

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2007 5 – 7p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams
Trey Dunia
Marvin Mars
Edi Patrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Maureen Donaghue
Barbara Graves
Kelly Elder
Angela Avery

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Jenna McAdam, Athena House
Dana Alvarez, CHD
Michael Spielman, DAAC
Cheryle Stanley, WRS

Called to order at 5:15 pm, by Trey Dunia

I. Public Comment

- None

II. Action Items

- October minutes approved.

III. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

- Gino provided a two-page summary of the NORA initiative submitted to the Attorney General by the DPA (Drug Policy Alliance). The initiative provides for a continuum of care with a youth component and three tracks:
 - Track One – similar to DJEP
 - Track Two – similar to Prop 36, with some tweaking
 - Track Three – Drug CourtThe initiative devotes \$460 million. The money is not subject to the annual budget process – with COLAs and no sunset date. Treatment expanded from one-year to two-years. It requires the formation of a statewide oversight committee. The initiative is connected to prison reform. Judges will need annual training on treatment and will be required to follow the assessment recommendations. Counties will be required to

have appropriate services available, with up to 60 days to provide interim services. Dual diagnosis services will be required.

The initiative is scheduled for November 2008 ballot. The department will be pursuing support for the initiative from the CAO's office and the Board. CADPAAC has not yet taken a position on the initiative.

- OTP: OTP funding ends 11/30/07. As of today, we are fifteen thousand dollars low on spending. Statewide there was ten million not yet invoiced. Most of the under spending problems lay within county intra-department billing. The unspent funds will be moved to the provider's to maximize the invoicing.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- Policy Development: none
- Community Education: The subcommittee will be meeting sometime next week. Raibon Saip, Maureen Donaghue, Donna Newman-Fields and Kelly Elder will also meet with Shirley Zane of the Council on Aging to explore options for support. There may be a presentation to the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging.

V. Prevention Division Update

- Holly White-Wolf is resigning in December. She may return as extra-help.
- The holiday drinking article will be submitted to The Reporter and DHS Confidential newsletters.
- The Methamphetamine Task Force meets for the first time on November 15th – more updates to come.
- Kelly Elder attended Project Success training today, one of three projects funded to provide school-based assessment and referral services. The training was based on an at-risk substance abuse model implemented in New York.

VI. AODS Division Update

- Advisory Board: Both Marvin Mars and Trey Dunia's terms are up. They are to receive a call to determine if they wish to be re-appointed. Ann has resigned, bringing the board down to four members.
 - Prevention and Planning have been getting inquiries for membership on the Methamphetamine Task Force, which has no room. They will try to steer the people inquiring towards the Advisory Board.
- ADP licensing and certification fees are in the approved state budget, retroactive to August 24. Biennial bill for outpatient is a flat rate of \$2700, residential fees will be \$147 per bed. OTP certification is voluntary; ADP is

to make certification mandatory for next year's budget. Providers with SACPA contracts can budget the SACPA percentage of their fee.

- The CATES training on client engagement and retention was very good. Next year's contract negotiations with providers will include NIATx implementation as best practices. The new director of ADP was very impressed with the process. She is pursuing ways for providers who receive public funds to implement this low to no cost process.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

DAAC: Turning Point is very impacted: 28 of 30 beds at Acacia Lane are full. The last two beds out of 99 at Arrowood are to be filled tomorrow. Arrowood has 5 clients from Lake County, 3 from Napa County, and 5 from Mendocino County. DAAC is looking to move the Perinatal program – last year they had to turn away 25 pregnant or parenting women. Moving to the selected location would increase capacity by 50% but there are money issues.

CHD: Full. Intakes are within 48 hours of call. Some clients had an intake on the same day as their court date.

WRS: A photographer profiled a SACPA client who graduated recently. She is a bright young woman who did not miss one aftercare meeting, even while giving birth. She is still going to NA and AA meetings.

Athena House: The house is full. Looking to hire full-time counselor. The non-smoking program is intensified, with incentives given for receiving a certificate from 1-800-nobutts. They added a fence to keep smokers out of part of the yard. Implementing best practices with hands on work and films for Methamphetamine clients.

AODS/Orenda: Non-smoking policy is still a challenge. They evacuated the building as the result of a client smoking a cigarette made of rolled toilet paper that caused the alarm to go off. They are struggling with retention; they lost many clients over the weekend, one of whom quoted the non-smoking policy as the reason for leaving.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2008
1250 Coddington Center Room "F" Santa Rosa, CA 95401