

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2006: 5 - 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trey Dunia
Marvin Mays
John Abrahams
Edi Patrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Barbara Graves
Jackie Pratt

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Jenna McAdam, Athena House
Annie McGowen
Michael Spielman, DAAC
Cheryle Stanley, WRS
Ruth Lincoln, DHS Administration

I. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Action Items

Minutes from November Meeting were approved and January Meeting Minutes were approved with corrections.

Steve Thomas has resigned from the advisory board. Trey was nominated and selected as the new Chair of the advisory board. At this time, a Co-Chair was not selected.

III. Subcommittee Reports

Policy Development/Advocacy

The City Council of Santa Rosa passed on February 7th the "Deemed Approved Alcoholic Beverage Sale Regulations" Ordinance. Copies were made available. Barbara, Ellen, John and Steve Thomas attended the meeting.

Community Education

Flyers were distributed on the "Alcohol and Other Drugs Their Use and Misuse Among Older Adults in Sonoma County", scheduled for Monday, February 27th from 9:00 to Noon at 1250 Coddington Center. Those members still interested in attending should contact Denny Hutton at 565-6616.

IV. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

The SACPA Steering Committee met on February 15th to review the reduction plan for FY 06/07 and the impact it would have in the criminal justice system and the Jail. The SACPA reduction plan was deferred by the County Administrators Office to the County Budget Policy Workshop on February 28th for review, instead of going to the Board meeting as a reduction item update outside the budget. The SACPA Three Year Report was used to try and get the numbers and

what the impact would be on the Jail. The cost per day at NCDF is approximately \$90 per day and \$156 per day at the Main Jail. The CAO wants to find out if it would be more beneficial to fund treatment and keep inmates out of jail rather than to add beds and staff in the Jail. It is estimated, by reducing SACPA, 28-40 inmates would be added to the jail population per day.

Assemblyman Leno has been wavering on his position on SB 803 but is now leaning toward support because law enforcement is endorsing it. If it passes, it will contain the changes that the governor has requested.

A revised SACPA annual plan is being developed by ADP. The SACPA Plan which is due May 1st will no longer be a multi-year plan.

V. FY 06/07 Program Improvement Discussion

There may be interest in allocating additional county funds for AOD services to be used specifically for non-criminal justice clients. The department will be submitting a Program Improvement for \$400,000 - \$500,000. Approximately, \$200,000 would be used to improve programs and gaps in the AOD system. Gino asked the board for their feedback. Currently, the system provides primarily services to the criminal justice and Drug Medi-Cal clients. The contract providers were asked for feedback at their February meeting. Suggestions included: outpatient services, more community beds for the non-criminal justice population, aftercare, life skills training, transportation, and counseling for adolescent clients. Suggestions made during this meeting included a Starting Point for women, sober living environments and Mental Health evaluations. At this point, we want to wait and see what the impact will be from the Mental Health Services Act before providing funding for Mental Health evaluations or other services.

VI. Prevention Division

The Federal government is partnering with the State to increase focus on underage drinking. This effort includes planning a series of community forums throughout California and a media campaign. It's not clear yet how Sonoma County will be involved.

A year-long Strategic Planning Framework process is being developed for the next fiscal year. As part of this process, the Division will be working with community contractors and others to collect local AOD data (i.e. emergency room data and last drink information from DUI program clients) and using it to update community prevention strategies.

The Division is interested in developing a methamphetamine prevention plan as part of the strategic planning process. Prevention would like to educate youth and other target populations about the risk of methamphetamine use and look at "supply side" strategies to reduce availability. Treatment providers report that, of clients coming into treatment, report 44% methamphetamines as their primary drug of choice and that it often takes five to seven years before a methamphetamine client seeks treatment. The use is almost the same in men as it is in women (one to one ratio).

VII. AODS Division Report

AODS will be working with Glenn Price to submit a Homeless Grant to the SAMHSA. WRS, DAAC and Casa Theresa will be a part of the committee. There is up to half a million dollars available over three years. There would be 12 community beds available to the homeless. An outreach worker would go into the shelters and evaluate for AOD problems and make the right fit for the particular facility.

There is a one percent reduction in the Federal Block Grant. The result statewide is 2.4 million. For Sonoma County that would be a \$45,000 to \$50,000 reduction but the formula has not been approved.

Kathy Farrelly from County Counsel contacted Gino regarding AB 1234. The legislation mandates that advisory bodies be entitled to have their expenses paid and attend Ethics training. The state needs to develop the curriculum by December 31st. If a member does anything as a member of the advisory board, they are entitled to mileage and expenses. The board needs to talk further about this matter. Copies of the policy and Board of Supervisors agenda will be forwarded to members prior to the next meeting.

VIII. Recruitment

Supervisor Brown is looking at filling a number of vacancies on boards. She is waiting to see if there are more applicants. If not, she will move forward with Annie McGowen's application.

The Board suggested a marketing packet and brochure for recruitment. Jackie will locate the old flyer. A current list of acronyms needs to be distributed.

Gino gave a brief overview of the history of the advisory board and how it has changed over the years. After much discussion, it was suggested that the board devote a meeting to discuss the mission of this advisory board.

IX. Roundtable

WRS

Cheryle will present at the SAMSHA Conference on "Women and Smoking".

DAAC

DAAC, Department of Health Services and the California Endowment will sponsor a day long conference on September 12th at the Mary Furth Center in Windsor. A representative from UCLA will make a presentation on methamphetamines.

Turning Point will be graduating 60 clients on Friday night at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 6 PM. There are three graduations per year.

On the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM, Turning Point will be providing a community tour of their facility. It is called Turning Lives Around Tour.

John Abrahams

The 10th Anniversary of Drug Court was celebrated on January 31st and went very well.

Norton Center will be closing in 2008. There will be further discussion in the future.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm