

**Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board
Minutes**

Approved 08/21/2014

**June 27, 2013
10:00 A.M.**

**Harvey Government Center
1200 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL**

Board members/designees present:

Sylvia Murphy, County Commissioner

Major Tommy Taylor, Jail Administrator, Monroe County Detention Center, Chair

Rosemary Enright, Public Defender, Vice-Chair

Chief Kris DiGiovanni, City of Key Colony Beach

Catherine Vogel, State Attorney

Holly Elomina, Court Administrator

Amy Heavilin, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Jane Isherwood, Criminal Court Services Coordinator, Pretrial

Steve Torrence, for Chief Donnie Lee, Key West Police Department

Velia Castro, for Patricia Burns, Circuit Administrator, Probation and Parole

Larry Prescott, for Frank Rabbito, Director of Community Health Centers

Tamara Snider, Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Monroe County Sheriff's Department

Staff members present:

Tina Boan, Monroe County Budget Manager

Laura deLoach-Hartle, Monroe County Grants Administrator

The Chair, Major Taylor, noted the existence of a quorum, and the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 A.M.

Board members and staff members introduced themselves and disclosed any affiliations with applicants. Rosemary Enright noted her affiliation with Southernmost Homeless Assistance League (SHAL). Major Taylor noted his affiliation with SHAL. Larry Prescott noted his affiliation with Guidance Care Center.

Rosemary Enright made a motion to accept the minutes, Steve Torrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Chair and Vice-Chair were approved through affirmation of the minutes.

Laura deLoach-Hartle provided an update on the \$78,864 Byrne JAG funds available to Monroe County this year noting a reduction from prior year. She also provided information to the Board on the \$113,000 available in the Clerk's Drug Abuse Trust Fund. Laura informed the Board historically these funds had been used to supplement the Byrne JAG funding but it was at the Boards discretion as to how

much, if any, of the fund to use. She directed their attention to the Funding History information provided reflecting the Boards previous allocations of funding.

The Chair, Major Taylor, then called on each applicant to make a presentation and answer questions posed by the Board:

- Samuel's House, Mindy McKenzie: stated their request was to purchase drug testing strips since drug testing is a key element of their program. She indicated they spend approximately twelve thousand a year on drug testing. Rosemary Enright thanked Samuel's House for requesting less this year.
- Be the Change, Sunny Booker: shared they had lost a prevention coordinator this year. She informed the Board they were a grass roots organization with no high paid executives. Sunny Booker also stated no one else provides the services they provide. They need a Prevention Coordinator at both Key West High School and Horace O'Brian. They are unable to run without funding from the SAPAB. Steve Torrence asked how are they related to and do they work with the Alcohol Coalition and the Monroe County Coalition. Sunny Booker spoke to this and after clarification indicated they are not working with them.
- Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Stephen Braddock: discussed the alcohol, substance abuse and relapse prevention services they provide. He informed the Board their Emergency Solutions Grant of 104,000 had been reduced down to 76,000 and the Homeless Assistance Grant had been totally cut. Rosemary Enright noted this is the same application from last year.
- Heron Peacock, Rick Casey: spoke of the supported housing services they provide to the mentally ill and those with a history of substance abuse and incarceration. He shared they had also experienced a reduction in their funding. He explained the amount request is 30% of the salaries to serve this group of people in both Marathon and Key West. Kris DiGiovanni asked if they had beds available. Rick Casey responded the Heron is always full; they have some who transition in and out but they are replaced with new people coming in.
- Guidance Care Center, Maureen Kempa: discussed the Jail In House program for women housed at the Key West detention center including drug testing, adding evidence based programs, relapse prevention and focus on the clinical nature of the program. Steve Torrence asked about drug testing; why do they drug test and shouldn't the jail do the testing? A discussion on this item followed. Maureen Kempa clarified the drug testing was a part of the treatment program.

- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Keys Area, Dan Dombroski: discussed the SMART moves program and how it allows them to work with the kids in smaller groups and address and identify issues. A question was asked as to what time they start. Dan Dombroski indicated they try and start at seven in the morning.
- Southernmost Homeless Assistance League, G. Lee Skillington: discussed the mobile outreach van they operate for the City and how they have expanded services to address people leaving jail. He explained they provide transportation to treatment, bus tickets, and they help those coming out of jail obtain identification so they can get jobs and in some cases receive disability. They want to expand their services. Rosemary Enright noted this is the same application as last year.

To begin the funding process Sylvia Murphy made a motion to fund the applicants as follows:

FKOC	\$7,508
Samuel's House	\$5,000
Guidance Care Center	\$16,000
Heron Peacock	\$16,000
Be the Change	\$15,356
Boys and Girls Clubs	\$13,000
SHAL	\$6,000
	\$78,864

Steve Torrence seconded the motion for discussion. Dialogue followed regarding the proposed amounts. Laura deLoach-Hartle noted there needed to be a determination as to whether the Clerk's Drug Abuse Trust Fund was going to be used. Discussion followed regarding the current \$113,000 in DATF available and the Boards traditionally conservative use of the funds. Sylvia Murphy rescinded her motion and Steven Torrence rescinded his second to the motion.

Jane Isherwood made a motion to award funds to the following applicants from the two funding sources available in the amounts indicated as follows:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>BYRNE</u>	<u>DATF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FKOC	\$7,508	\$0	\$7,508
Samuel's House	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Guidance Care Center	\$27,040	\$0	\$27,040
Heron Peacock	\$17,276	\$0	\$17,276
Be the Change	\$27,040	\$0	\$27,040
Boys and Girls Clubs	\$0	\$14,260	\$14,260
SHAL	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
	\$78,864	\$25,260	\$104,124

Steve Torrence seconded the motion. Motion passed with Rosemary Enright voting no and Larry Prescott abstaining.

Rosemary Enright made a motion to proportionately distribute any excess or shortage of funds due to any changes made by the County Commission, FDLE, or applicant after SAPAB approval of recommendations for FY 2013-2014 Byrne funds. Sylvia Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Braddock of the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition addressed the Board to inquire of the three year funding limit which will impact them next year. Discussion amongst the Board followed.

Sylvia Murphy made a motion to add a year to the three year rule. Jane Isherwood seconded the motion and discussion ensued. Following discussion regarding the three year rule, the purpose of the rule and the fairness of the rule to all applicants, Sylvia Murphy rescinded her motion and Jane Isherwood rescinded her second to the motion.

Steve Torrence then made a motion to rescind the policy of the three year limit. Holly Elomina seconded the motion. The motion passed with Rosemary Enright opposed.

Rosemary Enright then expressed concern regarding the impact of changing the policy in light of the SAPAB having notified everyone the three year program funding limit and that applicants may have not applied this year and instead were waiting until next year to apply when the third year had been completed for several organizations. Rosemary then requested a County Attorney opinion on this issue.

The Chair, Major Taylor, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting of the Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board was adjourned.