

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2007 5 – 7p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams
Trey Dunia
Marvin Mars

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne McGowan
Edi Patrick

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Maureen Donaghue
Donna Newman-Fields

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

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

Called to order at 5:20 pm, by Trey Dunia

I. Public Comment

None

II. Action Items

July minutes approved.

County Strategic plan content and process and the Bennett group study of the local criminal justice system were discussed. AODS Board members will draft a letter of support for 'upstream' thinking and the general principles of the strategic plan as developed thus far. Members may have more input as the implementation phase begins.

III. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

Funding for this fiscal year will be reduced to the FY 05-06 level (\$120m combined SACPA and OTP).

With carry-over and late FY 06-07 allocations, combined with a change in the fiscal year calendar, this will translate to no contract reductions for 07-08. This will likely not be the case for 08-09. Strategies have been put in place locally to better monitor client flow, and implement retention strategies. Funds will be tied to outcome measures. This plan will go to the Board in mid October, and will be submitted to the State 10/1. The State is monitoring OTP expenditures quarterly, and will ask for monies to be returned if funds are not expended as required.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

-Policy Development: none

-Community Education:

The 'Seniors and AOD' meeting will be held on 9/26, 11am – 12:30 pm at Prevention and Planning, 475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA. Articles are being written for inclusion in senior housing newsletters.

A letter to employers from the AODS Board with information about 'Drug-Free Work Week, October 14-20, 2007, was sent out. PASCO has co-signed the letter. PSAs will run during this time period, the Northbay Business Journal will run an ad, and PASCO will have a link on their website.

V. Prevention Division Update

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Grant

Sonoma County was selected to receive a Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) grant from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to address the problem of high-rate alcohol use/binge drinking by high school youth. Over the next 5 years, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services will receive \$1.1 million dollars to work collaboratively with Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District and the Sonoma County Office of Education and other key community partners to implement Project SUCCESS.

Sonoma County Meth Prevention Planning Project

Sonoma County has received a \$150,000 one-year planning grant from The California Endowment to engage key community members from throughout Sonoma County in the development of a comprehensive countywide meth prevention plan. The project will focus on primary prevention approaches, expanded access to treatment, and increased public awareness and involvement in addressing meth problems.

Environmental Prevention Coalitions to Prevent Underage Drinking

Community Coalitions have been funded to address the prevention of underage drinking in Healdsburg, Windsor, Guerneville, Sonoma and Santa Rosa. All the areas are currently in the process of gathering data and assessing their findings to determine the nature and extent of the underage drinking problems in their communities.

The Coalitions in Petaluma and Rohnert Park/Cotati/SSU are coming to the end of their 3-year State Incentive Grant funding, but will be funded through DHS to continue their policy and community work. The Petaluma Coalition is hopeful their Alcohol Related Nuisance Ordinance will have its first reading before the Petaluma City Council on October 1.

The Coalition in Sebastopol, funded through a Rural Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws (REUDL) grant, is continuing their efforts towards getting area parents to sign a Parent Pledge (pledging not to serve or supply alcohol in their home to minors) and to develop a draft Social Host ordinance. They are aiming to take their ordinance to the Sebastopol City Council for a first reading in November.

VI. AODS Division Update

A successful applicant has been chosen for the Division Secretary/Admin Assistant position. Angela Avery is to start work 9/20/07. She will join the staff at the October Board meeting.

Recovery Happens 2007 was a success, despite the growing pains of going smoke-free for the first time. About 650 lunches were served, and softball games and kids activities were enjoyed by all. Two busloads of Sonoma County AOD treatment clients went to Sacramento earlier in the month to rally for treatment access.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

Athena House: census is low right now.

WRS: census also low.

DAAC: conference on 9/18 was good. 300 attendees, and comprehensive sponsorship contributed to this success. The perinatal intensive day treatment program is outgrowing its location.

General discussion about the ongoing need for mental health services for clients in treatment.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2007
1250 Coddington Center
Room "F"
Santa Rosa, CA 95401