

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2008 5 – 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia
John Abrahams
Kevin McConnell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Bruce Oppenheim
John Marchesiello
Edi Patrick
Marvin Mars

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola, AODS
Donna Newman-Fields, Prevention & Planning
Maureen Donaghue, AODS
Angela Avery, AODS

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Jenna McAdam, Athena House
Cheryle Stanley, WRS
Marlus Stewart, DAAC

Called to order at 5:10 pm, by Trey Dunia

I. Public Comment

None

II. Action Items

- Approval of the June minutes is postponed until the September meeting due to lack of a quorum.

III. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

- The Steering Committee met yesterday. The meeting date was moved to Tuesday to accommodate Judge Owens' schedule.
- **Budget:** The state budget is still not approved. The conference committee rejected the 10% Medi-Cal reduction, including Drug Medi-Cal.
- **SACPA Plan and Application:** The plan was submitted to the state before the June 30th deadline. It is on the agenda for the August 5th Board of Supervisors meeting.
- **ACLA letter:** Utilization of OTP Funds for Co-Occurring Disorders (ACLA No. 08-07) – The state will allow spending 5% of OTP funds for mental health services. The funds will have to be moved from other services. The steering committee requested additional information detailing potential uses of the funds, along with where the cuts will be made.
- **Statistics:** Referral numbers are climbing, with a current average of 47 per month. SACPA staff will be reconfigured to allow for a waitlist group. With only 450 slots for 08/09, we see a potential for a large waitlist.

- **NORA initiative:** The steering committee reviewed sections 11-18. The instructions for the review were to determine the impact of the proposition on county services. Two issues discussed had clear impact:
 1. NORA will require additional hearings that are not currently required. This will affect the court calendar and staffing.
 2. The requirement for a "Criminal History/Risk Assessment" report will affect the Probation Dept. staffing levels.
 The Criminal Justice Council will meet on August 13th – they are working to get a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The advisory board will schedule a special meeting to hold a public forum on either September 24th or October 1st. The Drug Policy Alliance has agreed to provide a speaker. AODS will arrange for use of the Board of Supervisor's chambers. The advisory board will invite a member of an opposition group to debate the proponent. If no one steps forward to give the opposition, the advisory board will host an open forum with a presentation by DPA outlining the proposition and a question and answer session. The public will be notified through public access TV, radio announcements, fliers, and possibly notification in the Press Democrat. Since there is no August Advisory Board meeting, a subcommittee will meet on August 13th at 4:15 pm, 2255 Challenger Way, Room 102, to plan for the event.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- **Community Education:** Analy High School's Club 141 is sending 10 students to a teen leadership conference in Sacramento. They will try to attend one day of the conference. The club is meeting over the summer, doing fundraising as well as informal events.

V. Prevention Division Update

- **Meth Prevention Plan:** The Prevention staff is busy creating a Meth Prevention Plan. The draft will go to the Meth Task Force on August 13th, in time for the next meeting on August 21st. The Board of Supervisors will review the plan on September 16th, and it will be presented at the DAAC conference on September 17th.
- **National Association of Counties (NACo):** The NACo Meth Prevention Conference is in Albuquerque next week. Prevention will have some staff attend.
- **Environmental Prevention Coalition:** The Environmental Prevention Coalition is working to bring about policy change for alcohol and other drug issues in Sonoma County. Community coalitions are active in working with planning committees and other government agencies. Based on work done by local coalitions with the Sonoma County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors recently passed a conditional use permit for off-sale vendors under 10,000 sq. ft.. The Planning Commission is drafting another ordinance to cover larger and on-sale businesses.

The coalitions do not include many kids at this time. In Petaluma, the Project Success counselors will participate in the coalition. The Healdsburg coalition has been joined by the peer coaching class of Healdsburg High School since the announcement of the Raven Theatre liquor license application. The coalition submitted 40 letters to the ABC in protest. At this time, the liquor license process for the Raven Theatre has been stopped.

VI. AODS Division Update

- **Youth Stats:** In response to questions posed last month regarding a Youth statistics printout, we distributed revised statistics about youth and drug or alcohol use. The ethnicity breakdown is limited by CalOMS reporting requirements.

AODS is working on a statistical report on IV drug users. We will present the report at our next scheduled meeting.

- **Brown Act:** New regulations surrounding open meetings were distributed. The advisory board is in compliance with the requirements. All documents distributed at the meeting will be placed on our website for public viewing. A binder will be kept at the AODS office for anyone who wishes to view the documents.

- **Budget:** The division administration staff is still working on options for the appeal in the August budget hearings. The CAO has asked the division to analyze the entire AODS system in preparation for next year's budget process.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

Athena House: Everything is going well. They are worried about the cost of food. The program makes use of the Food Bank.

DAAC: DAAC is moving forward with the Perinatal and Drug Court move. Remodeling plans have been sent to the city for approval. The anticipated move date will be in September.

DAAC received a \$100,000 grant for the perinatal program from St. Joseph's. The funds will be used to improve the program by possibly hiring a part time family therapist, increase the capacity by 8 women, and leasing a 3rd van to provide additional transportation.

The DAAC programs are busy. The budget for food and gas was increased by 20% and 30%, respectively.

Proceeds from vending machine sales at DAAC programs go into the resident's fund and is used to fund outings. An outing to see Mark Lundholm at the Llano Club was suggested. DAAC cannot fund that outing due to the per person cost. AODS will look into having Mark Lundholm at our Recovery Happens event in September.

WRS: DAAC and WRS hosted a combined tour today for their perinatal facilities. Eight people attended. The tour will be offered again in August – invitations were distributed to advisory board members.

DAAC recently celebrated the birth of their 200th baby. WRS records indicate that their 144th drug free baby was born last week. All of these drug-free babies would likely have been born tox-positive without the programs.

WRS has two weeks left to sell the remaining 25 tickets for their bicycle raffle fundraiser. Tickets cost \$100 each, and can be purchased by email at: wrs@womensrecoveryervices.org

The Sea to Sierra ride will be happening in September. Participants will ride their bicycles from Jenner to Tahoe.

Maureen: Referring to the Youth Stats distributed earlier, Maureen noted that the Sonoma County youth admissions for alcohol is much better than the state average. Kudos to the Prevention division for their efforts!

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2008
DHS Rotunda, 3313 Chanate Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95403