

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2006: 5 – 7 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## MEMBERS ABSENT

## STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola  
Barbara Graves  
Maureen Donaghue

## PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Jenna McAdam, Athena House  
Michael Spielman, DAAC  
Cheryle Stanley, WRS  
Dana Alvarez, CHDC

Called to order at 5:06 pm

### I. Public Comment None

- ### II. Action Items
- June minutes approved.
  - Recruitment Flyer Review: The draft of the recruitment flyer was reviewed, and draft content approved. Staff will print up 200 flyers and bring to the September meeting. A distribution plan will also be discussed at the September meeting.
  - Follow up on HSC letter: No further action to be taken.

### III. Review of By-laws and Member Roles The Board decided to set-aside revision recommendations at this time.

### IV. Subcommittee Discussion

Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee  
None.

### Community Education Subcommittee

The next meeting of the Senior AOD workgroup is scheduled for July 26, 11:30am to 1:30pm at the DHS Conference Room, 425 Aviation. A survey of local resources is being conducted and the group hopes to participate in an upcoming health fair at the Council on Aging. Russ Sandberg, MD, Medical Director for Orenda and DAAC will be in attendance on 7/26. Central issues that need attention are transportation to services and stigma issues around addiction/abuse.

## V. SACPA Update

Summaries of SB 1137 (Proposition 36 Reforms) and AB1808 (State budget Trailer Bill—SACPA) and a graph depicting SACPA client access to services for FY05-06 were distributed. The Drug Policy Alliance has filed a lawsuit relative to the ‘flash incarceration’ language in 1137. The subsequent injunction will stop the implementation of the reforms but it does not mean that programs will not go forward nor the new money allocated. Locally, Judge Boyd, the Public Defender, the District Attorney and AODS will meet to determine if any changes (reforms) can be implemented in our SACPA program. A discussion followed regarding the Drug Policy Alliance point of view.

AB 1808 details the ADP plan to distribute Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (SAOTP) funds. The County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC) has asked for flexibility within this plan to assure the maintenance of the statewide coalition of law enforcement, probation and AODS providers. Criteria for application for the \$25M should be available by the end of August, 2006. Sonoma County may be eligible for approximately \$500k of these dollars. Questions remain as to the definition of the local match requirement.

The State will conduct an audit relative to SACPA program years 2002-2005 in August. Providers, Courts and Probation are likely to be visited. The entrance conference will confirm the actual schedule.

## VI. Prevention Division Update

The Methamphetamine Profile planning group is interdepartmental, including representatives from Health Services, Probation, Sheriff, Public Defender, District Attorney, and Human Services. The report is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the July 25, 2006 meeting. AOD Board members will receive the report via email and will be able to discuss the report at the September meeting.

The report is organized around key methamphetamine issues, such as impact on the local system of care and law enforcement and best practices utilized to address this impact. In September, the Methamphetamine Profile planning group will meet with Angela Goldberg, a consultant specializing in substance abuse prevention and treatment. Ms. Goldberg was instrumental in building a county methamphetamine strike force in southern California, and may inform the group regarding next steps locally.

Prevention also continues to work on AOD Strategic Planning Framework implementation. A meeting of community members, law enforcement, schools personnel, and prevention and treatment providers on July 13, 2006 reviewed problem data collected and contributing factors to methamphetamine use, underage drinking and adult problem drinking. Other emerging drug problems, such as marijuana use were also discussed. A competitive RFP will be released in February 2007 to identify contractors

capable of implementing evidence-based strategies that address these areas of concern.

Draft comments have been submitted regarding the proposed casino in Rohnert Park. Issues such as underage risk, over-consumption of alcohol, and unrestricted tobacco use were included.

#### VII. AODS Division Update

The DUI program is struggling to remain self sufficient. AODS will bring this issue before the Board of Supervisors in August, to discuss options for continuing the program.

#### VIII. Location and Food Discussion

Staff will survey centrally located available meeting room options and report at the September meeting. Staff will contact the food vendor regarding menu variety—but consensus is that the food is great!

#### IX. Recruitment of New Members

As mentioned above, a distribution plan for the new flyer will be discussed at the September meeting.

#### X. Roundtable Discussion

Members discussed an article in the food section of the Press Democrat that seemed to glorify alcohol consumption.

DAAC will have a CARS4DAAC fundraiser on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Cream's Dismantling.

WRS has 17 clients and 2 babies on the way.

Athena House notes that since the facility went smoke-free, less client and staff illness has occurred.

CHDC Outpatient is waiting for SACPA referrals. The program is expanding the family education component.

Meeting adjourned: 6:57pm