

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008 5 – 7 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams  
Trey Dunia  
Marvin Mars  
Edi Patrick  
Dr. Bruce Oppenheim

## MEMBERS ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola  
Donna Newman-Fields  
Kelly Elder  
Angela Avery  
Cathleen Wolford

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Cheryle Stanley, WRS  
Tanya Sarcos, SRTP  
Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Dana Alvarez, CHD  
Tom Heckman

Called to order at 5:10 pm, by Trey Dunia

### **I. Public Comment**

- Tanya Sarcos announced that SRTP has become CAAR accredited for three years. Tanya has been promoted to Assistant to the Director and will be tasked with working towards another 3-year accreditation.
- Dr. Bruce Oppenheim made his first appearance as a new board member representing district 2. He is a retired chiropractor from the LA area.

### **II. Action Items**

- November minutes approved.

### **III. Drug Free Babies Presentation**

- The Drug Free Babies Program began with pilot funding from First Five. The California Endowment then provided funding for three years to take the perinatal system of care countywide. One program goal is to increase perinatal treatment capacity by 25%. To meet that goal, an advocacy work group has written "Helping Mothers, Saving Babies" to document the need and benefits of perinatal treatment. The report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on February 26. The program would like the advisory board to consider endorsing the report and sending a representatives to the February 26 BOS Meeting. Board members will review the report and take action in February.

#### **IV. SACPA (Prop 36) Update**

- The SACPA Steering Committee met today with the Governor's budget as the main topic. SACPA and OTP will have a 10% reduction. Our best guess is that in the 08/09 budget Sonoma County will be reduced by:
  - \$145,000 in SACPA funding
  - \$45,000 OTP funding
  - \$250,000 delayed reduction from Fiscal Year 06/07.

In addition to the reductions in 08/09, there will be funding cuts to this year's budget, effective in March:

- \$50,000 in SACPA funding
  - \$15,000 in OTP funding
- The SACPA program is undergoing some change – Debbie Pope will be an on-site supervisor/manager. The staff will be redirected to keep a focus on treatment.
  - The state legislative analyst office has reviewed the NORA initiative. The bottom line is that the initiative is expected to cost the state \$1 billion per year, with expected savings of \$1 billion per year for reduced prison and parole operation costs. There is also one-time expected \$2.5 billion savings in capital outlay for prison expansion. Further information can be accessed at <http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2007/070843.pdf>

#### **V. Subcommittee Reports**

- Policy Development: none
- Community Education: They will be meeting next week to make a presentation to Friends House. Marvin had a meeting with Ruth Lincoln; Ruth is facilitating collaboration with other organizations to move forward on Older Adult education projects. There is the possibility of another Older Adult and Alcohol workshop; Raibon Saip will be meeting with the Council on Aging to discuss co-sponsorship.

#### **VI. Prevention Division Update**

Methamphetamine Task Force: For the next meeting they are focusing on data collection, interviewing 15 key stakeholders and holding eight to ten focus groups. Emerging trends will be highlighted at future meetings. Cathleen Wolford is mapping treatment options.

- Environmental Prevention coalition: The coalition is looking to reduce underage drinking through sustainable changes in our communities. The coalition is working on clarifying focus, agenda building and member recruitment. Communities involved include Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Windsor, Healdsburg, Sonoma, Guerneville, Santa Rosa and Sonoma State University.

- Needle exchange: 1/29/08 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. The needle exchange program provided by DAAC has expanded to include services in west county. In 2007, the program provided 165,000 clean needles in exchange for used syringes. A minimum of 45 participants have been documented as seeking drug treatment as a result of their interface with the needle exchange program.
- The pharmacy pilot program has not met expectation in terms of pharmacy engagement, utilization, and/or sustainability. The cost of management and disposal has caused a number of pharmacy's to terminate their participation in the program. .
- DHS is working with the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency in the development of a hazardous waste disposal plan that would provide options for the appropriate disposal of used syringes.

#### **VII. AODS Division Update**

- The governor's budget decrees a 10% reduction across the board. The reductions affect every AODS program except for the Parolee Services Network. Drug Medi-cal rates are being reduced, Perinatal funds are reduced statewide. The budget was reworked to restore entitlements, resulting in no reduction for the Cal Works program. The county budget instructions indicated there would be no COLA. Preliminary estimates place AODS \$1 million outside of baseline before the 10% spending cuts.

#### **IV. Roundtable Discussion**

WRS: They have four new pregnant women in the facility. Eleven other women with six kids are on site. All are high risk. The program mainly uses Sutter for Perinatal services.

DAAC: Turning Point/Arrowood is being landscaped using "cash for grass" funds from the city to install a sand volleyball court. DAAC is looking to expand the Perinatal program, last year they had to turn away twenty-five women.

Tom Heckman: A community member who is interested in participation on the board. He found out about the board while researching for a potential job in AODS.

SRTP: SRTP has become CAAR accredited for three years. Tanya will be training to prepare documentation to keep the accreditation in place in the future.

Dr. Bruce Oppenheim: His interest in the board came about after seeing an advertisement in the newspaper.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2008  
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