

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2007 5 – 7 pm

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia,  
John Abrahams  
Edi Patrick  
Marvin Mars

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne McGowen  
Joan Marsala

## STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola  
Barbara Graves  
Maureen Donaghue  
Donna Newman-Fields

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Lynn Campanario, DAAC  
Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Tanya Sarcos, SRTP  
Frank Orlando, SRTP  
Jenna McAdam, Athena House  
Cheryle Stanley, WRS

Called to order at 5:04 pm

### **I. Public Comment**

None

### **II. Action Items**

- March minutes approved.
- Narcotics Treatment Programs: Annual License Renewals recommended for SRTP and REAP. Both programs gave presentations about their respective services and clientele.
- Letter on Rohnert Park casino EIR: approved with minor edits.

### **III. SACPA (Prop 36) Updates**

Still no allocation. ADP has directed counties to plan, while waiting for the Budget Act, using 1 of 3 scenarios: assume level funding (\$120m SACPA, \$25m OTP) ; assume \$60m SACPA, \$60m OTP or; assume \$120m OTP. ADP has also delayed the due dates of required SACPA plan and OTP application.

The UCLA evaluation study is now published. Not much different from the last three reports: if appropriate treatment were to be available, State would need \$230m to fully fund. This is consistent with an estimate garnered from an unmet needs survey conducted Statewide, independent of the UCLA study.

An LA Times article focused on one aspect of the study and supported the idea that SACPA should become more like a drug court model (ie, sanctions in place). Sacramento media carries SACPA proponents' argument that sanctions are not needed for the program to work.

Locally, current projections are for an unacceptable carry-over dollar amount. Providers and staff met on April 18<sup>th</sup> to plan for appropriate expenditures, including a late-notice increase of about \$46,000. The goal is to carry over no more than \$80-100k. Referral rate should reach the anticipated target.

The Court Room 15 remodel completed, logistics worked out with security officers and Intake Counselor is conducting 2 to 3 intakes each court session.

#### **IV. Prevention Division Update** Methamphetamine Prevention Proposal

DHS submitted a proposal to The California Endowment for funds to support a year-long planning process to expand the County's current Methamphetamine Workgroup and develop a comprehensive prevention plan. The California Endowment will fund Sonoma and Butte counties to conduct a planning process. The local plan includes work to enhance school-based prevention programming, increase access to methamphetamine treatment, improve meth-related data collection and analysis and a variety of other prevention initiatives. The grant request is for \$150,000. A response from the Endowment is expected within two months. With a special focus on best practices and capacity building, the process will include expanding the existing workgroup to create formal seats for an AODS Board member, treatment providers and consultants such as Cora Guy, former Department Head of Adult and Youth Probation.

#### Alcohol and Older Adults Work Group

The April 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop was a success. 58 persons attended, and 17 tables with reps from individual agencies, hospitals and other social services resources were available. Evaluations were positive overall, and will be discussed at the next workgroup meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Members discussed the possibility of including the video of this event on the AODS website.

#### Strategic Planning for AOD Prevention

The RFP process soliciting proposals for environmental prevention work is concluded, and proposals are being reviewed.

#### Sonoma County Community Partnership to Reduce Binge Drinking-Related Problems in South Sonoma County

Rohnert Park Coalition: working on the Alcohol Beverage Sales (ABS) Ordinance designed to prevent and reduce public health and safety problems created by alcohol outlets, both on-sale (bars, restaurants, etc.) and off-sale (markets, supermarkets, drug stores, etc.). The four parts of the ordinance include: a use permit process; standards of operation for new and existing outlets; the requirement of Responsible Beverage Service Training (RBS) for all alcohol outlet personnel; and an annual fee to fund the RBS training and law enforcement compliance checks. This ordinance will be presented to the Rohnert Park City Council on April 24, 6pm.

Petaluma Coalition: working on an Alcohol and Beverage Sales Ordinance which includes mandatory RBS training; operational standards which include expectations that the outlet will not adversely affect the health and safety of the local community; the outlet will not contribute to nuisance activities, such as disturbances of the peace, public drinking and inebriation, and property destruction; and an annual fee to fund the RBS trainings and law enforcement compliance checks. Petaluma will be presenting this ordinance to the Petaluma City Council in May or June. Representation by Board members is encouraged at the respective Petaluma and Rohnert Park City Council meetings.

The Division is working with AODS to identify gaps in services for adolescents. Diversion programs in place need to be clear about where and how to refer for treatment.

#### **V. AODS Division Update**

The Division is beginning some staff transition planning and recruitment for a DUI Program manager.

The no-tobacco policy regarding clients and employees at Orenda Center will begin implementation on 5/1.

#### **VI. Roundtable Discussion**

Members: Discussion regarding an information table at the Downtown Market. Staff researched requirements. Discussion ensued around possible use of the last two weeks of the market to recruit for 'Recovery Happens'. Will continue discussion at the May meeting.

Also discussed: legislation sponsored by the League of Cities that could impact residential and transitional facilities; Starting Point alumni

celebration; Board of Supervisors Resolutions thanking both John Abrahams and Gino for their contributions.

WRS: Federal site visit went well, despite simultaneously occurring unanticipated client issues. Also reviewed on this visit that focused on the State's monitoring of County programs funded via Block Grant, were DAAC HIV services, SRTP Drug Medi-Cal methadone program and county AODS administration.

DAAC: All programs doing well—Arrowood is at capacity, and SASCA referrals also at capacity. A problem remains with staff recruitment issues. A proposal regarding staff sharing has been discussed at the Provider meeting. AODS staff will assist with draft parameters for implementing this proposed idea.

ATHENA HOUSE: Program is full, also short staffed. A transition house is almost ready to open.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2007  
1250 Coddington Center  
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