



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL & DRUG PROBLEMS

Final Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pea Soup Andersen's Valley Room, Buellton

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

Guests: Bob McLean, 2nd District; Slick Gardner, A&M Ranch LLC; Andy Joughin, 3rd District; and Kevin Smith, Zona Seca.

Members Excused: Deborah Brasket, 4th District and Beth Weinberg, 2nd District

Members Absent: None

Staff: Nancy Gottlieb, Mary Rodrigo, ADMHS-ADP. Nancy Vasquez, ADMHS Consultant.

Call to Order: Chair Jayne Brechwald welcomed members, guests, and called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Introductions/Announcements/Approval of Minutes:

- Advisory Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves and shared a bit of their personal history.
- Jayne announced that Eva Arredondo had sent in her resignation as of February 09, leaving an open seat for the First District.
- Jayne asked members to review the minutes for correction or approval. On Page 3, 2nd bullet, last sentence: change Medical funding to MediCal funding; Page 3, under Old Business: Bob McLean asked that his remarks be stricken from the record as he does not recall his comment. On Page 4, 3rd bullet, correct the name "Dr. Elsoa Asyouty" to Dr. Sherif El-Asyouty, M.D. (Psychiatry), Co-founder of Recovery Road Medical Center and Private Practice.

Action taken: James moved to approve the February 2, 2009 Advisory Board Minutes, Debra seconded the motion, with all in favor, no abstentions, the minutes were approved as amended.

- Handouts.
 1. Article. Lompoc Record, February 24, 2009, "After Abuse, Changes In the Brain" by Benedict Carey.
 2. Article. The Sacramento Bee, February 20, 2009, "Done deal: Plan to bridge the budget gap" Bee staff research Graphic by Robert Dorrell and Dan Smith.
 3. "Overview of Funding amounts for Drug and alcohol Treatment, Prevention, and Research Programming in the FY 08-09 Omnibus Spending Bill."

4. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, February 24, 2009 Letter from Laurie O. Robinson, acting Assistant Attorney General re: Recovery Act funding.
5. Lompoc Record, February 4, 2009, "Treatment center Gets Critical Loan", by Glenn Wallace.

Chair's Report:

- Jayne met with Supervisor Wolf regarding the open Advisory Board positions and discussed the status of interested applicants. Tona called Supervisor Centeno's office and they explained that they have received calls from ADP and Advisory Board for representation from their district. However, they have it under control. Several members will continue to call their district supervisor and seek interested parties to fill the empty positions.
- Jayne reported that there are several matters that she wants to bring before the board for discussion: 1) ADP interim position; 2) Budget matters; and 3) ADP Strategic Plan. Nancy Vazquez will be giving a presentation on the history of the ADP Strategic Plan 2002 and recommendations for revision.
- The combined meeting with the Advisory Board and Mental Health Commission. Nancy contacted Dr. El-Asyouty and she is delighted to be one of the main speakers. The tentative meeting is April 17, 2009, 2 pm to 4 pm, SYV Hotel Marriott, Buellton. James will address this meeting date when he meets with the MHC tomorrow.
- PEI Stakeholders Forums. The forums will be held on March 4, Goleta Community Center; March 9, Radisson in Santa Maria; and March 11, Lompoc. Several members indicated that they were unaware and interested in attending. ADP will inquire and send out the information to them.
- Social Host Ordinance was passed in the cities of Santa Barbara and Ventura. They are encouraging the Board of Supervisors to pass the ordinance in the unincorporated areas. Supervisor Farr is attending a meeting in the Isla Vista area to promote the ordinance. Students, CADA and advocates for Foot Patrol will be there. The Board of Supervisors delayed this matter until the April 21st Hearing as there is some opposition to the ordinance.

Committee Reports:

The committee reports are relatively inactive because membership is low. There is no expectation that the committees would be active right now until the membership increases.

Action taken: N/A

Site Visit Reports:

- There has not been any site visits for three months. Tona inquired about the scheduled staff monitoring site visits and Nancy reported that staff is in the process of updating the provider contracts and will have the monitoring site visit schedule at the next meeting. James shared that the MHC is experiencing the same problems as the committee and site visit reporting had decreased. He expressed a need to increase interest in both groups again.

Action taken: N/A.

Interim Division Chief's Report:

Nancy reported on the following matters:

1. **Final State Budget Agreement.** The proposed FY09-10 budget for ADP is still in the process of being revised by the state; however, we will proceed with the information at hand. If the governor changes or revises the funding amounts, ADP may have to revise the contracts accordingly. She explained that the state is expecting to receive at least \$10 billion from the federal stimulus package over several years. There is a Special Election on May 19th. Some key issues:

- 1A: Restrict spending in surplus years;
 - 1C: Make the lottery dollars flexible so the state can borrow against future dollars;
 - 1E: Shifting of Prop 63 MH funding mental health screening and treatment programs;
 - 1D: Shift funding from First 5 children's commission programs to general health and human services programs;
 - 1B: Prop 98 school fund – An amendment to require the state to repay money due the schools and community colleges; and
 - 1F: Voters to consider a measure to stop pay raises to lawmakers and other state officials in a deficit budget years.
2. **Alcohol Tax.** The proposed tax measure was not included in the final tax package; consequently, it never got out of negotiations.
 3. **Marijuana Legislation- AB390.** A 30-page bill is being proposed to legalize marijuana for personal use. There was discussion on the pros and cons of the measure, and the potential misuse of the addictive drug.
 4. **Social Host Ordinance.** The Board of Supervisors moved the hearing date to April 21st to address the social host ordinance proposal. When the final document is available, it will be forwarded to members.
 5. **Federal Funding – AOD.** A handout showing the funding available through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Another handout shows the funding amounts for drug and alcohol treatment, prevention, and research. Discussion regarding applying for the competitive grants.

Nancy Vasquez gave a presentation on the history of the Strategic Plan 2002.

Before 2001, AOD Program was under the direction of Public Health Department (PHD) and was moved under Mental Health Department. The purpose of the planning process was to develop the Master Plan to establish a five year plan that would outline and prioritize alcohol and drug services in the county. The 15 member Steering Committee was formed under the leadership of Nancy Vasquez, Laura Mancuso and Greg Paraskou. Kevin Smith represented the providers and we had one person from each region. Mental Health Commission members were involved, including some from other county departments like Social Services, PHD, and Probation. Ann Steiner, prior Chair, and James Rohde from the Advisory Board. After nine months, they concluded that the community's input in this process was needed before finalizing their conclusions. Three town hall meetings were held throughout the county with approximately 300 people in attendance. From this data gathered, the committee developed areas of focus, goals and strategies. Even though some people thought it was an ambitious plan, it gave us some options to work with during the changing budget. The ingredients of the proposed comprehensive service system: 1) Prevention; 2) Early Intervention; 3) Outpatient Services; 4) Intensive Outpatient & Partial Residential; 5) Residential/Inpatient Services; and 7) Ancillary & Recovery Support Services. Part of the process was to evaluate each year and present it to the Steering Committee for adjustment.

The seven strategic issues:

1. Comprehensive Service System; (see the seven ingredients above)
2. Access to a range of comprehensive services;
3. Coordination – Service delivery among other departments/CBOs;
4. Prevention, environmentally, as a core component; (Prevention Strategic Plan)
5. Advocacy – policy change by educational outreach, training, marketing;
6. Funding – different funding streams; and
7. Administration – Implementation of administrative processes.

Discussion and questions followed about obtaining the latest ADP data to revise the plan, using this Plan as a springboard or model to start, and decide who would be initially involved. There was a suggestion that the process would not take so long to complete as they might lose momentum to finish. Bob suggested that there should be a review of the Plan every two years. Make suggestions for a planning group, wait for the revised budget in June for a more understanding of funding available for strategic planning and contracting, and plan to have a retreat with various stakeholders. The retreat's goal would be to do a similar process as was previously done with the ADP 2002 Strategic Plan. Since there have not been any revisions or updating with the 5-year Strategic Plan 2002, ADP is looking to either continue the existing strategies or modify them. There was a general consensus to see if Nancy Vasquez could be hired as a consultant to help in the revision of the Strategic Plan.

Old Business:

- Jayne discussed the combined meeting with Mental Health Commission under the Chair's Report. James will follow up with the Mental Health Commission regarding the April combined meeting date.

New Business:

- Nancy announced that the 2009 CA Prevention Collaborative Summit will be held in Napa, CA this year, March 8-10th, and invited interested members to attend. Their theme: "Under One Tent – the Power of a Comprehensive Approach to Prevention". They will be identifying and discussing strategies, making recommendations and identifying areas for advocacy for the diverse sector of the substance abuse prevention field.
- ADP just completed the reapplication for the MARS Grant and the SWHF Grant for year 2. It is \$300,000 for the MARS Grant and \$500,000 for the SWHF Grant.
- Kati asked members to read the informative article from the Lompoc Record regarding the new housing facility through Good Samaritan.
- Tona encouraged everyone to read the Lompoc Record article: "*After Abuse, Changes In the Brain.*"

Action taken: N/A.

Public Comment:

- Slick Gardner announced that there is a new upscale "sober living home" called A&M Ranch, LLC in Santa Ynez, and handed out several brochures. It is owned and operated by Ian and Molly Morse, and Slick mentioned the Morses' attended and introduced themselves at the Board's February meeting. They advertise a healthy living environment and sober living alternative. Clients can bring their pets, including horses, while they are residents.

Adjournment: No further business, Kati moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Division of Alcohol and Drug Program