

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2007 5 – 7 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia,
John Abrahams
Edi Patrick
Ann McGowen
Marvin Mars

Members Absent

Joan Marsala

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Maureen Donaghue
Bridgett Claussen
Ellen Bauer
Donna Newman-Fields

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Cherlye Stanley, WRS
Michael Spielman

Called to order at 5:11 pm

Recorder: Bridgett Claussen

I. Public Comment

None

II. Action Items

January minutes modified.

III. SACPA (Prop 36) Updates

SACPA Budget Changes

The major budget changes consist of the following: \$35 million General Fund (GF) increase for the expansion of the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (OTP) to allow for the implementation of reforms that will lead to improved program performance and client outcomes.

A 60 million decrease to the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) due to the suspension of reforms. The budget changes related to SACPA and OTP result in a GF savings of \$25 million on a one-time basis. In addition, \$9.8 million GF will increase due to Drug Medic-Cal caseload and rate changes, with a corresponding \$ 5.5 million in reimbursements from the Department of Health Services federal funds.

The proposed budget reduces FY 07-08 Proposition 36 funding by \$60 million and utilizes this funding to provide an increase of \$35 million to the OTP and savings of \$25 million on a one-time basis.

The 30 percent cap has been removed in the Trailer Bill Language for the FY 07/08 Governor's Budget. Trailer Bill Language for the FY 07/08 Governor's Budget removed the restriction on administrative cost, but provides ADP authority to limit administrative cost.

ADP may require a limitation on the expenditure of funds for services other than direct treatment cost, as a condition of receipt of program funds. The OTP program will become permanent.

Native American Services

Julie has a meeting scheduled with Paul Lowry to discuss the SACPA program operations and requirements, including reporting. Further discussion needed and on going. Unallocated county base SACPA funds will continue to be on hold until further discussions with the Native American Community.

Program and client statistics

January Referrals from Court are up. The Sonoma County Superior Court referred 66 perspective participants to SACPA. The SACPA staff completed 64 intakes and 63 assessments for the month of January.

IV. Subcommittee Discussion

Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

None.

Community Education Subcommittee

None

V. Prevention Division Report

Project Alert

Project Alert is a middle school curriculum that focuses on making good choices regarding marijuana, alcohol and inhalants. A teacher training was held February 6 at the Sonoma County Office of Education. Prevention and planning reimbursed school districts for 22 substitute teachers making it easier for the teachers to attend. Based on the California Healthy Kids Survey, there is a jump in use of marijuana, alcohol and inhalants between the 7th and 9th grades, and so this middle school age group is a

prime target audience for this curriculum. Tom Newell from AODS did a lunchtime presentation on methamphetamine use in the county and how it relates to this age group. His presentation was well received.

VI. AODS Division Update

The Governor's Proposed Budget

The SACPA portion of the budget is covered above. Additionally, the proposed budget includes an increase of 29 positions in support of the expansion of the Offender Treatment Program (OTP) and CDCI programs, licensing workload increases, methamphetamine prevention activities, and integrated services for person with co-occurring disorders.

Sutter Hospital to close by the end of 2007

Updated members on the Roundtables and Public hearings conducted by DHS on the Sutter matter. Sutter as the AODS medical back up in the health access agreement, presents problems for our clients and their medical needs. Further discussions took place regarding the impact on our contract providers clients need for medical services typically received from Sutter.

Substance Abuse and Misuse in Older Adults

The County of Sonoma Department of Health Services invites you to a community education workshop. Older Adults; addressing the misuse of alcohol, medications and other drugs, Thursday, April 5, 2007. Pre-registration required by March 30, 2007 for CEU credit. RSVP by April 3, 2007 for all other participants. Please contact Donna Newman-Fields, Department of Health Services, Prevention and Planning Division. 707-565-6617 or email: [dfields@ Sonoma-county.org](mailto:dfields@Sonoma-county.org)

VII. Roundtable Discussion

AODS: The Advisory Board agreed it would be helpful if one or two members attended a video training class. Currently, one board member is registered for the training.

DAAC: Is having some difficulties filling positions.

Athena House is full and doing well.

Orenda: County of Sonoma, Department of Health Services, Orenda
Center Residential Treatment Programs Graduation Ceremony : March 2,
2007.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: March 24, 2007
1250 Coddington Center
Room "F"
Santa Rosa, CA 95401