

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD**

Date: June 20, 2023

Present: Christi Hankins – Escambia County Senior Assistant Attorney
John Mathis
Catherine White
Irv Williams

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by Tina Arroyo – Assistant to the Board

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Approval of the minutes from May 8, 2023.

Motion: To approve the minutes from May 8, 2023
Made by: Dr. Irv Williams Seconded by: Cathy White
Disposition: Motion unanimously passes

Motion: To move Item 6 & 7 from the agenda
Made by: Cathy White Seconded by: Dr. Irv Williams
Disposition: Motion unanimously passes

4. Lakeview Representative – *Shawn Salamida* - I am president at Lakeview Center. Thank you for allowing us to join you today. I've spoken with Dr Williams several times about the history of Substance Abuse Prevention type services available for Children and Youth in our community so I'm here to answer any questions and speak a little bit to that. I have with me *Edna Williams* who I'm going to turn the mic over to momentarily who has a little a little bit more history with that than I do, having run our children's programs in the past, including Dart which was our residential substance abuse treatment program which was closed before I took the position at Lakeview. I've been in the position over Lakeview Center for almost four years and recognize the growing need for substance abuse interventions for youth. We have a broad range of programs for adults between our medication assisted treatment programs and our residential program road to recovery.

We have substance use disorder overlay in our adult long-term residential programs, so we have a pretty good Continuum. We recently added 10 bed addictions receiving facility or detox facility within the last few months, so we have a broad range for adults. When it comes to services for youth, we're much more limited. I do think it's an important conversation to have about the identified need for that in our community and how to identify some strategies. I am going to ask Edna Williams to come and speak a little bit more about the youth-oriented substance.

Lakeview Representative – Edna Williams – I was director of children's Behavior Health Services for probably about 20 years and then recently we restructured and so under me has Dart stands for **D**rug and **A**lcohol **A**dolescent **R**esidential **T**reatment. We had that program probably about 30 years or so, the program had about 16 to 20 teenagers that it served, all with an addiction diagnose. Most of those referrals were from our court system. About four years ago we made the decision to shutter that program basically because of lack of referrals and that is not unique across the State of Florida. We noticed that was something that was occurring to most of our substance abuse programs. Something that's currently missing right now in our community as far as treatment for substance abuse at Lakeview Center we have what we call our task treatment attorney to Street. CRIME is what it used to be, but it's now Safer Communities that is responsible for any youth that are in the DJJ system that have certain hits on substance abuse. They are responsible for doing the coronation and the assessment for all those youth. It was recently folded into our outpatient program when I had it. I had it separate because of the specific criteria that we needed to address substance abuse. We also have what I started probably three years ago which is our Trace program, it's an in-home intensive treatment program we applied. Dr Williams brought it to my attention a few years ago and the need then was to find a way to treat children adolescents that were at home but did not want or did not need the inpatient or the residential treatment portion and that is going very well. It has therapist case managers, a wraparound team that goes into homes that does intensive work and we do have what we call our fit team and Cape. Those teams are more geared towards our child welfare system to assist families that are going through our child welfare system from losing their kids or to gain their kids custody back because of substance abuse issue.

5. CDAC prevention and treatment needs and goals – Denise Manassa - As CDAC goes in our prevention committee, we had some recommendations that the executive director Alicia Scribner went over with me and so part of having those discussions with the Northwest Florida prevention committee, we also had a meeting with some treatment facilities where we could identify gaps where they also felt like the need for this community was. One of those was doing a larger opiate summit with National Speakers. CDAC did host a opiate Summit Saturday in Pace for the faith community and then CDAC is also hosting one at Sanders Beach on June 15th that is community based and we have a addictionologists speaking and Narcan training. Lakeview will be there doing that and some other life experience people, just to try and educate the community about what's going on in our community what resources we do have already established and how we can further identify gaps and we will be discussing gaps during those Summits as well the other one is bringing awareness via media campaigns. That was one of the things that they felt like needed to be more robust some of the committee members mentioned that in school youth identify the gaps of what our youth needs are. We do recognize that there is a treatment Gap, but where does it start? Does it start in high school? Does their substance use disorder start in Middle School? How do we recognize these adolescents need? Prior to that, where are their resiliency skills being developed and that's really where the prevention model comes in to play. one of the things we talk about is also supporting parents and offering more parenting classes. Right now I know CDAC offers free parenting classes. I'm not sure of anybody else in the community that does that. When we had a treatment meeting with treatment providers Lakeview was there, Baptist was there, some private treatment facilities were there as well, and we talked about how to again identify those gaps. One of the things that they also brought up is we don't have any youth inpatient treatment or outpatient treatment. I was able to identify one in Bonifay but that that is a faith-based one. There are two sober high schools where they do inpatient treatment the students also go to high school; We have two in Florida but nothing close so that's about where we're at with the adolescents.

6. New Business – *No New Business*

7. Adjourned - There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair John Mathis declared the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board adjourned.