

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2006: 5 - 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edi Patrick
John Abrahams
Trey Dunia, Chair
Marvin Mars

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Barbara Graves
Ellen Bauer
Maureen Donaghue

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Anne McGowen
Cheryle Stanley, Women's Recovery
Michael Spielman, DAAC
Jenna McAdam, Athena House
Elizabeth Ward, SRTP

Called to order at 5:12 pm

I. Public Comment

None

II. Action Items

March minutes approved.
Renewal of SRTP and REAP methadone licenses recommended.

III. Subcommittee Discussion

Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

This subcommittee needs more members.

Community Education Subcommittee

On 5/18/06 from 12-1, a discussion will be convened to continue dialogue with regard to seniors and alcohol and other drug use. Marvin will act as co-facilitator with Prevention and Planning Division staff. Providers are encouraged to attend.

IV. SACPA Update

The SACPA Steering Committee met on 4/19. Members reviewed the FY06-07 plan that is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on 4/25/06. Timeliness is crucial, since if the allocation is received as early as possible, interest will accrue.

The UCLA cost analysis study is complete, and went to the Legislature on April 3rd. The study included over 120,000 participants and, overall, concluded that for every \$1 spent in the SACPA Program, \$2.50 was saved. These results are 100% attributable to

SACPA, and exclude environmental factors such as increased law enforcement, welfare reform, etc.

State ADP reports receiving many responses to this study from across the nation, and the study is expected to be used to inform decision makers for many years to come.

At this point, it appears that the Governor's May Revise Budget will probably not pull the \$120 million needed to continue business, but significant reform language is expected to remain attached to the allocation.

Local implementation of referral control has begun, as a \$20-30,000 shortfall is anticipated at the end of the Fiscal Year. The Court has been notified that a weekly group will replace full program services, along with 12-step meeting attendance to meet the SACPA 'waiting list' requirement. Earlier individual client terminations are likely, one provider contract (with A Step Up) has already been terminated, and dedicated SACPA beds will now go to utilization status as the funding winds down.

Members discussed issues surrounding the implementation of drug testing without treatment programming; the troublesome methodology used in the current cost analysis surrounding the decision regarding local backfill; and agreed to see how the process plays out before voicing support for said backfill.

V. Prevention Division

A methamphetamine Task Force is being convened with membership representing HSD, the Public Defenders office, the District Attorney, Probation, AODS and Prevention and Planning. The purpose is to gather information on the scope and impact of local meth use and opportunities for prevention and treatment. A report to the Board of Supervisors is due in early June, which will likely include this 'snapshot' of local issues and response, with a follow-up report sometime later that will present some recommendations for action.

Hopefully, facts and mythologies surrounding this issue can be distinguished upon closer investigation.

It was mentioned that the 20% prevention set-aside monies are being scrutinized as a potential source for a statewide social marketing campaign regarding meth use.

Alcohol and Older Adults

Follow-up brown bag discussion scheduled for May 18th, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review existing prevention and early intervention services for older adults in Sonoma County, and to identify opportunities to improve access to services for this population.

Where: Prevention and Planning Division, Department of Health Services (DHS)
475 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa 95403
2nd Floor, DHS Conference Room

Who: Community members and organizations who are concerned about the health and safety of older adults (e.g. Council on Aging, Area Agency on Aging, staff of residential communities for older adults, gerontologists)

Requests for Applications Released

- Responsible Beverage Service, due April 28, 2006.
- Environmental Prevention Planning, due May 5, 2006.

Strategic Planning for AOD Prevention

- Continuing with the AOD Strategic Planning Framework implementation.
- In July, we'll be having a public meeting to review problem data collected to date, contributing factors and to layout next steps for developing prevention goals and objectives.

(More on) Methamphetamine

- Continuing work with PPG to develop a community action plan to prevent HIV infection among individuals using methamphetamine. Report will be developed by end of June 2006.

VI. AODS Division

The Federal Block Grant has been cut for FY 05-06 and FY06-07, with 07-08 cuts likely to be deeper. The Division is able to absorb the 05-06 cuts, so hopefully there will be no more agency contract reductions.

The RFP process for the BASN providers is complete, and the committee recommended funding DAAC, Athena House and the Latino Commission contracts for the next three years.

VII. Recruitment of New Members

Yes, this needs to happen. De Williams has resigned, and the Board will miss her.

A Third District application for membership is in process and an interview has been scheduled for a 1st District appointment.

It was suggested that the faith community, the wine industry and local corporations be contacted for potential new members.

The AODS Division staff will look into incorporating the Board's ideas for updating the outreach flyer. Staff will prepare a draft for review by the board at the May meeting.

VIII. Roundtable

Athena House: SACPA clients finishing treatment.

DAAC: 6 pregnant women in the Perinatal Day Treatment Program. The Drug Free Babies project is working well. A reminder was mentioned about the September 12th Methamphetamine conference, which will include significant prevention information, as well as treatment specifics. Redwood Toxicology has joined as a sponsor of the event. CEUS will be available for lawyers, as well as treatment professionals.

WRS: 3 pregnant clients currently, 10 children in residence. The clients were among an invitation-only gathering at the Snoopy Ice Arena for Easter celebrations.

Members: Protocols from a med/surg unit regarding drug-using patients was discussed. There is some movement nationally toward insurance parity with regard to alcohol-related injury and ER admits.

ADP was part of a delegation sent to Amsterdam to observe first hand drug policy practices. In that country, harm reduction theory is the central tenet of policies related to alcohol and other drugs.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 pm