

Human Services Advisory Council

Minutes

August 15, 2024

The Human Services Advisory Council met Thursday, August 15, 2024 at the Bluegrass Area Development District. Chair Judge Sarah Steele called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The following members were present:

Voting Members			
Anderson County <i>Ann Evans</i>	Bourbon County	Boyle County	Clark County Tish Shupe
Estill County	Fayette County Sandy Shafer	Franklin County	Garrard County <i>Jamie Hester</i>
Harrison County	Jessamine County	Lincoln County	Madison County Melissa Gross
Mercer County <i>Judge Sarah Steele</i>	Nicholas County	Powell County	Scott County Michele Carlisle Karyn Leverenz Kandice Whitehouse
Woodford County	At-Large		
Non-Voting Members			
Staff		Guests	
David Duttlinger		<i>Glen Lord, Peer Support Community Partners</i>	
Sarah Eldridge		<i>Carrie McFadden, Peer Support Community Partners</i>	
Kelly Rode		<i>Laura Vargas, Peer Support Community Partners</i>	

**Denotes attendance via video conference.*

Approval of Minutes

Judge Steele brought the minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting to the board for approval. Melissa Gross made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tish Shupe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Opioid Settlement Discussion

Judge Sarah Steele welcomed representatives from Peer Support Community Partners to the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to present to the group.

Glen Lord presented an overview on Peer Support Community Partners' services. The organization has helped several jurisdiction across the country with the effects of the opioid crisis. While they operate several programs, the group detailed the SADOD (Support After A Death By Overdose) program. The SADOD program:

SADOD provides resources, information, and assistance to people throughout Massachusetts who have been affected by the death of someone they care about from a substance-use-related cause. Our focus is on increasing the capacity and effectiveness of peer grief support for bereaved people, direct service providers, and people in recovery or struggling with drug use.

A lengthy conversation ensued about how this program could operate in our region.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Melissa Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. The motion was seconded by Karyn Leverenz. The motion carried.