



**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL & DRUG PROBLEMS**

Final Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pea Soup Andersen's Valley Room, Buellton

Members Present: Jayne Brechwald, Chair, 2nd District, Deborah Brasket, 4th District; Donna Feazelle, 3rd District; Arthur Merovick, 1st District; James Rohde, 3rd District; Kati Smith, 2nd District; and Tona Wakefield, 1st District

Guests: Slick Gardner, Andy Joaglin, Kevin Smith and Wim Verkaik

Members Excused: Eva Arredondo, 1st District; Debra Stanfield, 1st District
Members Absent: Danny Macagni, 4th District; and Beth Weinberg, 2nd District

Staff: Nancy Gottlieb and Mary Rodrigo, ADMHS-ADP

Call to Order: Chair Jayne Brechwald welcomed members, guests, and called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Introductions/Announcements/approval of Minutes:

- Jayne, as new Chairperson, expressed her gratitude for Kati's service as Chair for the last two years and presented an appreciation award to Kati on behalf of the Advisory Board.
- Advisory Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves and gave a short synopsis of their interest in the Advisory Board and their personal achievements.
- The approval of the minutes was delayed due to lack of a quorum. Whereupon the arrival of a member and thereby forming a quorum, Jayne asked members to review the minutes for approval. There being no additions or corrections, Jayne asked for a motion to accept the minutes.
- Jayne asked about the "211" listing information update and Nancy stated that the "211" listing is resolved. In reference to the inquiry regarding the Meth documentary, it has been placed "on hold" as Drew Sugars was appointed Information Officer for the Sheriff's Department. He has been taping drug court graduations, and some interviews; however, his commitment to the Sheriff's Department has limited his time for the documentary. With no support staff, a possible internship is one option. The Substance Abuse Coordinating Council will be meeting in the early springtime and this project will be addressed then.
- Handouts. 1) 2009 Advisory Board Member List; 2) 2009 Advisory Board Meeting Schedule; 3) ADP Contract Providers List; and 4) 2009 ADP Providers Meeting Schedule.

Action taken: Art made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kati, with all in favor except for one abstention, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chair's Report:

Jayne had a pre-meeting with Tona and Nancy and expressed that she would like to continue having said meetings. Several goals she would like to see implemented are as follows:

- Get to know the members, their skills and goals.
- Address the structure and relevancy of the Board and the committees.
- Apprise members of what is anticipated of them and interface more with the ADP staff.
- Mutual goal settings.
- Purpose and obligations of the site visits.
- Goal to have 20 district representatives on the Board to be a more effective Board. As four representatives are needed from the 5th District, she called Supervisor Centeno's office.

She encouraged members to ask their supervisor and friends if anyone would be interested in serving on the Board. With nine vacant positions, we should think about having an Ad Hoc Committee to proceed on this matter. Art mentioned that a committee would be more effective if there were more members in the committees to address some of the issues. Nancy informed them that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors sends out the notification for requesting new members. Kati stated that the notifications can also come from the individual district Supervisor.

Committee Reports:

Tona spoke about what is the purpose of the committees and why were they written into the bylaws. Also, what can we do with the committees to help ADP.

- Planning and Review Committee. Discussion regarding some projects or programs that need their review, such as: the Strategic plan; contracting process; and the treatment system of care revision. It was explained that there is no mandate to have a strategic plan; but it can be initiated by anyone. When the Prevention Strategic Plan was presented, there was not a mandate; now the state requires a strategic plan. Art inquired about the perception of staff if the Board became involved in the process of revising the strategic plan. Kevin inquired if ADP is looking at creating a new plan, would treatment providers be involved. Nancy stated that all interested stakeholders can be involved to address some of the funding issues.
- Discussion regarding reviewing the overlapping of the different systems of care. Nancy stated she will bring copies of the ADP Strategic Plan 2002 to the February meeting. One member cautioned of having too many meetings and outcomes not being implemented. Kati reported on the previous process of working on the Strategic Plan and receiving periodic reports on the continued progress. Overall, she noted that the achievement was in the 90 percentile, though some areas were not accepted because they were already being done by others. She acknowledged that she increased her learning of what the overall picture as a county was offering. Nancy said that maybe the members could have a workshop retreat to address these issues and have someone like Nancy Vasquez, who helped on the Prevention Strategic Plan.
- Education/Prevention Committee. Ties into the first committee and focus on educating the community. One of the strategic goals from the Methamphetamine Leadership Council was using the media and training to reach them. Possibly, the board can be involved with programs like educating task forces, and the related organization of such.
- Allocation Committee. Review funding awards, methodologies and budgetary principles. Due to several quick adjustments and short timeframes to review and approve last year's budget, the committee did not have an opportunity to meet and give advisement on the final budget. Nancy said that the committee could assist in several of the grants. Also, the upcoming preliminary budget cycle is starting with a meeting at the end of February.
- Provider Evaluation Committee. Go on site visits with staff to review the monitoring process, outcome data, and success rates. There is new statistical information. Units of service inputted into our system which will show numbers of clients, number of services per clients, and who was successful or who wasn't. Art remarked that if taken seriously, there will be "teeth" in the

committee structure. The above are full and serious agendas and charges in each of these committees. He reiterated that is why they need a full Board. He is on two committees, but he has not met with either one. Discussion on how to have more involvement with the committees provide more information and invite April Howard, ADP analyst, to the meetings.

- Discussion regarding the Brown Act policy in committees that are bigger than the quorum. One of the topics of interest is prescription drug abuse data.

Action taken: N/A

Site Visit Reports:

- Tona visited Santa Barbara Center for Change and met with Tom Boscarrelli, Program Manager. He has been with them for approximately three months, previously had worked with Sanctuary. They have group meeting and he acknowledged that they need someone who is bilingual and bi-cultural. Discussion regarding the challenges they are facing with minimum staff and diminished client numbers.
- Discussion regarding Judge Flores switching calendars with Commissioner Talmage several weeks in a row. Judge Iwasko is retiring and Judge Ray Coons will sit on the bench. The department is requesting technical assistance from the National Drug Court Association and they send teams out to assist in resolving transition issues.
- Jayne asked members to try to speak to the clients when they go on their site visit. Kevin welcomed the members to come to Lompoc to visit the Zona Seca facility and partake on one of their daily eight meetings.

Action taken: N/A.

Interim Division Chief's Report:

Nancy reported on the following matters:

1. **County Work Furlough.** The County save approximately 11.9 million dollars while employees were out for two weeks. Also, 160 jobs were saved. Discussion regarding the state following a similar approach to help with the deficit budget.
2. **Perinatal (SWHF) Treatment Grant and (MARS) Dependency Drug Court:** SWHF Grant is for Perinatal services contracting and the MARS Grant is for Meth recovery services for Santa Maria drug court clients. Both Grants were implemented today and the reapplication for the 2nd year is due March 3rd. We have a system of care with Child Welfare and Judge Herman, including grant partners as stated in her Chief's Report. The Lompoc Housing Corp. has committed to give the graduates housing. The Drug Court "Seeking Safety" Grant approved and there will be a training in March or April and members are invited to attend. It will be held in Santa Barbara.
3. **Illegal Drug use among youth and work force is decreasing.** Handout: "*Youth Drug Use is Declining*". A nationwide survey indicated that illicit drug use among youth continued to decline since 2001. There was discussion regarding the data used for the survey if it just included substance abuse users or youths overall, including those who did not partake in drugs. In the county, the figures presented at the last meeting showed that clients in admission for Meth abuse were on the decline.
4. **Governor's Budget.** Handout: "*2009-10 Overview of the Governor's Budget*" and "*CSAC Highlights of the 2009-10 Proposed State Budget*". No further direct cuts to the AOD programs were noted in the overview; however, there was discussion of a realignment in Corrections and ADP. If the proposed 5 cents a drink tax is approved, funding would be directed to the Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Fund. Discussion regarding writing a letter to the Governor in support of the 5 cents tax.
5. **Workforce Survey.** Summary of the 2007 workforce survey of alcohol and drug abuse treatment providers conducted by CADPAAC and CAADAC and Orion Health Care. The

findings revealed that the present system of care could be impacted due to high turnover and low salaries.

Action taken: N/A

Old Business:

- Kati recognized Jayne as the new officiating Chairperson and Tona as Vice-Chair. As there were no other names nominated, the formal installation of officers was waived.

Action taken: N/A

New Business:

- James Rohde, liaison for the Mental Health Commission (MHC), presented several topics for the Board to consider for the upcoming combined meeting with the MHC. The topics are as follows:
 - a. Co-occurring disorders;
 - b. Resurgence of the Mental Health Court;
 - c. Proposed meeting in Santa Maria with Judge Flores as speaker;
 - d. Realignment of funding; and
 - e. MHC opposition of using (Prop 10 and Prop 63 MHSA) Mental Health funds as proposed by the governor, going back into the General Fund.
- There was discussion regarding a proposal to write a letter to the governor over mental health funding issues and a letter addressing the proposed 5 cent alcohol and excise tax. The revenue generated from these taxes will be used to fund drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services, generating General Fund savings while maintaining program services.

Action taken: Deborah moved for the Advisory Board to draft a letter to the governor supporting the proposed 5 cent alcohol tax. Kati seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion was passed.

- Discussion regarding the proposed raiding of Prop. 63 MHSA and Prop 10 funds by the governor and sending a letter to him. Nancy stated that she would write the draft letters for the Board's approval at the next meeting.

Action taken: James proposed a motion to send a letter to the governor opposing the raiding of ADMHS funds, particularly affecting Prop 63 and Prop 10, seconded by Deborah, with all in favor, the motion was passed.

Public Comment:

- Kevin thanked the Board for their extended invitation to the meetings.
- Wim also thanked the Board. CADA has a new treatment program called SAFE that provides counseling to various community organizations and schools. Because of the increased stress that society is experiencing, he explained that Daniel Bryant Youth and Family is anticipating for an influx of clients. He cited a report from Probation that showed eleven to twelve year old girls are having heron problems. With their program being short of staff and no Detox program, they are anticipating challenges also.

Adjournment: No further business, Kati made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Division of Alcohol and Drug Program