

AUSAP Minutes for August 19, 2016

Meeting started at 3:12 pm

In person: Michael Odom, Kristi Versteeg and Jeff Smart

Phone: Debi Prisbrey, Teresa Burton, Angi Graff, Allison Howes, CJ Jones, Chasity Edwards, and Shawn McMillen.

Excused: Scott Young, Kristine Malters, Rodney Syms, and Ann Coburn.

Shawn began the meeting with a discussion concerning the July meeting minutes, Debi Prisbrey made a motion to accept, Kristy Versteeg second the motion, the motion carried. The June meeting minutes will be developed with the missing information, they will be posted once completed.

Shawn called for a discussion concerning the administrative duties and Michael Odom recused himself. It was brought to the attention that Rhonda Odom (Michael Odom wife) has been attending to many of the administrative duties without compensation. The 2016 financial budget allocated \$5,500.00 for administrative duties etc. Discussion was held concerning reimbursing Rhonda this year for certain duties. The discussion continued communicating a process as to how as an organization going about this, such as monthly, quarterly, and with the submission of invoices. Debi Prisbrey made a motion to formally compensate Rhonda Odom, following a specific detailed manner, but as an organization tabling how we will complete this process, Jeff Smart second the motion. Shawn McMillian will reach out to Rhonda and inform her we as an organization will reimburse her, but how we will accomplish this is still up for a deciding vote.

Discussion was held concerning the attached email from Janice Weinman at the DHS Office of Licensing, she is the Program Administrator. The email was a proposal informing us that their licensing work group has concluded and has formulated a draft definition of "Outpatient Treatment Program". The draft proposes a minimum standard for all outpatient treatment agencies. There are five specific areas of concerns, first to allow agents, contractors, individuals with a financial interest, or staff who are not licensed, certified, or authorized in accordance with Utah Code Title 58, Chapters 60 or 61, to either:

1. Provide direct client services, including case management, transportation, assessment, testing, education, or peer support services; or
2. Manage or direct program operations, including intake, admissions, or discharge; setting of fees; and hiring of staff.

Secondly, to offer outpatient treatment services to satisfy court requirements. Thirdly to require a DHS contract to be licensed for outpatient treatment. Fourthly, to provide services requiring DUI Education Certification or Justice Certification by the Division of Substance and Mental Health as authorized by 62a-15-103 and described in administrative rules: R523-4 and R523-11. And lastly, to refer clients to services that present a conflict of interest or provide an opportunity for abuse, neglect, harm, mistreatment, exploitation, or fraud by referring provider. Services may

include laboratory services, private probation, housing, employment, transportation, or travel. The initiative of this proposal was brought about because the Justice Reinvestment Initiative had concerns about standardized treatment, and the evidence of phantom clients being billed to insurance providers. It has been discovered that some individuals providing treatment to individuals with a substance-abuse and or mental health concern are flying under the radar, this proposal will protect the clients and the public by making individuals accountable. Jeff Smart made a motion to offer support to the DHS, we will continue to follow this with questions about the “housing” language and “life coaches” asking for clarification.

Discussion was held concerning the Fall Conference and the allocated scholarships that were offered by AUSAP. We as an organization offered 15, 11 were distributed with four remaining. Discussion was held concerning the remaining four, do we as an organization offer them one more time with a specific deadline. Michael Odom made a motion to offer them one more time with August 31, 2016 as our deadline, Jeff Smart second the motion. This announcement will be sent to our email list immediately.

Discussion was held concerning the annual membership meeting, which typically has been held during the Fall Conference on Wednesday, with AUSAP providing a box lunch. It was decided that we will continue on this path. We have 45 minutes to complete our meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the booth at the Fall Conference, it was decided that there will be board members participation at the booth during this conference. We as an organization will continue to encourage new members by providing our present with literature in hand.

Discussion was held concerning the fall conference and the membership meeting, last year we held the membership during the day during the lunch break. It was determined that this time worked well. The conference center has been notified of our request.

Discussion was held concerning Recovery Day around the state of Utah, Michael furnished the organization with a list of dates and asked for volunteers. They are: Southwestern (St. George) September 22, 2016, Weber County September 10, 2016, Utah County (Provo, Orem) September 10, 2016, Vernal City September 9-10, 2016, Davis County September 8, 2016, Carbon County September 9, 2016, Salt Lake September 10, 2016, Southeastern County September 27, 2016.

Shawn asked for a motion to dismiss Kristy Versteeg made a motion, Jeff Smart second the motion.

Meeting ended 4:01 pm.

Next meeting: Not discussed