



MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING
MAY 8, 2020 (VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM)

Date of Meeting:

MAY 8, 2020 2:00pm

Members Present: Cheryl Kerr, Joseph Smiley, Robert Neri, Mike Jalazo, Shadai Simmons, Dianne Clarke, Douglas Bonar, Lauralynn Segur, Susan Biszewski-Eber, Sara Sabourin, Donna Marley, Tony (Ellsworth) Williams, Debra Prewitt, Jill Guild, Will Atkinson, Sean King.

Members Excused: Donna Sicilian, April Torrengeante, Andrew Maurin, Jay Charboneau, Jonita Lewis, Karin Butterfield, LaDonna Butler, Kip Corriveau, Monica Brimm, Micki Thompson, Rae Chapman, Raul Catuy, Rayford Dennis, Ray Hensley.

Call to order: Cheryl Kerr & Dr. Dianne Clarke

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion Made by: Robert Neri

Seconded by: Lauralynn Segur

Program Updates: Cheryl provided an update on the Human Services program

- We continue to work on the proposal for the B.S. in Human Services
- The Fostering Achievement Program may have funding through Educate Tomorrow and the Helios Foundation. SPC is working on identifying a source to match the grant and provide a designated position to work with the young adults who aged out of foster care. Advisory Committee members are encouraged to join the Facebook group and participate in monthly network calls.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FloridaReach/>
- <https://www.positivepathwaysflorida.org/>
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Student Update: Shadia Simmons reported from the student perspective and how she is adjusting to the changes due to the pandemic. There are some challenges with courses going completely online but services and support available.

Career Outreach Specialist: Sara Sabourin shared information from the SPC Gibbs Career Outreach department. Currently they are working on planning virtual career fairs. They are also planning a spring event for PCS advisors and social workers "Career Connections Training" which the Human Services department will participate in.

Industry Updates & Discussion:

- Dr. Joseph Smiley gave a brief update on the state of the College. He shared that SPC has transitioned classes and services to online. For the summer semester all classes will be online. The College is working on a transition plan for the fall.
- Dr. Smiley also shared an update on the status of the B.S. in Human Services program proposal.
- Susan Biszewski-Eber (SPC Apprenticeship Program) shared an update on the Community Health Worker apprenticeship program that is being worked on.
- Mike Jalazo (PERC) stated that clients are showing up for services. PERC is doing a combination of telehealth and face to face service provision. They are also setting up with Zoom and their "Transition in Place" program.
- Tony Williams (Vets Counseling Vets) reported that they created their model from the V.A.
- 47% of veterans have families. 37% of veterans have children.
- Marilyn Browne (SPC) provided an update on the SPC Advisory Committee Taskforce. Cheryl and Bob Neri participate.

- Douglas Bonar (A Center for Wellness) shared his input on his work with domestic violence and his private practice.
- Dianne Clarke (Operation PAR) stated that they have not had any layoffs. They have ordered more Narcan kits. She spoke about the telehealth certificate through the Florida Certification Board. Dianne reported that overdose deaths for 2019 increased by 110 over 2018 (238 to 332).
- Overdoses are not declining. Marvin Coleman did a Facebook live event for Pinellas County Health & Human Services.
- AA and NA meetings are occurring outdoors with social distancing.
- Laurallyn Segur (Eckerd Connects) stated that all Case Managers are working from home. Removal rates have decreased. They are doing virtual walk-throughs and visits. They are having conference calls with the courts. Foster homes are always in need. Recruitment of foster homes has increased.
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Program Needs: Continued support from the industry to provide Co-Op/Internship sites and job placement for SPC Human Services students.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Next Meeting Scheduled: TBA

Cheryl Kerr

Secretary