

Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting Held on
June 26, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. | EpiCenter-Room 2-304, 13805 58th St. N., Clearwater

Present at Meeting:

Name	Attendee Type	In-Person
Bruce Bartlett	Board Member – State Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brittany Alipour	Alternate – Public Defender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sandnes Boulanger	Alternate-Operation PAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gayle Guidash	Alternate – Pinellas County Health Dept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adam Geissenberger	Board Member – Chair – Pinellas Park Police Dept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scott Matthews	Board Member – Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nick Cusumano	Alternate – Largo Police Dept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa DePaolo	Board Member – Pinellas County Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dawn Holcomb	Board Member – Dept of Corrections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tim Burns	Alternate – Pinellas County Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Webb	Alternate - JWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gabrielle Holland	Gulfcoast Legal Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nick Bridenback	Adult Drug Court – 6 th Circuit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quinn Cohen	Directions for Living	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Finn Kavanagn	Directions for Living	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeri Flanagan	Boley Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linda Wellborn	Westcare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Martin Bimler	Operation PAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tiffany Foster	Westcare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Reed	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Suzanne Gubler	MORE Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maggie Miles	Staff – SAAB Board Admin Assistant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yashira Gonzalez	Staff – Pinellas County Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Derrill McAteer	Staff – Pinellas County Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Artiaga	Staff – Pinellas County Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Carrillo	Staff – Pinellas County Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sara Gordils	Staff – Pinellas County Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board was called to order by Chair, Chief Adam Geissenberger at 1:00 p.m.

- a. Welcome & Introductions - Board members went around and introduced themselves.
- b. Public Comments - none

II. Old Business

- a. Approval of November 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes - A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bruce Bartlett, seconded by Scott Matthews. Passed unanimously.
- b. Adult Drug Court Quarterly Update – report provided in Board packet and update by Nick Bridenback, Director of Administrative Services – Specialty Court – Numbers are building from COVID over last 3 years, increase of 100 participants per year of new admissions. First quarter 526 active participants served. 188 new over that period. 54 graduates. Second quarter 512 active participants served. 92 new over that period. 217 new to program. 65 graduates. Built-up in past 3 years ago 500, following year 700 and last year now over 800 new participants on target to meet this year. Completing grant programs currently 2 active, one in an extension of outpatient services/supplement regular services, Aurora program trauma-based grant ends in September. Proposals in collaboration with other stakeholders for additional funding for next fiscal year.
- c. Juvenile Drug Court Quarterly Update – report provided in Board packet.

III. New Business

- a. New SAAB Board Members – Jim Miller – Operation PAR, Alternate Sandnes Boulanger – Operation PAR, John Cornett – Department of Children and Families. Approval at Fall meeting.
- b. SAAB Review Committee Grant Funding Recommendations – Sara Gordils walked through evaluation and scoring for each section. Consensus scoring among SAAB members was done.
 - i. For JAG-C Pinellas Park Police Department and Operation PAR applied, and recused from voting on their respective projects.

Boley Centers: Asking \$23,813. App Score = 100 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

Pinellas Park Police Department: Asking \$12,561.56. App Score = 100 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

WestCare Gulfcoast: Asking \$50,000.00. App Score = 100 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

MORE Health: Asking \$25,000. App Score = 97 - \$26,064.34 RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

HEP: Asking \$50,000. App Score = 96 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

Alpha House = Asking \$24,715.10. App Score = 92 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

Operation PAR: Asking \$56,600. App Score = 87 - RECOMMENDED FULL FUNDING

Arts Conservatory for Teens (ACT): Asking \$25,000. App Score = 70 – NO FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Prevention efforts to reduce involvement in criminal justice system. Other services in this arena already in the community. Scope well written, concern regarding gaps and unanswered questions were discussed. Application speaks to collaboration with Pinellas County School Board, however, school representative unaware of current efforts. Proposed outcomes and connection to impact. Limited information on administration of data collection and program impact to obtain measures. Baseline information absent on current performance. Project budget over \$300K, request from JAG is limited. Unclear on how requested investment impacts the larger program. Requested funding spread throughout program budget.

Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast: Asking \$50,000. App Score = 66 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Significant funding from other community partners

(including JWB) and pending Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding. Federal and State Priorities section well prepared. Inclusion of program goals and impact on directly stated program outcomes. Questions on method of data collection and administration. Need for ask unclear. Additional budget detail needed.

Brookwood: Asking \$15,000. App Score = 32– NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.

Discussion: Application speaks to funding needed to support insurance. Outstanding questions on reason behind specific problem being addressed by funding request. Strong narrative with regard to their specific program and services delivered and need, however, concerns noted on impact of the specific request for funding support. Outstanding questions on budget.

CASA: Asking \$12,500. App Score = 50 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Regarding need in the community and coordination with local agencies. Scope was clear. No statement of need and collaboration from the law enforcement agencies. Current training conducted by FDLE. What is the impact of investment beyond initial development? Lack of budget detail.

GulfCoast Legal: Asking \$10,018. App Score = 38 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.

Discussion: No clarification on stated need and connection to the application. Critical gap in Federal and State priorities.

Lifeline: Asking \$25,000. App Score = 52 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Nicely described and appropriate intervention. Possible concerns with duplication of services. Smaller in community and takes private insurance. Alignment and outstanding questions on implementation. Application missing detail on avoidance of duplication of services. Intent of services unclear. Question on actual ask \$25K vs \$96k, budget narrative would have assisted.

St. Petersburg Police Department: Asking \$24,451.15. App Score = 57 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Nature of ask for Tactical equipment. Limits of application including the singular nature of the ask. Application and applicability of utilization.

Tarpon Springs Police Department: Asking \$29,277. App Score = 56 – NO FUNDING RECOMMENDATION. **Discussion:** Nature of request and impact of need. Concerns on application of the request in the field and benefit. Only one unit; where is it housed, no clear data on when it recognizes new substance.

**EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT-COUNTYWIDE
(JAG-C) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023
AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$270,837.00**

APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
ALPHA House of Pinellas County	Parenting and Pregnant Life skills for self-sufficiency program	\$24,715.10
Boley Centers	Clinical Supervision for Intensive Case Management Services	\$23,813.00
City of Pinellas Park Police Department	Training Equipment for rifle magazines	\$12,561.56
Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP)	Emergency shelter and comprehensive support services for homeless	\$50,000.00
MORE Health	Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Program	\$26,064.34
Operation PAR	Patient care center program recreational equipment enhancements	\$56,600.00
WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida	Mustard Seed Inn Case Management	\$50,000.00
Justice Coordination	JAG Planning Grant Position	\$27,083.00
TOTAL		\$270,837.00

c. SAAB Board Award Recommendations Vote – Chief Adam Geissenberger

Member/Alternate	Motion	Second	Yay Vote	Nay Vote	Abstain
Bruce Bartlett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brittany Alipour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nick Cusumano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Adam Geissenberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scott Matthews	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandnes Boulanger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa DePaolo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tim Burns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Webb	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- i. FFY23-24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide (JAG-C)
 Motion made for rank and review is approved for the highest scores and the remaining \$1,064.34 left over will be offered first (2nd place after 3-way tie) and then go down the list of scores.

IV. Roundtable

Tim shared information regarding Opioid settlement funding. Over the next 18 years Pinellas County will be receiving \$90M. Input on priority area to maximize the funding mitigation impact. Currently, for the next 6-8 weeks Ernest & Young will be conducting GAP Analysis listening sessions at Neighborhood Family Centers; community feedback is important on input, priority areas, and community needs. An online survey is also available through mid-July. Maggie will forward the online survey link to the Board after the meeting. Drug court impact should be looked at. Information will be used to prepare a comprehensive GAP Analysis. A competitive process will occur after the GAP Analysis.

Trust Fund solicitation (\$35k) in August, bring back to Board afterwards. The annual meeting will be in the fall, date TBD.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Adam Geissenberger, seconded by Bruce Bartlett. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Maggie Miles, Pinellas County Human Services