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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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Call to Order

The three hundred and tenth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Public Member Gregg Benson.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Mr. Benson announced that notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21).

Roll Call

Katelyn Assenheimer called the roll. Members present and absent were noted for the record. Gregg Benson informed the Council that this meeting would be held for informational purposes only due to the lack of quorum.

Presentation – "Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral Treatment (SBIRT) Overview"

Donald Hallcom, Ph.D., Director of Prevention and Early Intervention within the Department of Human Services, gave an overview of the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral Treatment (SBIRT) evidence-based practice that is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA). The New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services was awarded this five year cooperative agreement in 2012 and also partners with the Henry J. Austin Federally Qualified Health Center in Trenton.

The purpose of this SBIRT program is to expand and enhance the existing continuum of care by integrating evidence-based services as well as form community partnerships and help expand access to quality healthcare. The model consists of three major components. A healthcare professional will first screen a patient for risky substance use behaviors using standardized screening tools. A brief intervention then occurs and the patient is given feedback as well as advice as to how to proceed into treatment. The patient is then provided with a direct referral to additional treatment services if needed.

An electronic medical record maintains the information pertaining to the collection and management of the data as well as clinic and other health related information for each patient that is screened. Each patient is also required to return for a six month follow up visit. To date, 38,500 individuals have been pre-screened.

Council Business

International Overdose Awareness Day Resolution

Due to lack of quorum, Acting Executive Director Celina Levy held off the reading of the resolution recognizing August 31st as International Overdose Awareness Day. This resolution will be read and voted on at next month's meeting.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy shared that she and Deputy Director Rebecca Alfaro have begun preliminary work on creating a protocol and process for the development of the GCADA Master Plan. The goal is for the Master Plan to be a collaborative and meaningful document that will bring Council members, the Alliance program and other stakeholders into the process. More information will be provided in the fall.

The Recovery Rally will be taking place on September 17th at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds.

Ms. Levy also thanked the Council members for their support as well as County Alliance Coordinators for their efforts in the ongoing improvement process.

Adjournment

Public Member Gregg Benson adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.