

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Members Present: Larry Lyman, Ron Dunn, Robin Kigel, Lisa McCreadie, Eric Guyer, Theresa Morris, Jody Parrott, and Jan Taylor.

Guests: Rita Sullivan (OnTrack), Commissioner Don Skundrick, Judge Patricia Crain, and Keziah Hinchon (Phoenix Counseling Center).

Staff: Mark Orndoff, Maureen Graham, Michele Morales, Carol Wedman, and Becky Longie.

I. Introductions

Larry Lyman called the meeting to order and asked members and guests to introduce themselves. The February 2011 minutes were reviewed for approval. Eric Guyer made a motion that the minutes be approved; Theresa Morris seconded the motion; all in favor, the minutes were approved as written.

II. Announcements

Michele stated that Becky Longie will not be taking the minutes for LADPC after today because she moved to Mental Health some time ago and will be taking on more responsibilities there. Michele introduced Carol Wedman, who is one of the new administrative assistants at Health and Human Services Administration. Carol will be taking the minutes for LADPC and other HHS committees.

Legislative Updates

SB238 – Paperwork Reduction Bill: This bill has tremendous support. Rita noted that public dollars need to be going toward direct services, and at this point 40% of funds are going to support time spent doing paperwork. Maureen said a group of behavioral health providers are still working on the Paperwork Reduction Bill and noted that behavioral health providers have to add another layer of reporting requirements that take up a lot of time/money that could better be used for direct services to clients. Maureen and Rita are part of that group and testified about SB238; they have made a list of 40 changes that appear to be meeting with legislative approval. There are still some federal things to iron out, but the passing of this bill would allow more funds to be spent on direct services.

HB3110 – This bill proposes to join all addictions services under one umbrella, directly below the Governor, and above the Addictions and Mental Health division. Rita said another purpose of this bill will be to coordinate outcome reporting for all programs throughout the state, to standardize reporting, and to present a new, science-based, prevention curriculum. They will roll this out to 10 counties to begin with, but she doesn't have information on how the counties will be chosen. Rita noted that the cost of not treating or preventing alcohol and drug abuse is showing up in public safety and other areas, so legislators are becoming more aware of the importance of these services.

SB777 – Amends Measure 67 - limits the medical conditions for use of medical marijuana, raises the minimum age to 18, and would require doctors who prescribe medical marijuana to closely follow those patients. Rita said medical marijuana has a huge, and powerful, support base, but feels that something will come out of this bill. Mark noted that there have been 16

proposed bills regarding medical marijuana and there are efforts to consolidate them, but he doesn't know how it stands at this time.

SB196 – The Foster Care Reinvestment Bill would expand a program that has been successful in Jackson County across the entire state. This program reinvests funding currently reserved for foster care into innovative family services that are reducing the need for foster care placements. Rita noted that Dennis Richardson and Sal Esquivel are supporting this bill.

III. Gambling Prevention Update

Michele said in the interest of time it was decided to go with the KOBİ media package for television spots and some companion radio spots for gambling prevention. They have developed one for adults and one for youth so far, which are already being broadcast. Michele noted that KOBİ is very good to work with and very proactive.

Michele said the posters are also okay. She said there are currently 36 businesses with video poker machines where the posters could go. Ron suggested using the kid art from the gambling calendars. They're readily available, inexpensive, and he feels that the kids who created the art, and their parents, would approve and it's a good message for the public.

IV. State Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant - Update

Michele said they have hired the Recovery Coordinator for the ATR project, Shane Semin. He is getting trained for the position. They hope to begin taking referrals by April 1st. The next step will be to develop a provider guide and then they will be ready to publicize the program.

V. Jackson County Marijuana Video

Michele showed part of a video that was presented as a Jackson County Government Close Up on RVTV in January. This production dealt with the issue of medical marijuana and the full version is now available on the county website at <http://www.co.jackson.or.us/page.asp?navid=2392> listed under the air date January 19, 2011.

Medical marijuana is a serious problem in Oregon. Measure 67, which was a compassionate measure to allow people suffering from certain medical conditions to use marijuana legally, has had so many amendments over time that the original intent of the legislation has been overridden. Initially, people with MM cards were allowed to have 1.5 ounces of marijuana at a time; that amount has changed, through amendments, to a total of 1.5 pounds per person, and medical marijuana has become a significant problem for law enforcement.

Michele said that last year at Ashland High School there were three students with Medical Marijuana cards, and it was suspected that some were dealing on campus. Michele said marijuana has been proven to adversely affect motivation, memory, and learning ability and can also contribute to anxiety, so it is a serious problem.

Michele stated that medical marijuana is not taking down the level of prescription pain medication misuse. People who have no insurance and cannot afford medical treatment may gravitate to heroin, which is inexpensive.

Michele said the medical office that is advertising for medical marijuana on television and radio spots also has posters all over the campus at SOU, and she feels that limiting advertising for medical marijuana would be a good practice. AMH also needs to put pressure on doctors who prescribe significant amounts for their patients. Michele suggested that LADPC could

propose a community effort and perhaps provide support for a panel to discuss limiting advertisements for medical marijuana. Mark feels that LADPC and the Public Safety Coordinating Council are the two bodies that could work together on this kind of project.

Michele will be attending a public forum in Mt. Hood on April 20th and will report back next month on the forum and how other communities are dealing with the medical marijuana issue.

VI. April Meeting With Mental Health Advisory Committee

Maureen said the joint LADPC/MHAC meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, May 25th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. due to a conflict in her schedule. LADPC will have their regular monthly meeting on April 27th.

Agenda ideas for joint meeting

- LADPC and MHAC – roles, what they do, particular concerns
- Co-occurring disorders – look at available services and gaps
- Focus on commonalities

Specifics for the agenda will be discussed at both committee meetings in April.

Next Meeting

The next LADPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the ADAMS Room at the Medford Library.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.