

Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2004: 5 - 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Abrahams, Chair
Harmony Galford
Steve Thomas
Deborah Williams
Trey Dunia

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Redder
Michael Falk
Tammy Cotter
Marvin Mars

STAFF PRESENT

Gino Giannavola
Ellen Bauer
Claudia Brennan
Maureen Donaghue
Sarah Moore

PROVIDERS & GUESTS

Cheryle Stanley, Women's Recovery Services
Jenna McAdam, Athena House
Monica Hamowitz, Drug Abuse Alternatives Center
Mary Dee Bowers, Action Network

I. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Review of Minutes

September minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Subcommittee Reports

Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

The conference on Land Use Approaches to the Prevention of Community Alcohol Problems is scheduled for November 17, 2004, at the Doubletree in Rohnert Park. The last date to RSVP is November 8, 2004.

Community Education

No new information to report.

IV. SACPA (Prop 36) Update

The emergency regulations that changed the allocation formula for Proposition 36 were agreed to by CADPAAC. The new allocation has already been incorporated into the AODS budget.

The UCLA study report on Prop.36 was released. Some law enforcement agencies are speaking out against Proposition 36, stating that an increase in crime since SACPA has been in effect is a direct result of SACPA. There has been no local press on the issue. The Board of Supervisors has not yet been presented with our local statistics regarding SACPA in Sonoma County, so they cannot yet be released to the public.

V. Prevention Division

They are hoping to contract with the school district, and would like to have a full time position in the schools dealing with prevention issues. They are also excited about and preparing for the upcoming conference on Land Use Approaches.

VI. AODS Division Report

SonomaWorks funding has been reduced by \$98,000 for this fiscal year. This reduction will impact most providers. Some programs may be in jeopardy of shutting down completely. The reductions were the result of a formula that indicated funding increases for anyone who overspent their allocation, and significant reductions for anyone who under spent. There are some options being discussed regarding how to fix this funding problem, but at this point the reductions are going forward.

The Sonoma County Recovery Happens event was very successful. Next year, the planning committees for both the picnic and the rally are expected to merge, and Advisory Board members are welcome to participate next year.

Action Item: SonomaWorks reductions

The Advisory Board will take no action at this time.

Action Item: Latino Commission request for board support

A motion was proposed to write a letter expressing support of additional funding for all AODS programs, to offer support in seeking additional funding in the form of grants, and to invite a member of the Latino community to serve on the Advisory Board. The motion passed.

VII. Roundtable

DAAC: Their programs at Cloverdale Comprehensive High School and Ridgway are going very well.

Mary Dee Bowers: They have lost their AOD program, and are working with Gino Giannavola and others to find a way to serve clients in the Redwood Coast area. They are hoping to form a coalition that includes Sonoma County in order to address this problem.

Trey Dunia: He is moving in a couple of months and will let the Board know more as soon as he can. He is also interested in getting more involved with Board activities.

Harmony Galford: The young people's association went on a trip to Marine World, and is planning a snowboarding trip and a dance as well. They are trying to find a place to have a dance, possibly at a church. Harmony is moving, and needs to be reassigned to a new district. Sarah Moore will find out what her new district is and let her know.

WRS: They currently have 6 pregnant women in the program, and all are due around the same time. 5 of their clients are in the CPS child reunification process. They are very busy.

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 pm