

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee Minutes June 29, 2011

Members Present: Pam Bergreen, Ron Dunn, Eric Guyer, Robin Kigel, Larry Lyman, Theresa Morris

Guests: Ed Burns(ARC), Chris Mason(ARC), Rita Sullivan(OnTrack)

BoC Liaison: Commissioner Skundrick

Staff: Maureen Graham, Michele Morales, Carol Wedman

I. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Larry Lyman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Larry asked if there were any changes to note for the April 27, 2011 LADPC meeting minutes and/or for the May 25, 2011 meeting minutes. None being heard, Eric Guyer moved to approve the April 27 and May 25th, 2011 meeting minutes, Theresa Morris seconded, passed unanimously as presented.

II. Announcements

None

III. Membership Expirations/Vacancies

Carol Wedman advised that there were four positions whose terms will expire on June 30, 2011; Pam Bergreen, Ron Dunn, Eric Guyer, and Jan Taylor. She shared that Pam, Ron, and Eric have all agreed to serve another term. Jan Taylor has not responded yet as she is on vacation. Carol will follow up with Jan upon her return and it will be on the next full committee meeting Agenda.

Theresa moved to recommend reappointment of Ron Dunn to the LADPC for another term, Robin Kigel seconded, members unanimously agreed to recommend reappointment of Ron Dunn for another term.

Theresa moved to recommend reappointment of Pam Bergreen to the LADPC for another term, Robin Kigel seconded, members unanimously agreed to recommend reappointment of Pam Bergreen for another term.

Theresa moved to recommend reappointment of Eric Guyer to the LADPC for another term, Robin Kigel seconded, members unanimously agreed to recommend reappointment of Eric Guyer for another term.

Maureen thanked members for their willingness to serve another term.

Carol passed out a current membership list and asked members to review and provide any updates to her for their individual contact information.

Carol advised that there are three vacancies on the committee. Larry reminded the members that they had spoken about recruiting people, for the vacancies, from housing and the Native American population. Staff will draft an announcement of the vacancies and get it out to the media. Maureen suggested utilizing verbiage that minorities are encouraged to apply to be in line with HB 3110 requirements. Rita advised that PSA's may be utilized to pay for the advertising. Theresa stated that Community Service Bulletins also work well for recruiting. It

was noted that if a lot of applications are received there may be a need to put together a membership review committee.

IV. Legislative Updates

Michele shared that HB 3110, in relation to the Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission, passed at the state level on June 24th. Included in the bill is a name change for the LADPC, now called the Local Planning Committee for Alcohol & Drug Prevention and Treatment Services. Responsibilities now include oversight/engagement of prevention and treatment services. Rita shared that HB 3110 shifts policy making capacity and the financial distribution from the A & D office to the Policy Council with staff having cabinet level position with the Governor's office. It elevated alcohol & drug to its own platform. This extends the life of the committee and gives them more power. Attorney General Kroger is still chairing the committee. Michele asked about the original bill piloting prevention programs in some counties. Rita explained that the Attorney General's office came up with some funding for a couple of pilot programs and challenged the legislature for additional pilot prevention programs. It is still not clear what, if any, will be implemented as there was a million dollar cut at the legislative level. Rita confirmed that the DMAP funding will remain for addictions treatment. She advised that there has been discussion about the 11% cut and how it will affect rates and programs. Maureen shared that it is her understanding that residential treatment is exempted. Rita confirmed that it will stay the way it is for two years and then it is not clear of the direction after that.

Rita advised that SB 964 passed. This bill facilitates reductions in foster care by requiring DHS, OHA, the Housing and Community Services Department, county and community entities to design and oversee a variety of related services. She explained that the roll out will most likely be two or three counties at a time to model what we are doing here.

Rita shared that SB 238 passed. This is the paperwork reduction bill that limits patient data that must be reported to OHA by providers of mental health and addiction services. The bill designates a committee of industry related professionals to review related statute line-by-line.

Rita advised that the fees for the convicted DUII population have increased. Those funds are going back into the Indigent Driver Fund. She explained that in the past the funds did not get re-dedicated to helping indigent DUII providers.

Michele advised that SB 395 passed. This bill requires a minimum 90-day jail sentence for third time drunk driving offenders. Under the initial measure, those repeat drunk drivers would have gone to state prison.

Rita advised that SB 909, an education reform bill that establishes the Oregon Education Investment Board for the purpose of ensuring that all public school students in Oregon reach education outcomes established for Oregon and establishes an Early learning Council, passed.

Michele advised that there were more than 15 marijuana related bills and nothing passed.

V. Follow-up from Joint Meeting

Maureen explained that, a result of the joint LADPC/MHAC meeting, several ideas of potential joint projects between the committees were identified. She distributed a handout highlighting three possible projects; conducting a community needs assessment, targeting specific co-occurring disorder populations, to obtain feedback on what that population considers as the best approach and services to aid in sustaining recovery; developing peer support resources for co-occurring disorders in early and/or ongoing recovery that could

include the development and support of DDA groups , and; fostering development of an array of recovery supports in the community to include housing, child care, mentoring, transportation, etc. Rita advised that there is certification for peer support for recovery and that it does recognize co-occurring disorders. Robin stated that the 12-Step Program, that many in recovery attend, is an anti-medication culture and felt that was important to consider.

Maureen shared that the Mental Health Advisory Committee had agreed not to meet in July and August but will host a subcommittee to focus on the topics identified at the joint meeting. The subcommittee will meet on July 18th, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Building E at Jackson County Mental Health. Maureen invited members from the LADPC to join that group if they are interested. Carol will send out a meeting reminder to both committees.

V. Review of Prescription Drug Summit

Michele shared that she received positive feedback about the Prescription Drug Summit. One item that came from that was a renewed interest in the dental community. There was some discussion about dentists prescribing opiates by phone, knowing that some patients are being seen in the office infrequently and that some of those drugs are being diverted to the street. Physicians are working on putting together a safe prescribing practice guideline for the entire community that would involve veterans as well. Commissioner Skundrick felt that the user panel was very impactful. Michele felt educating physicians is key and is hopeful that physicians can educate from within the industry. Pam explained that often people have significant medical conditions and in lieu of diagnosing the problem, due to the expense of getting people in for treatment, antibiotics and pain medication are prescribed. She advised that to advocate against over prescribing, we must also advocate for appropriate dental and medical treatment. Commissioner Skundrick concurred with Pam and shared that Dr. Shames did a great job as a presenter at the summit. He sent a very strong message about over-prescribing. Maureen felt it really shows a community trying to address this issue through providers. Michele thought it was beneficial to have the Chief of Police there to talk about the Prescription Drug Drop-off Box and share that there is a tremendous amount of drugs that are dropped off. Maureen advised that there was also discussion, at the Summit, about a registry that will be compulsory for pharmacies prescribing in Oregon, even if they are located outside of the area. There was some discussion around prescription drugs being sold on the street. Maureen stated that the issue of prescription drug abuse and community efforts already in force will be in the biennial plan.

VI. End of Year Review

Michele reviewed goals that were established at the 2010 retreat. The goals were listed on the white board and the group reviewed each goal and discussed how some of them had been accomplished. Michele will develop a matrix to include each goal and how they were accomplished, to be reviewed and updated at the next meeting. Theresa felt that it would be helpful to review the goals more frequently. The group agreed. Maureen asked Michele to also bring the list of current prevention and treatment services offered in our community to the next meeting. Commissioner Skundrick asked about the drug courts and if there were any data supporting outcome results for public safety. Rita advised that NPC has done more reviews locally in drug courts than in the rest of nation. Locally the cost efficiencies of drug courts are staggering compared to the costs of probation. There has been no opposition, in the legislature, to continuing drug courts. It is funded out of the general fund and there were no cuts in that area. The courts will be closed one day per week, however. Michele advised that one court

that had been closed due to poor outcomes and another was cut by 25%. The money was put back into the general fund.

Maureen advised that HB 3650 passed. This requires states to set-up Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). The Health Policy Board will set-up four commissions: (1) to establish criteria for CCOs, (2) to work on the global budget – how to ensure money is spent on addictions & mental health, (3) to determine what type of outcomes will be required, and (4) how to manage dual eligible Medicare and Medicaid clients. She explained that the time frame has been postponed, 2014 is when Managed Care Organizations will need to be part of a CCO with final implementation by 2017.

VII. Plans for Summer

Maureen advised that the LADPC does not typically meet in July and August due to low attendance. Eric motioned to meet on 7/27/11 and utilize this session for goal setting, Ron seconded, all were in favor. Theresa said that she would get poster board/flip chart for the meeting. Michele will work with Theresa on the logistics. Eric felt the goals in 2010 were not refined and that should be the next step. Maureen thought it would also be helpful to add some current goals to the list. Robin added that it would be helpful if goals that were established are measurable.

The group felt that taking August off would be beneficial due to vacations.

Michele shared that Maureen & Tim George, Medford Chief of Police, gave a presentation at the Public Safety Security Council about the mental health issue, particularly the impact on Criminal Justice and emergency departments. There have been substantial increases in 2011 for those being seen in emergency departments and with the overcrowding of jails. All agreed that it would be a good idea for the police to attend the meeting on the 18th. Maureen stated that there has been a huge increase in the last three months for general mental health contacts and suicides. Many cases have joint involvement of mental health and drug abuse. This could also be a focus for the meeting on the 18th. Maureen explained that the contacts for that three month period will be reviewed to get a better idea of what is happening. She explained that one item to explore is how the mental health crisis staff can work closer with the police.

Next Meeting

The next LADPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and is currently scheduled in the Carpenter Room at the Medford Library.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.