



Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

Director's Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCC)

Date: June 25, 2018 (FY18 Fourth Quarter Report)

BCC: Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council (AODAAC)

BCC Representative: Elyse Grossman, Chair

During FY 2018, AODAAC had three priorities: 1) to continue to advocate for adequate funding for alcohol and drug prevention and treatment programs; 2) to continue to work with Montgomery County public and private schools to educate students, parents, and teachers about alcohol and drugs using evidence-based curricula; and 3) to continue to educate Montgomery County residents about the harms of abusing both alcohol and drugs and work to decrease the ubiquity of these products in our County. AODAAC has continued to work towards achieving each of these three priorities throughout FY 2018.

Since the March 2018 Quarterly Leadership Meeting, AODAAC has had three meetings. In April, the AODAAC meeting included a discussion about the Montgomery County's Opioid Intervention Team – including its role, set-up, and findings so far – and a report by Dr. Raymond Crowel on the BHCS budget.

The May 2018 meeting was a collaborative spring forum entitled "Stigma to Strength" and co-sponsored by AODAAC, the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC), Recovery Partners Montgomery, Tree of Hope Association and Peer2Peer Recovery Services, Inc. In addition to several resource tables, there were two Keynote Speakers and a Panel discussion. The two Keynote Speakers were Daphne Klein (the Executive Director of On Our Own Montgomery County, Registered Peer Supervisor, Board Member of the Behavioral-Health Professional Certification Board, and an Advanced Level WRAP Facilitator) and Denise Camp (WRAP Out-Reach Project Coordinator and Training Specialist, On Our Own of Maryland, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist, and Vice President of Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-Health Professionals Certification Board). The panel included representatives from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Montgomery County Police Department, the Mental Health Court, AODAAC, and MHAC.

In our June 2018 meeting, and after months of deliberation, AODAAC approved two letters addressed to County Executive Isiah Leggett. The first was a statement regarding the possibility of a Montgomery County Recovery School, and the second was a statement regarding the inadequacy of the county's strategy and leadership for addressing the current addiction crisis. AODAAC also elected a new Executive Committee comprised of a Chair and two Co-Vice Chairs and efforts were discussed to recruit new members to fill any current vacancies.