

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2009

5 – 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia
Don Cobb
John Abrahams
Kevin McConnell
Edi Patrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marvin Mars
John Lloyd

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola, AODS
Maureen Donaghue, AODS
Angela Avery, AODS

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

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

Called to order at 5:05 pm, by Trey Dunia

I. Public Comment

- ◆ None

II. Action Items

Minutes: April minutes approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm to allow Advisory Board members to attend the DUI Court Graduation scheduled at 5:30pm in Courtroom 15.

Meeting reconvened at 6:40pm

II. Action Items (continued)

Budget Recommendations for FY2009-2010: The county budget will be finalized during the June budget hearings, scheduled for the first week of June. Health and Human services are scheduled on June 1st in the afternoon.

Based on the election last night, the Governor's May revise of the state budget eliminates funding for SACPA. There is a conference call with ADP tomorrow to discuss SACPA. Technically, the state has a signed budget - the state will continue to do business based on the signed budget until the legislature takes action. The SACPA Plan and OTP Application were sent to ADP today.

We may need to stop referrals to SACPA now, to avoid having to cut short the 90-day program for affected clients. We are meeting and making contingency plans.

Other proposals in the May revise include taking 8% of county property tax revenue and reductions to In Home Support Services.

The sentencing law implemented in Prop 36 (SACPA) will stay on the books. The voter initiative had funding for treatment capped at five years. The county generally does not backfill state funding – it is a possibility that the SACPA treatment program will end on July 1st.

The law restricts who can be in the SACPA treatment program. There will be no compliance with treatment timelines if treatment funding is eliminated. It is questioned whether counties will be held responsible for funding SACPA treatment at the expense of other AOD treatment.

Without SACPA funding, the courts will not have information from Probation or Treatment on client progress. There will be no monitoring of the clients. Some have questioned whether it makes sense to have a dedicated court for SACPA. If Sonoma County goes in that direction, the cases may filter into ECR and misdemeanor courts.

There is a possibility that Prop 36 backers may bring forth another proposition with treatment funding included.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2009
Prevention & Planning conference room - 490 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403