

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2006: 5 - 7 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## MEMBERS ABSENT

## STAFF PRESENT

Barbara Graves  
Ellen Bauer  
Maureen Donaghue  
Sarah Moore

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Michael Spielman, DAAC

Called to order at 5:10 pm

### I. Public Comment

Jo Webber from the Human Services Commission spoke regarding their decision to fund programs other than DAAC. Jo clarified that the Commission had been under the impression that they were the only funding source for community beds, and came to understand otherwise. With this new information, they decided to remain focused on the Commission's priority as directed by the Board of Supervisors: services for homeless clients. They felt that the funds that had gone to DAAC in the past would be able to serve more of their target population if allocated to other, less resource-intensive services.

The Board decided that the proposed letter to the Board of Supervisors on this matter should be sent, but should be revised to incorporate this new information. It was felt that there was an opportunity to do some community education around the connection between homelessness and AOD issues. The Advisory Board suggested that they could give a presentation to the Commission on this topic. Jo stated that the Commission would welcome this opportunity.

### II. Action Items

- May minutes approved.
- Recruitment Flyer Review: The draft of the recruitment flyer was reviewed, and it was decided that the flyer was too long. A sub-committee of Trey Dunia, Maureen Donaghue, and Sarah Moore will meet on June 27 to draft a more concise version of the flyer for the Board's review in July.

### III. Presentation: Quality of Life Initiative

#### IV. Review of Bylaws and Member Roles

Examples of bylaws from Fresno and Los Angeles counties were distributed. Some Board members felt that the simple, straightforward language used in Fresno's bylaws was refreshing. There was some discussion about what the role of the AOD board is, and how it might be stated more clearly in the bylaws. A bylaws revision committee was formed, consisting of Anne McGowen and Edi Patrick, as well as any other Board member interested in participating. A brainstorming session was scheduled for the hour prior to the next meeting, from 4 to 5 pm on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The bylaws revision committee will use the results of that discussion to draft a revised Section II of the bylaws. Sarah Moore will distribute the notes from the prior conversation regarding AOD Board member roles and responsibilities by email prior to the next meeting. It was recommended that Kathy Farrelly from County Counsel be involved in the revision process, so that all Brown Act requirements are preserved.

If the Board decides on a revised version of the bylaws, the revision would have to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. This process is 6 to 8 weeks long.

#### V. Subcommittee Discussion Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

##### Community Education Subcommittee

#### VI. SACPA Update

#### VII. Prevention Division Update

#### VIII. AODS Division Update

#### IX. Recruitment of New Members

In addition to revising the recruitment flyer, it was agreed that membership from other Boards and Commissions would be a great way to ensure that common objectives were maintained. The AOD Board decided to reach out to these groups in their recruitment efforts.

#### X. Roundtable

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Meeting adjourned: 7:04 pm