

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2007 5 – 7p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams  
Trey Dunia  
Marvin Mars  
Edi Patrick

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne McGowan

## STAFF PRESENT

Maureen Donaghue  
Barbara Graves  
Kelly Elder  
Angela Avery

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Cheryle Stanley, WRS

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

### **I. Public Comment**

- None

### **II. Action Items**

- September minutes approved.
- Community Education report on Seniors and Substance Abuse: The subcommittee provided three articles with the intention of distribution to the public prior to the Holidays. The board approved distribution in the earliest possible newsletters as long as they are appropriately sourced. The examples provided were excerpted from SAMHSA.
- November meeting: The next scheduled meeting was the day before Thanksgiving. The board approved moving the next meeting date to Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Gino Giannavola, Judge Owens, and other SACPA team members attended the State SACPA conference in San Diego last week. The largest concern discussed was funding issues.
  - Drug Policy Alliance is putting together a ballot measure to stabilize funding and provide a continuum of care. There may be opposition from anti-taxation voters, but the UCLA study will provide

substantiation for the idea. The board may have the policy committee advocate locally for this ballot measure.

- The Board of Supervisors approved FY 07-08 SACPA county plan and OTP application on 10/16/07. . The local system of care is currently on a good trajectory to spend all OTP funds within the required timeframe.

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

- Policy Development: none
- Community Education: Marvin Mars, Maureen Donaghue and Ruth Lincoln met to discuss the issue of seniors and substance misuse. Ruth will convene another meeting including representatives from the Area Agency on Aging, Counsel on Aging and other Human Services staff. In addition, a Public Health Grand Rounds on the subject of 'Seniors and Substance Abuse' is in the planning stage.

Drug-Free Work Week, October 14-20, 2007: Public announcements are being broadcast this week. The Feds have an informative website: <http://www.dol.gov/asp/programs/drugs/workingpartners/DFWW-Introduction.asp> The plan is to focus earlier on this next year in order to get more information on this topic out to the public.

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

- The board welcomed Kelly Elder, Health Program Manager at Prevention and Planning. She had previously worked with DHS as a consultant. Kelly has worked on the state Meth Prevention campaign and has a strong organizational development background.
- Meth Prevention Task Force: The task force has been formed with Cora Guy as the lead consultant and John Abrahams as Chairperson. The task force would like to have a community member as a co-chair.
- Barbara Graves extended a thank you to Trey Dunia for his attendance at the Town Hall meetings as a representative of the advisory board. The community members expressed concerns about substance abuse and mental health issues.
- The local non-profit hospitals (Kaiser, Memorial and Sutter) are required to do a community needs assessment. The year the assessment is focused on children including:
  - Under age drinking (19 and younger)
  - Perinatal substance abuse
- Teen smoking is rising significantly. Barbara Graves will check in to the particulars of the gender split in this issue.

## VI. AODS Division Update

- Dependency Drug Court (DDC) has a one-time \$50,000 carryover savings from last fiscal year to enhance the DDC client services system, which must be spent by June 30, 2008. Board members can email any ideas to Maureen Donaghue <mailto:MDONAGHU@sonoma-county.org>  
The program is doing well and has had a number of graduates. According to Michael Spielman at DAAC, DDC is working, especially for women who need a little more incentive – possibly increase outreach to males.
- The Courts received funding for DUI Court. The target start date is 1/1/08. This will not be connected to our current DUI program.
- There is a CATES Training on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> focusing on retention strategies. We are encouraging managers, supervisors and providers to attend. The county may add the best practice strategies into our provider contracts. The board is interested in having a presentation on the conference done at the next board meeting.
- Gino recently spoke with Annie McGowan. Due to a shift in her duties, she is resigning from the Advisory Board. We will need to recruit additional members:
  - Marvin and Trey will brainstorm recruitment strategies over lunch.
  - Possibly check into referrals from the volunteer center.

## VII. Roundtable Discussion

DAAC: Newsletter and flier passed out. There is a new group “Friends and Family” that started last night with 4 attendees, they expect interest to grow. Michael did an interview on KSRO – he will forward the clip to Barbara Graves at Prevention & Planning. The Meth conference had 300 attending; there were some interesting speakers. Arrowood is full – out of 99 beds, 10 – 12 go to out-of-county clients.

WRS: Due to the structure of our county contract, they must rely on contracts with Del Norte, Modoc and Lake Counties to keep the beds full. The state licensing and certification site visit went well last week. Cheryle will teach a smoking cessation class at Sonoma State on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

AODS/Orenda: The staff is working on increasing family interaction. Campus closed since September. The staff enjoys doing groups with the family members. All family members must attend orientation prior to being allowed in groups.

Edi: Her granddaughter took the Healthy Kids Survey two years ago, and again last week. It is interesting to watch her awareness increase.

John: November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Domestic Violence Court. 3100 people have been through the court, the recidivism rate is 17%.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2007  
1250 Coddington Center Room “F” Santa Rosa, CA 95401