



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL & DRUG PROBLEMS

Final Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pea Soup Andersen's Valley Room, Buellton

Members Present: Jayne Brechwald, Chair, 2nd District; Danny Macagni, 4th District; John Richards, 4th District; Kati Smith, 4th District; Tona Wakefield, 1st District and Beth Weinberg, 2nd District.

Members Excused: Teresa Menchaca, 5th District; Deborah Brasket, 4th District; Nancy Jacobs, 3rd District; Debra Stanfield, 1st District and Arthur Merovick; 1st District.

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Jim Rohde.

Staff: Nancy Gottlieb, Interim Division Chief-ADP and Jessica Opland, ADMHS-ADP.

I. Call to Order

- Chair Jayne Brechwald welcomed members, guests, and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Introductions/Announcements

- The Chair asked Jim Rohde about his reappointment status. He said he is set to be reappointed at the Board of Supervisor's hearing on December 8th.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves for guest, Mike Foley.
- Kati Smith thanked staff for getting packet materials to the Board in a timely fashion.
- The Chair asked if the agenda could be taken out of order.

III. Approval of Minutes

- ACTION:** Macagni moved, seconded by Smith with all in favor (Brasket, Menchaca, Merovick, Jacobs & Stanfield absent) to approve the November 2, 2009 Advisory Board Minutes with the following amendments:
1. Page 4, under Violence Against Homeless Draft Resolution, Kati Smith's comments, line 3, added the word separately.

IV. Chair's Report

- The Chair announced that since Donna Feazelle's term has expired, she will not be reapplying for her 3rd District seat and does so with reservations. She will be involved with the Youth Action Council at Santa Ynez High School. The group is comprised of high school students that operate under the umbrella of the Santa Ynez Valley Coalition to Promote Drug Free Youth. The club was formed to add a youth perspective to the Coalition's efforts and give the youth a voice. It also fulfills a school goal to decrease the number of drug-alcohol related incidences on campus and create awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

- The Chair announced that John Gostovich has also resigned. He has begun a performance evaluation project with the MN Department of Transportation.
- The Chair discussed the Santa Barbara News-Press article on the mock prescription drug overdose at Santa Ynez High School.
- The Chair talked to Teresa Menchaca. She said she was sorry for missing the past two meetings due to a course she is taking and will be back in January.
- The Chair talked about her experience doing site visits at Project Recovery (Casa Esperanza), Phoenix House, Sanctuary House and Arlington Day Treatment with Nancy Gottlieb and Tina Wooton. The main purpose was to orient Tina to the different service providers and Jayne went as well.
- Also discussed her meeting with UCSB students on the Social Host Ordinance. Had a good discussion and will meet again in January.
- Would like to have Michael Carno, who is on the Board of Directors for New Beginnings, come and speak to the Board.

V. Site Visit Reports

- Tona Wakefield got in touch with Andrew Vesper of CARES. If anyone is interested in taking a tour of the Santa Maria facility, they are planning on going in January. She would also like to visit Good Samaritan.
- Beth Weinberg visited UCSB because she was curious in how they provided services to the County. Dr Merith Cosden's project helps with the assimilation of data; her students process it and provide the reports for a number of grants. There are currently three grants receiving money. The first is the MARS grant and has just been finished. The second is the SAMSHA grant, Project Premie, which works with mothers and babies and is in the process of being finished. The third grant is based in Lompoc and is the Sober Women Health Families grant that works with mothers and their families. There are graduate students assigned to these different projects. It is a five year commitment and the students work with these grants from start to finish.
- Beth Weinberg also discussed her training experience at Betty Ford.

VII. Interim Division Chief's Report: Presented by Nancy Gottlieb.

1. **ADP Funding Total by Region:** ADP has been through budget reductions in the ADP system of care. This has generated requests for information regarding ADP funding allocations by Santa Barbara County region; South, North and Mid (includes Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley). 42% of the overall budget is Drug Medi-Cal based, which represents a significant reduction. We put a significant amount of dollars into detox because it is not Drug Med-Cal billable. Also reflected is PC1210 (formally Prop 36), which is now an offender treatment program and that is where we lost our \$1.6 million.
2. **First Step System of Care SAMHSA Grant Final Report:** Santa Barbara County's First Steps System of Care (FSSC) provided gender-specific, culturally appropriate residential substance abuse treatment and case management services to 186 women and children during a five year period (1/5/05 – 6/30/09). The project was initiated by Santa Barbara County ADP in collaboration with Good Samaritan Services Incorporated (GSSI). GSSI provides detox, outpatient and residential treatment services in the North Santa Barbara County. They also provide temporary and transitional shelter services to families, as well as child care, case management, medical and psychiatric care and mental health services. Other collaborators included Sojourn Services, Public Health and Transitions Mental Health.

Outcomes: FSSC Grant expanded the existing residential treatment services for pregnant, postpartum and parenting women and their children by increasing the number of beds available in northern Santa Barbara County from 6 to 22. FSSC improved treatment services to pregnant, postpartum and parenting women by improving collaboration between treatment providers, Santa Barbara County Child Welfare Services, Department of Social Services/CalWorks Division, probation and the courts. As a result, the development of a Family Drug Treatment Court, designed to address the specific legal, treatment and case management needs of substance abusing parents

and their children who become involved with the Department of Children's Welfare Services (CWS) was created.

Of the 186 women who entered the program, 65% successfully completed the six month residential component and in some instances remained in outpatient treatment. Children who were referred for developmental assessment and interventions were likely to move from below to above-average functioning during their time in treatment. There were 45 healthy babies born drug free during this project time, including two sets of twins.

3. City of Santa Barbara 12 Strategies (Recommendations) to Address Community Issues Related to Homelessness. On June 17, 2008, the Santa Barbara City Council established a Council Subcommittee made up of three Council members to study a range of issues related to homeless services and neighborhood impacts. The committee made recommendations for the 5 identified issues: 1) Need for increased coordination between City Police and homeless street outreach staff from various agencies to reduce calls for service to City Police; 2) Recommendation from the Milpas Action Task Force to consider establishing a Recovery Zone or Alcohol Impact Zone in the Lower Milpas Street area; 3) Aggressive panhandling, primarily in Downtown; 4) Gain the support of the courts, District Attorney and County Probation to curb negative behavior (e.g. through injunctions and increased penalties) and require offenders to receive services/treatment to get on the track to recovery; and 5) Utilization of existing shelter services to more effectively assist the most vulnerable homeless persons. A significant amount of input from the community was gathered in a series of community forum meetings that resulted in twelve recommended strategies to address the five original issues.

- Danny Macagni appreciated receiving the City of Santa Barbara's 12 Strategies. A lot of people are leaving Santa Barbara and coming to Santa Maria because of the less restrictive rules. This is really going to cause some issues in Santa Barbara and they are going to move up to Santa Maria, which they already have. We have interviewed several people who have told us that they were asked to leave Santa Barbara and go to Santa Maria. Some were provided with bus tickets and they will not tell us who is giving them the bus tickets. Since the ordinance for Santa Barbara City was put into place, we have seen a huge influx of people at our intersections, shopping centers, ATMs, restaurants, etc. We this ordinance and 12 strategies, we will be looking into implementing an emergency ordinance to help us deal with this.
- John Richards mentioned that the McDonalds on the 300 block of Broadway in Santa Maria, has a sign at the drive thru that says, "Do not encourage pan handlers."
- The panhandling ordinance did not go into effect until December 1st. About 3 months ago, money was donated by the business district to have an officer on foot to patrol State Street. Twenty hours a week, Officer Casey walks up and down State Street monitoring things. We have not heard about a significant decrease in panhandling, since the ordinance only went into effect, but the key is the 12 point plan that was established with the City Council. We are looking at an anti-panhandling ordinance that will be combined in March with a campaign to discourage people from giving money to panhandlers. Instead of giving money to panhandlers, there will be designated places to donate money.
- Tona Wakefield asked where that money will go to. Mike said it will go 100% to the street outreach workers. We decided we wanted to come up with one thing that people could give to that would actually help the problem.
- There is a 10 year plan to end chronic homelessness. It was approved unanimously by the County and all the city municipalities and it is in its third year.
- Tona Wakefield works for Bringing Our Community Home and is an outreach worker in the jail who does discharge planning for the homeless. She has been working for about a month and in that short time half the homeless she has had contact with are from North County (Lompoc and Santa Maria) and half from Santa Barbara.

VIII. Old Business

▪ **Violence Against Homeless Draft Resolution**

- Mike Foley, the Executive Director of Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter, spoke on the Violence Against Homeless Draft Resolution.
- This resolution is from the perspective of the south coast because that is where the data and information is.
- There have been 27 homeless deaths from a variety of causes on the south coast, in the past 11 months. In the entire 12 month period of 2008, there were 18 homeless deaths. We are anticipating the number to be 30 by the end of this year. Not only are we seeing an increase in the number of homeless who are dying, but we are getting significant reports about people who are experiencing violence on the streets of the south coast in Isla Vista and Santa Barbara. However, this does not mean that the police are getting the reports. For example, a man came to Casa Esperanza clinic with a very big gash and bump on his head. He said he had been hit in the head with a baseball bat. They told him to report it, but he said he couldn't because he had a warrant out for his arrest, due to having two tickets for drunk in public.
- Law enforcement, including the coroner's office, were asked if they knew how many homeless deaths there have been in the south coast and they didn't know. The Public Health Department is just now starting a forensic investigation into the deaths of the homeless.
- John Richards mentioned that the Daily Sound and the News-Press reports statistics on deaths in the paper. Mike Foley said the only person who counts every single homeless death is a social worker named Ken Williams.
- Supervisor Farr is the assigned Board of Supervisor representative for Bringing Our Community Home and for the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee.
- Want the commissions that exist to form a task force and take 90 days to 6 months to all work together and present to the Board of Supervisors. The information that would be presented would be cost, type of data collection needed, what needs to happen to meet goals and how to begin the process of using the existing programs and process. The Women's Commission, Human Services Commission and Mental Health Commission have all unanimously voted to join this joint commission and support this going forward as co-sponsors of this referendum.
- We do not know what the cost will be because we do not know what the program will look like. It will be the joint commission's responsibility.
- Crimes against the homeless are not considered Hate crimes. What we want to do locally is be able to know exactly what's happening, where it's happening, not only so social services can respond, but so the police have some level of tracking and can go from year to year and determine what's going, how's it going and what's working and not working.
 - Danny Macagni asked who this resolution is going to be presented to. Mike Foley answered the Board of Supervisors and then they would authorize a joint commission to do the work that is listed in the resolution. Danny also mentioned that the Board of Supervisors oversees the county, so the municipalities and the contract cities don't fall under the government of the Board. This means the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County are just included. Mike Foley agreed, but the language says to request the Sheriff, District Attorney and City Prosecutors countywide, to track and report all crimes. Danny stated that the City Prosecutors do not have access to the Sheriff's Departments database and records. Mike said the goal of the commission was to figure out how to get the information from the cities and hospitals and get it into one place.
- Tona Wakefield asked who would be on the commission. Mike Foley said the idea would be to have representatives from each of the four commissions and then they can choose who they would be working with in order to get to the resolution.
- Danny Macagni commented on #3 of the resolution, which mentions training conducted for law enforcement professionals. The police department is good at what they do and good at determining what the cause of death is. He does not think the police department needs a special training. They spend so much time in specific annual recertifications and trainings that eventually there will not be any cops on the street.

- Nancy Gottlieb said these statistics could be used for grants and different types of interventions that could bring other resources with data collections.
- Jayne Brechwald supports this resolution, but has concerns. She feels comfortable with #1, but thinks the task force should determine the rest by getting input from the community. The task force should go out and make some determination about what the next steps are. She questions the feasibility of numbers 2 through 6.
- Kati Smith mentioned that she has been acquainted with Ken Williams for thirty years and admires him. She also commented that all deaths in the County of Santa Barbara must be reported by law, so why doesn't the coroner's office have this information? There are some mechanisms that are not being utilized by law and accountability needs to be established somehow.
- Beth Weinberg asked how it was known that 26 homeless had died. Mike Foley answered that it was because Ken Williams counted.
- Kati Smith is very uncomfortable with all the steps being set out as priorities or guidelines for the task force. When the task force is established, they need to do this themselves and whoever is on the task force may bring a broader prospective. She feels hesitant to do the job description for them.
- This resolution was drafted by the Third District office and based on the Human Relations Commission in Los Angeles.
- Mike Foley came up with a potential solution. The committee can adopt the resolution based on the fact that members of this committee and other members of the commissions will work on the draft together to make it clearer.
- Tona Wakefield and John Richards volunteered to work on the Resolution.

ACTION: Richards moved, seconded by Wakefield with all in favor (Menchaca, Brasket, Stanfield, Jacobs and Merovick absent) to support the Resolution as presented, contingent on two members being appointed to participate in the drafting of the resolution and to have those two members report back to this Board at some point in the future.

IX. New Business

- None.

X. Public Comment

- Kati Smith discussed an article from The Lompoc Record called "Drug detox center celebrates first year."
- Jim Rohde talked about marijuana dispensaries and his experience visiting a head shop.

XI. Adjournment

ACTION: Macagni moved, seconded by Weinberg with all in favor to adjourn the December 7, 2009 Advisory Board meeting.

Adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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