

**Substance Abuse Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 27, 2017**

Attendees: Jenette O’Keefe (Co-chair), Suzanne Somerville, Wes Sanchez, Jim Mack, Steve Pottmyer, Adele McClure

Absent: Lonnie Ford, Shauna Alonge (co-chair), Len Fischer, Tom Walker, Shawn Buckner

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

I. Introductions – no new members

II. Co-chair report – Jenette

A. Update from Legislative Meeting

B. Review of Priorities that SA Committee identified

1. All agreed that the committee feels strongly about having a FTE who can help develop the Intensive Outpatient Program and manage the opioid crisis. Jenette reported that Deborah Warren indicated that this position is probable so it was agreed that this priority would be removed, assuming the position is approved. If not, this FTE will be the Committee’s top priority.
2. The Committee also felt very strongly about the need for training to ensure that all BHD clinicians are dual diagnosis capable. There was a discussion about having an assessment to determine clinicians’ skill/comfort level and developing training to build either MH or SA skills.
3. The committee endorses adding peer specialists to build on outreach, engagement and maintenance for people with substance use disorders.

III. Update from Substance Abuse Services – Suzanne

A. Discussed the Opioid Response

1. Gave an overview of AARI – the Stakeholders’ Group
2. Talked about the development of the priorities and goals to address opioids
3. Updated on the Narcan training – a train the trainer session will happen on 1/19/17 to build a group of trainers then ongoing community trainings will begin. They will be free and open to the community.

B. Gave update from programs

1. OBOT – the numbers are going up
2. Working on contracts with vendors for both VOA-C and Phoenix House.

IV. Update on Action Plan from the Program Evaluation – Suzanne

- A. Went over the goals/action plans that were set for the first six months. Overall, they are moving forward. Some examples of actions that have been done are: Website for opioids is active, outreach cards are printed and distributed to first responders, several educational programs have been had across the department and with stakeholders, Same Day Access started 11/27/17 which will resolve many of the access/intake issues, and VHC has allowed a representative from SA to go to the monthly ER meeting to look at frequent users who are seeking meds.

V. Review of Statistics

A. Overall, everything looks good.

.VI. Reviewed the upcoming schedule for the year.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, at Phoenix House/Neuvo Dia - 521 N. Quincy St. Arlington, VA 22203**

**Meet in the lobby at 7 p.m.**