

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2007 5 – 7 pm

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann McGowen  
Joan Marsala  
Edi Patrick  
Marvin Mars

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Trey Dunia  
John Abrahams

## STAFF PRESENT

Barbara Graves  
Maureen Donaghue  
Kerry Sheehan

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Jenna McAdam, Athena House  
Cheryle Stanley, WRS  
James Marsala

Called to order at 5:15 pm, by Marvin Mars

### **I. Public Comment**

None

### **II. Action Items**

April minutes approved.

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

Governor's 'May revise' includes the expected option of \$60m SACPA, \$60m OTP. Operations are not expected to change. When the budget is final, local plan and application for funds will be due. This total is short of the amount estimated to fully fund statewide. CADPAAC and hopefully ADP will be carrying this message to the legislature.

Locally, the 'spend down' plan is in action, goal is to have no more than 5% carry-over. Additional ancillary activities include day-long "wellness faire" matrix curriculum, ropes course. State carry-over estimate figures may be inflated, as some counties are delayed in invoicing.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Reports**

##### **--Policy Development**

None

##### **--Community Education**

The Older Adult workgroup will meet this month to discuss targeting a wider range of professionals for the next workshop, also to revisit the goals and objectives and workplan of the group, and continue work on the resource list and brochure. Marvin is meeting with Supervisor Kerns tomorrow, to discuss this issue.

Discussion arose regarding a 'Drugfree Workplace' initiative, that could be as simple as letter from the Board to the County's large employers.

Prevention and Planning staff will assist with a draft letter and procuring an employer list.

The date for the Petaluma City Council meeting, at which the Alcohol and Beverage Sales Ordinance will be discussed, has not yet been calendared. The Rohnert Park City Council passed the Alcohol Beverage ordinance on May 8<sup>th</sup>, with a 4-1 vote.

#### **V. Prevention Division Update**

Five agencies are being recommended for funds to create new community coalitions to work on environmental prevention strategies in Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Windsor, Guerneville and Sonoma. The coalitions in Petaluma and Rohnert Park will continue. Also, two new Youth leadership groups (Friday Night Live for high school and Club Live for middle school) will be funded in Santa Rosa and Guerneville, and will join in environmental prevention efforts.

#### **VI. AODS Division Update**

Licensing/certification fees for nonprofit and county treatment agencies are being proposed. Also, certification for non-residential is no longer voluntary, so all providers will pay a fee.

The AODS Division proposed budget goes to the Board of Supervisors on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Medi-Cal rates will increase this next fiscal year, but exact rate increases are not yet known.

Consultants are working to examine alternatives to jail and local systems of referral to drug treatment. Providers have received surveys regarding their program systems and capacities.

A workforce survey conducted by ADP, CADPAAC, and CADAAC will be distributed soon state wide, in an attempt to inform the impact that counselor certification is having on the workforce and succession planning

for the field. Providers are strongly encouraged to have staff complete the survey. Discussion ensued regarding certification requirements.

AODS is recruiting for administrative positions.

Orenda has been tobacco-free for 3 weeks (!).

An announcement regarding a June 21<sup>st</sup> conference in San Francisco on Substance Abuse and Older Adults was handed out.

## **VII. Roundtable Discussion**

Discussion about a presence at the Downtown Market during Recovery Happens week.

DAAC- flyers for the September 18<sup>th</sup> 'Methamphetamine and Co-Occurring Disorders Workshop' were handed out. County of Sonoma Human Services Department will be a new sponsor this year.

WRS, Athena House and DAAC Turning Point are all at capacity.

Meeting Adjourned 5:58 pm.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2007  
1250 Coddington Center  
Room "F"  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401