

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2007 5 – 7 pm

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne McGowan  
Trey Dunia  
Edi Patrick  
Marvin Mars

## MEMBERS ABSENT

John Abrahams

## STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola  
Maureen Donaghue  
Donna Newman-Fields

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Kendra Berry, Interfaith Shelter  
Cheryle Stanley, WRS  
Dana Alvarez, CHD

Called to order at 5:07 pm, by Trey Dunia

### **I. Public Comment**

Interfaith shelter representative was welcomed as a guest.

Joan Marsala has resigned from the Board.

### **II. Action Items**

June minutes approved.

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

Since there is still no State budget, the allocation is still unclear, but \$165M for SACPA statewide is anticipated. The State budget has a \$2B deficit, overall.

One area of concern locally is that the client 'no show' rate continues to increase. This issue will be scrutinized at the SACPA public hearing on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **IV. Subcommittee Reports**

-Policy Development: none

-Community Education:

The 'Seniors and AOD' meeting will be held on 7/25, 11am – 12:30 pm at Prevention and Planning, 475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA.

A draft letter to employers informing them about the 2007 'Drug-Free Work Week' was discussed. The letter will go out in September. The possibility of following the letter with appearances at some worksites was raised.

## **V. Prevention Division Update**

### SDFSC Application

Application submitted on July 13<sup>th</sup> to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for \$1.1 million over 5 years to implement the Project SUCCESS model program in the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District. Project SUCCESS prevents and reduces substance abuse among high-risk adolescents by placing highly trained professionals in schools to provide a full range of substance use prevention and early intervention services to identify and help youth who are at high risk for developing alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems.

By implementing Project SUCCESS in Cotati-Rohnert Park high schools, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services and its partners seek to strengthen the available continuum of services for high-risk youth and enhance referrals by schools and other youth-serving agencies to state certified adolescent alcohol and other drug treatment.

Awards will be announced August 31, 2007.

### Methamphetamine Prevention Planning Task Force

Concerned about the impacts of methamphetamine problems on children, families and the community-at-large, the County Board of Supervisors requested that staff develop a report on methamphetamine's impacts on public health and safety and public service systems and include information on best practices in prevention and treatment. The County Administrator asked the Department of Health Services to lead the process by bringing together a multidisciplinary workgroup to gather relevant data, conduct analysis and prepare a report for the Board. The Methamphetamine Workgroup was formed in March 2006 and includes representatives from the sheriff, public defender, district attorney, probation, alcohol and other drug treatment, and prevention.

Last July the Workgroup brought its report to the Board. Following submission of the report, the Workgroup continued to meet regularly, with leadership provided by Health Services, to begin development of a methamphetamine prevention plan. In January 2007, the workgroup finalized an outline for a comprehensive prevention plan and began the process of looking for resources to support this effort. The Department

was invited by the California Endowment to apply for resources to support this planning process, and in March 2007 submitted a formal application to the California Endowment for a Methamphetamine Prevention Planning Project, requesting \$150,000 for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. Awards will be announced next week.

**VI. AODS Division Update**

The local 'Recovery Happens' celebration will occur on September 16<sup>th</sup>. A catered picnic, activities for kids, and a softball tournament will be held at Franklin Park in Santa Rosa. Board members are welcome to attend. Earlier in the month of September, the treatment provider network will be present at the annual rally in Sacramento.

**VII. Roundtable Discussion**

The August AOD Board meeting is postponed. Next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

CHD Outpatient programs are at capacity. The Alternative Healing Day was not well attended. Clients who did go had a great experience. Discussion about holding another, mandatory workshop perhaps at a different time of day, and/or in a different location ensued.

WRS

Interfaith Shelter

Board members discussed concern at the pedestrian traffic in Cotati when the bars around the downtown close. Also, a book by Dr. Graser 'A New Prescription for Addiction' was discussed.

This month's meeting on AOD and Older Adults has been postponed. Marvin met with Supervisor Kerns and has a meeting with Rita Scardaci scheduled. Marvin plans to attend another conference on Seniors and AOD issues on 6/21.

In response to a Marin County case where criminal penalties were imposed, Donna clarified that the social host ordinances being adopted locally have civil, but no criminal penalty attached.

Harmony requested assistance with copies of announcements for Young People's 12 step meetings.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2007  
1250 Coddington Center  
Room "F"  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401