

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2006: 5 - 7 p.m.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Edi Patrick  
John Abrahams  
Trey Dunia, Chair  
Marvin Mars  
Joan Marsala

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Anne McGowen (excused)

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Gino Giannavola  
Ellen Bauer  
Maureen Donaghue

## **PROVIDERS & GUESTS**

Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Jenna McAdam, Athena House  
Dana Alvarez, CHDC Outpatient  
Harmony Galford, DAAC

Called to order at 5:11 pm

### **I. Public Comment**

None

### **II. Action Items**

- April minutes approved.
- Recruitment flyer approval tabled until June meeting
- The Board was informed of the recent Human Services Committee funding recommendations, which have denied a request for funds from DAAC. It was moved and approved that the Board write a letter of objection to the Commission Chair expressing concern for the rationale upon which this denial was based. AODS staff will inform HSD staff and Supervisor Kerns of the Board's intent to submit the letter.

### **III. Review of Bylaws and Member Roles**

The history of the development of the bylaws was discussed. Members reflected that the roles and functions of members as stated in this document have not changed since 1994. It was suggested that members review the bylaws prior to next meeting, and be prepared to offer ideas about how the roles and functions might be edited to reflect what this Board actually wants to do. Perhaps a committee could be set up to draft another version of the roles and functions of the Board. Staff will email the current version of the bylaws to members before the next meeting, and have available some examples of roles and functions from other Counties' AOD Boards for the June meeting.

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

##### Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

No discussion

##### Community Education Subcommittee

On 5/25/06 from 11-1, a focus group will be convened at 475 Aviation Blvd., 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.

#### **V. SACPA Update**

The SACPA Steering Committee met on 5/17. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, referrals were stopped due to the anticipated funding shortfall. Provider contracts were modified and dedicated beds were converted to utilization beds

The Governor's May Revise Budget did not pull the \$120 million needed to continue business, but with the increased tax base, there is a possibility that the legislature will fund at \$140 million. Significant reform language may remain attached to the allocation. This reform language is controversial, since the original bill had no incarceration provisions.

The Court has been notified that a "wait list" weekly group(s) will replace full program services, along with 12-step meeting attendance to meet the SACPA 'waiting list' requirement. The SACPA Steering Committee will recommend to the judge that these groups be a part of the order to treatment. So far, there are about 40 people on the waiting list.

The next SACPA Steering Committee will be held on 6/28. It will be a public forum, and it is anticipated that legislators or their respective staff will be in attendance. The meeting will be held at 1250 Coddington Center, Conference Room A, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Board members are invited to attend, and the Board of Supervisors will be notified as legislators' confirmations of attendance are received.

#### **VI. Prevention Division**

To allow for continuity of services during the Strategic Planning Framework planning process, existing contracts for youth and family focused prevention services will be extended through 6/30/07.

A competitive RFP was released for an eight-month environmental prevention planning grants. Two organizations were selected to conduct planning projects in Healdsburg, Santa Rosa and Sonoma Valley.

## **VII. AODS Division**

Recovery Happens planning will begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The local event has been moved up to mid-September this year. Board members are warmly encouraged to participate. There was some discussion, pros and cons, regarding the proposal to cater the event for the first time this year. Catering will not cost more and it will be evaluated for the future.

An adolescent addiction severity survey was conducted and will be released in late May. Sonoma County did participate in this survey, and it is the most rigorous survey tool ever implemented in the State. 3,000 kids were surveyed, including those in Juvenile Halls, community schools and charter schools. It should indicate the percentage of adolescents needing intervention and treatment and the correlation, if any, between addiction problems and young people involved in the criminal justice system. The release of the report should help to pass the Cedillo bill (SB 1288), which would fund adolescent treatment. Board members will get copies of the report after May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Short term success is evident, in that Joan Marsala and Anne McGowen have been appointed. They are both from the First District.

## **IX. Roundtable**

New Board Member Joan Marsala introduced herself.

*Athena House:* Spring cleaning is underway.

*CHDC:* Outpatient has room for referrals. They operate on a sliding scale fee. Staff is reviewing the matrix curriculum for inclusion into the program.

*DAAC:* The Dependency Drug Court Outpatient component is staffed by a Masters level counselor. WRS and DAAC were part of the 'Rebuilding Together' program. 35 volunteers working with 7 clients did repairs at the Professional Drive site.

*Member/guests:* There are now 5 'Young People's' AA meetings in the county. It was noted that the phenomenon of young people and prescription drug abuse is in the media. The 'Every 15 Minutes' program has been held around the county. It is a dramatic influence that pulls several professional sectors together around the message of the risk of driving while drug impaired.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:02 pm