

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2007

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia  
Edi Patrick  
Ann McGowen  
Joan Marsala  
Marvin Mars

## Members Absent

John Abrahams

## STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola  
Bridgett Claussen  
Ellen Bauer  
Donna Newman-Fields

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Cheryle Stanley/ WRS  
Sally Ray  
Marlus Stewart /DAAC

Called to order at 5:11 pm  
Claussen

Recorder: Bridgett

## **I. Public Comment**

Interest was expressed in Sonoma County Advisory Board on Drug and Alcohol Problems membership.

## **II. Action Items**

- November Advisory Board minutes approved.
- The Advisory Board Recruitment Flyer Cover Letter was reviewed and a final draft to be presented at the next meeting.
- Ethics training certificates provided by all members. No further action necessary.
- The Sonoma County Advisory Board application and letter of information mailed out to the interested parties last month.
- Sonoma County Advisory Board - Goals and Objectives 2007-2008 to be developed and complete prior to the start of the fiscal year.
- Prevention and Planning Presentation: AODS Prevention Assessment Report and Strategic Plan to be scheduled for the February meeting.
- Staff to provide copies of the AODS Prevention Assessment Report and the Strategic Plan to Board members.

### **III. SACPA**

#### New OTP Reporting Requirements

- New data collection requirements will begin for all 58 counties as of January 1, 2007. The new data collection requirements are in addition to all existing SACPA reports submitted to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Each county must provide ADP with a SACPA Quarterly Data report for each quarter.
- The purpose of the quarterly data report is to collect data on SACPA for ADP to report comprehensive Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (OTP) results to the Legislature and assist the University of California, Los Angeles in further evaluation of SACPA/OTP.
- ADP will monitor the rate of expenditure of OTP funds. If ADP determines that a county is not expected to spend the allocated OTP funds, ADP may notify the county that unspent funds will be allocated to other counties.

#### Overview of 2007-2008 SACPA Budget

- Governor's budget reduces 2007-2008 proposition 36 funding by 60 million and utilizes this funding to provide an increase of \$35 million to the OTP, and savings of \$25 million on a one-time basis. As the OTP contains some of the Proposition 36 reforms sought by the Administration, increasing funding for the OTP will allow the state to implement these and other reforms that will lead to improved program performance and participant outcomes.
- Possible changes may occur with SACPA based on the reductions in the Governor's Budget. So far, Legislature is not in favor of SACPA programs cuts but the state budget process just begun.
- Copies of the Budget were distributed to the Advisory Board members.

#### Drug Court Enhancement Dollars

- Drug Court may be at risk for losing their enhancement dollars if ADP does not allocate the dollars soon and counties begin to spend. The Department of Finance is looking for any possible carryover dollars into next fiscal year and these dollars are vulnerable.

#### Native American Services

- Native American Tribes are interested in working out a proposal to support SACPA eligible clients in the Native American community. (SACPA: +/- \$50,000) Further discussion needed and on going. Unallocated county base SACPA funds are on hold until further discussions with the Native American Community takes place.

- State administration is pushing to get all SACPA funds into the OTP process.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Discussion**

##### Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

None.

##### Community Education Subcommittee

None

#### **V. Prevention Division Report**

##### Alcohol and Older Adults Work Group

- In order to increase awareness of AOD problems affecting older adults in Sonoma County and of the resources available to address these problems, the work group is planning a 2-hour educational workshop on April 5, 2007 (10am-12pm) for service providers who serve older adults.
- Next work group meeting is January 24, 11am – 12:30 pm at Prevention and Planning, 475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 210.

##### Strategic Planning for AOD Prevention

- The final report from our AOD prevention strategic planning process (*Sonoma County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Framework: Strategic Plan for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention 2007-2010*) has been completed. This document summarizes findings from our needs assessment and presents countywide goals and objectives for AOD prevention. It will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on January 30, 2007 and, once approved, will be posted on the Prevention and Planning website: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/prev/index.htm>
- Plan to release a competitive RFP in February 2007 to identify community-based coalitions capable of implementing evidence-based environmental prevention strategies in accordance with the goals and objectives developed during the strategic planning process.

#### **VI. AODS Division Update**

##### State and County Budget Update

- Governor's budget came out last week. Adolescent TX services are not included but there is a Drug Medical rate increase. Last week ADP met with CADPAAC to discuss the state budget. Funding for services not in the Governors budget will need to be addressed in the legislative budget.

process. The deficit is estimated to be 4 to 6 billion dollars, which will make it more difficult for the Legislature to restore the SACPA cuts or consider any possible increase in funding for AOD services.

- The county budget is being prepared for next year. Providers are negotiating contracts and funding with AODS. The initial questions are: can CBOs provide the same services in 2007-2008 with the same funding levels as in 06-07; and if not, what increase is necessary to maintain the current level of services.

#### Sutter Hospital to close by the end of 2007

- At the Board of Supervisors last meeting, the Board shared its concern with county indigent care among other issues regarding the announced closure of Sutter. The Board will develop a process to allow feedback and input from the community to be used for next steps. For AODS, Sutter has been medical back for detox for many years, per agreement. Additionally, many providers rely on Sutter for their medical services. The implications for AOD clients yet to be determined.
- In addition, many, many implications for the entire community are yet to be determined.

#### Substance Abuse and Misuse in Older Adults Workshop

- Staff will have save the date card next month for the class/workshop; Preventing Abuse and Misuse in Older Adults. The date is set for April 5, 2007 from 10-12 pm. Orenda gets up to 20 community calls a month regarding older adults with questions regarding AOD issues and/or problems.

### **VII. Roundtable Discussion**

Public Comment: Expressed strong interest in the recruitment process/prospective members.

DAAC: Marlus Stewart attended the Sonoma County Advisory Board meeting on behalf of Michael Spielman. DAAC served 2,200 unduplicated clients/residents over the past 12 months.

Athena House is full. So far, it is a good flu season.

Orenda: Extra Help staff availability is more difficult due to counselor certification requirements for school, workshops and other training times, which impact staffing on all shifts.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 Orenda will be a smoke free campus. Management supports staff smoking cessation classes and will have staff members trained on smoking cessation issues for client group sessions to be included in all programs.

CPR Classes at Orenda 2/6/07 from 8am to 1pm. Some slots are available for staff from contract providers.

The Sonoma County Advisory Board areas of interest for 2007 include: Drug Free Babies, Recovery Happens, and Homeless Shelters & National Workplace Week.

#### **VIII. Recruitment of New Members**

The Board of Supervisors appoints new Board Members. They may apply directly to the Board of Supervisors, or they may submit their application to the Prevention & Planning or AODS Division Director.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 pm