

# Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2004: 5 - 7

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Abrahams, Chair  
Harmony Galford  
Steve Thomas  
Deborah Williams

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill Redder  
Michael Falk  
Tammy Cotter  
Marvin Mars  
Trey Dunia

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Gino Giannavola  
Ellen Bauer  
Sarah Moore  
Barbara Graves

## **PROVIDERS & GUESTS**

Cheryle Stanley, Women's Recovery Services  
Michael Spielman, Drug Abuse Alternatives Center

### **I. Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **II. Review of Minutes**

No quorum: review of October minutes held until January meeting.

### **III. Subcommittee Reports**

#### Policy Development/Advocacy Subcommittee

The conference on Land Use Approaches to the Prevention of Community Alcohol Problems was held today, and went very well. The presenters did an excellent job. Preliminary feedback was positive and enthusiastic, and included several requests for follow-ups and additional networking opportunities. About 40 people attended, including representatives from every city. Special acknowledgement went to Barbara Graves and Ellen Bauer of Prevention and Planning, and members of the Advisory Board Steven Thomas and John Abrahams, for their efforts in arranging this opportunity for the community. Ellen Bauer will schedule a debriefing meeting to discuss a follow-up plan.

#### Community Education

The Community Education subcommittee may want to work on educating the community around "social hosting." They will evaluate the impact they might be able to have with regard to this issue.

### **IV. Advisory Board Meeting Location**

Action Item: Determine new location for the Advisory Board meetings

The DHS Conference Center will be moving in January to a facility on Airport Boulevard. The Advisory Board meetings can be held there after the move, or they can be moved to the Rotunda conference room at DHS Administration on Chanate Road. No quorum present in order to take official action, but a location for the January meeting must be determined. The meeting will be held at the Rotunda on January 19, 2005, at which time an official action will be taken.

## **V. SACPA (Prop 36) Update**

Judge Boyd is scheduled to take over 1210 court from Judge Hardcastle in January. Judge Boyd has some experience with SACPA, and is expected to work out well. The Steering Committee met today. They discussed mechanisms to avoid retaining SACPA clients in custody, since the regulations state specifically that they should not be incarcerated.

## **VI. Prevention Division**

They are very satisfied with the outcome of the Land Use Conference, and the positive preliminary feedback.

## **VII. AODS Division Report**

The Action Network, serving the Redwood Coast in both Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, is seeking AODS services in their area. They have asked Sonoma County AODS for assistance in this effort. Sonoma County AODS is not currently able to redirect funding from established services, but they are interested in facilitating a relationship between DAAC and Action Network in order to make Drug Medi-Cal services available in that area. A meeting has been scheduled in Gualala to discuss possible solutions.

## **VIII. Roundtable**

***Election Committee:*** Elections for Chairman of the Board and Vice-Chair should be held in January, and will be placed on the agenda. De Williams and Harmony Galford will serve as the nominating subcommittee. John Abrahams declined to be considered for another term as Chairperson. Board members were interested in the specific duties of the Chairperson, which include: meeting facilitation, review of minutes and agendas, and follow-up on board action items. More specific information is available in the by-laws of the Advisory Board.

***DAAC:*** They have 5 groups a week occurring in their program at Cloverdale Comprehensive High School, which is going very well. Their new 6-bed SLE is full and doing well. They are encouraging Advisory Board members and other providers to attend an upcoming meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Five Commission. DAAC and WRS will be speaking in favor of allocating some 1<sup>st</sup> Five funding for Perinatal treatment, system-wide.

***Harmony Galford:*** The Tuesday night Young People's meeting is no longer happening, and they are still getting calls about it because it is still listed on the flyer. Sarah Moore will edit the flyer to reflect the change.

***De Williams:*** De has been doing tie-dye projects with the women at Athena House, and most recently did one at WRS. Both De and the clients really enjoy the experience.

***WRS:*** They have had their first clean and sober baby born to the transition house. They are trying to obtain funding with the help of their contract with UCSF for the non-smoking program. They also have a team of college students putting together a donor database for them, which will be very helpful in tracking funding and sources.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 pm