. Publix wells Fargo, and Sun trust are large contributing.

III. Group DISCUSSION -

Behavioral Health funding update by Monica and advised of the state budget cut. - Monica led the group discussion on “Why are we seeing a rise in alprazolam being listed as cause of death” Members suggested – doctors are more likely to prescribe, doctors are doing more surgeries and home health sees it given to patients after surgery, mixed with other sleep aids, suggested that there is more of a stigma attached to opiates than Xanax. Monica says its being over shadowed by the opiates and were not looking at the reality of how bad it is. It was discussed how difficult it is for people to come off of Xanax and there needs to me a long titration supervised by a doctor Doctors are more willing to prescribe Xanax vs. opiates. RX committee will brain storm and strategize ways to combat the Xanax movement.

COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- IV. ALCOHOL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE: This month did a focus group on males and what would be appealing to them that would decrease DUI within the targeted age group. Group picked from two posters and answered questions that would help to target male audience. Such as what would make you be a designated driver. The next focus group requesting more males to attend 30-50 age group and date to be determined.
- V. STAND UPDATE: NA
- VI. RX COMMITTEE UPDATE: Today ASAP recorded a PSA with youth to encourage people to dispose of their medications today. An east side town hall meeting relating to overdose prevention was requested and committee will look at this for possible 2018 event.

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- VII. Cannabis Awareness Committee: The committee changed the name to the cannabis awareness committee. The state law that came down last year and the county has decided that a dispensary can be open in Pasco, unless the county commission says it will be a dry county. NPR city council made rules where they would or would not want them to open but at this point they will no longer be valid – no moratorium.
- VIII. SEN: This committee is still working on a special project and it was taken to the PAR women and still working to complete project. It was stated that 85% of children are usually removed according to the dependency court and that babies are still showing up in our NICUs locally.
- IX. EVENTS: ASAP BUSINESS: ASAP Conference need people to register to get the numbers to provided food and space for the event! Register now. More registration is still needed. A few ASAP members went on local TV shows to promote the conference.
- X. Recovery Month Celebration- NOPE Candlelight Vigil is Oct 26 at the Verizon event center. The planning committee is underway and the vendors will be able to start setting up at 6pm. Many organizations seemed interested in being a vendor.
- XI. ROUNDTABLE
- XII. MEETING AJOURNED at 11:30 AM and then US Rep Bilirakis came to listen and talk to coalition about opioid use.

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