

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2004: 5 - 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams, Chair
Steve Thomas
Michael Falk
Deborah Williams
Marvin Mars

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tammy Cotter
Bill Redder

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Maureen Donaghue
Barbara Graves
Claudia Brennan
Ellen Bauer
Sarah Moore

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Dale Byrne, Community Support Network
Harmony Galford, Student, SRJC
Cindy Hyde, SRTP
Michael Spielman, DAAC
Cheryle Stanley, Women's Recovery Services
Dana Alvarez, CHDC
Elizabeth Ward, SRTP

Advisory Board Meeting called to order: 5:14 p.m.

I. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Review of Minutes

January 21, 2004 minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Subcommittee Reports

Community Education

No new action or meetings have taken place since the January 2004 AOD Advisory Board meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of working to increase public awareness regarding the lack of treatment options for individuals outside of the criminal justice system. Staff will contact interested Board members to set up a meeting to discuss details of potential public education/speaking efforts.

Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

The proposed activities of this subcommittee are targeted primarily at policymakers (see January 21, 2004 minutes for priority areas identified by this subcommittee). One of the priority areas is

to support the development and implementation of local alcohol ordinances. Steve Thomas reported that the City of Santa Rosa has drafted standards (Santa Rosa City Code, Title 20, Zoning Code – 20-42.034) for any new establishment that sells alcohol for offsite consumption (known as “off-sale” establishments). He reported that neighborhood activism around alcohol outlets has increased support within the Santa Rosa City Council for such standards. The Board discussed getting involved in education/advocacy to promote these or similar standards to other cities in Sonoma County.

IV. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

The SACPA State Advisory Committee continues to work on a change to the county allocation formula for FY04-05, however the revised guidelines are still not finalized. The state is working to create clear definitions so that counties are reporting in a standardized way. Final allocation guidelines are expected within a few weeks.

V. Prevention Division

Due to potential State and local budget shortfalls, the Prevention and Planning Division will not issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Juvenile Diversion/Crisis Response Programs for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Division will work with current contractors to extend existing contracts, at potentially reduced amounts. The amount of funding available for these contract extensions remains uncertain, pending state and county budget development.

VI. AODS Division Report

The state Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs has released the text of proposed regulations requiring certification for all individuals providing counseling services in AOD programs. The draft regulations are currently in the middle of a 45-day comment period. The public may review the draft regulations on the ADP website (www.adp.ca.gov). Staff anticipate that the final regulations will be in place by July 1, 2004.

AODS Division Director, Gino Giannavola, presented a verbal overview of current considerations for accomplishing a targeted \$476,715 budget reduction for the AODS Division for FY 2004-2005. The Division will be presenting their initial proposal to the County Administrative Officer next week. There is still quite a bit of uncertainty about the final dollar amount of budget reduction required.

VII. Roundtable

Steve Thomas has met with the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce about the possibility of encouraging the business community to hire people in recovery from AOD problems. The Chamber is potentially interested in sponsoring a presentation that could address barriers to

hiring people in recovery, address employer concerns, address the stigma attached to recovery, and highlight the “untapped resource” that the recovery community represents.

Community Support Network: Dale Byrne announced that CSN has started to take SACPA clients.

Santa Rosa Treatment Program (SRTP): SRTP announced that they have received a three-year accreditation from CAR.

DAAC: The Arrowwood facility is nearly at full occupancy.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.