

**County of San Luis Obispo
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, April 16, 2009**

Board Members Present: Carol Allen, Ken Conway, John Lovern, Dennis Palm,

Board Members Excused: Jason Reed, LeeAnn Smith, Charlie Archibald, Lanny Erickson, Priscilla Mikesell

Board Members Absent: Dannie Rodgers-Tope, Harry Sharp, Aurora William

Staff Members Present: Star Graber, Wayne Hansen, Clark Guest, Trevor Hardcastle

Guest Present: Harmony Haney, Henry Herzog, Mike Brimage, Leanne Angulo, Bambi Fields, Pattie Page, Suzanne Evans, Shannon Mawhinney, Susan McIntyr, Harlan Hobgood, Sue Warren

Agenda	Discussion	Action	Who/When
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Carol Allen called meeting to order at 12:10PM		
REVIEW OF MINUTES	The March 19, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written. It was noted that today's attendance was one person short to meet a quorum. If no other board member shows up today, then the meeting minutes will need final approval at next months meeting when a quorum can be met.	Motion made 2nd	Dennis Palm Ken Conway
PUBLIC COMMENT	Wayne Hansen states that Drug and Alcohol Services is applying for a substantial Federal grant and has asked the advisory board to write a letter of support. This request for proposal is being submitted to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration in Washington D.C. Funding could potentially be \$300,000 a year for up to 3 years. This is considered a capacity expansion grant using the drug court model for current participants in Dependency Drug Court who are placed on a waitlist or who are unable to access services. John Lovern asked if residential detox could be added to the grant request. Wayne says the grant request is still in the process of being written and residential detox could be added to this request, however, Wayne feels that residential detox is not realistic due to the maximum cost per individual per year for residential. To assist the board in this letter request process, Wayne has drafted a letter. At this time, Wayne read the proposed letter to the board. Wayne is requesting that the board take action in regards to this letter. Carol states the board does not need to vote on this, and that the board meets mid month to discuss grant proposals. Wayne has stated that the due date for this grant proposal is before next months board meeting.	Letter of support for proposed grant- No objections to this action	
DAAB MEMBERSHIP/ RECRUITMENT	Star states that there are 3 scheduled interviews for potential DAAB members to be held after today's meeting. In addition, Star states she has approximately 7 phone calls to return. In addition, at least 3 prospective board members present at today's meeting. As for a youth representative, students from Cuesta College and Hancock College are applying for membership. A guest attending today's meeting announced that she would be interested in a position on the board. Carol to get paperwork to her after today's meeting.		
APPOINTMENT OF	Carol states we need to appoint members for a nominating committee to nominate		

<p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Chairperson and Vice Chair for next year. Nominations need to be put before the board and voted on at next month's meeting, as new terms will start in June. John Lovern and Ken Conway have volunteered to be the nominating committee and will meet after today's meeting. John states that due to so few members present at today's meeting, that it is hard to know who has interest in a position on next year's board. Carol says her impression after last year's meetings is that Jason Reed would be interested in becoming Chair for the upcoming year. Carol suggests that the committee decide who should fill the position of Vice Chair, and then call these members to see if they are interested.</p>		
<p>STATE NET NEGOTIATED AMOUNT (NNA) AND COUNTY BUDGET</p>	<p>Star reports that the County budget has been turned in and is in the review process. Star is expecting some service level reductions, but again, our positions are being held vacate. The Federal government has come in with some increases including grant money for Drug Court. Otherwise the Federal funding is status quo. State funding for Drug and Alcohol programs, at this point, is also status quo. The reductions happening for our department is from the County and grant monies. Star states that the County has enough funds to match the mandatory 100% to receive the Federal funds. We will have a more detailed report next month where we can do a presentation on the proposed budget, which then goes before the Board of Supervisors in June.</p>	<p>Proposed budget presentation at May's meeting</p>	
<p>ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>Star reports that our annual "Mock Rock" is being held on Wednesday, April 29th at 6PM at the Performing Arts Theatre in San Luis Obispo. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket pre-sale. Star is asking board members to take flyers and put up in their neighborhoods. The "Every 15 Minutes" program will be presented to Templeton High School and Shandon High School on May 14th & 15th and at Morro Bay High School on May 21st & 22nd. This program is to be kept a secret, as the students are not aware of this event until the event takes place on the assigned days. This program involves local police agencies, Highway Patrol and emergency personnel which also includes police vehicles, ambulances and the Highway Patrol helicopter. A mock DUI car accident with students takes place on day one with a mock funeral and a debriefing taking place the second day. If you are interested in attending, please see Star. Star shared before and after pictures of the new Drug & Alcohol office located at 1523 Longbranch, Grover Beach. This new office is in a County owned building and shares the building with Probation. Star states that the county has terminated the contract with Pasos de Vida effective March 13, 2009. We are in the process of finalizing the closure of that facility. Star still awaiting an official response from the State regarding the money and disposition of funding and beds, etc. In interim, we are going forward with this grant request Wayne mentioned, to try and replace some of those beds for women and children. We are looking for other funding in case this grant is not approved.</p>		
<p>PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT</p>	<p>Trevor Hardcastle gave a presentation on our Prop. 36 program. A few Prop 36 clients were present at the meeting. In 2000 61% of voters approved Prop. 36. Non-violent offenders who receive a drug charge are eligible to do treatment instead of serving jail time. In the first 5 years of this program, it is estimated that 60,000 Californians completed the Prop. 36-program. Approximately 51,000 participants were assessed for Prop. 36 in</p>	<p>Handout given</p>	

2007/2008. Of this number, 388 people were clients from San Luis County. The success rate of clients enrolled in the program that have graduated is 41%, this being the state average. The reason this is important is that these clients while in treatment are out working and paying taxes. For every \$1 spend on Prop. 36, \$2.50 is saved. San Luis County has a long term treatment program which runs 12-18 months, with the option of running longer if necessary. Court visits average one a month for each client. Our program is looking for long term life changes. 95% of court referrals are assessed and 96% of assessments are admitted. 41% successful completion, which is also the current state average, with 20% left in good standing. The re-arrest rate is 15% for graduates within 30-months, the state average being 42.7%. Our team is what makes the program work, which includes probation, counselors, drug testing, judges, bailiff's. This list also includes our community partners of MHS, sober living environments, residential facilities, and AA/NA. Getting the clients what they need is very important. This may include an assessment, individualized treatment planning, and specific treatment. The program also can provide services from residential treatment programs, sober living environments, Co-occurring disorder program, POEG, Women's groups, detox services, and higher criminality groups. We follow thru on the clients that are disappearing. Being professional and responsive to help prevent people from falling thru the cracks and a sense of care are what makes the program successful. At this time, 2 previous clients spoke and shared their stories. Client states that 16-months ago he was a "loser". P36 guided him to become a winner. Client's counselor, Clark Guest, took him under his wing. Clark attended his Prop. 36 graduation even though it was his day off. Client gave thanks to the board for allowing him to attend a wonderful program. Client #2 states that she was in a whole lot of trouble in a short period of time. Client signed up for sober living then enrolled in the Prop 36 program. If she were to get in trouble again, she would go to prison for 3 years. This program made her accountable and has helped her to stay clean and sober. Client states that our program has enough flexibility to address the specific needs of each client. She states she feels safe calling Trevor or Shannon during tough times and feels our staff cares about individuals. Trevor explained that in being a flexible program we have the ability to take different courses of action depending on the needs of each client, which may include individual counseling sessions, a flexible test schedule, dealing with a young mother or someone who has done prison time. Carol asked of client if there was anything she would change. Client says there are things that she would like to see changed back. This includes a longer period of time for drug testing. She feels this is very important to help hold clients accountable and to truly effect a life change. Shannon states that we are very fortunate to have such a good collaboration with Drug & Alcohol from a Probation standpoint. She says our County works really hard at having a great team. Clark Guest states that he has seen a lot of miracles happen in this program. He states the program has changed over the years and is getting better and better, and is running well now. Carol asked about drug testing protocol. Trevor states the testing is flexible. Most clients are on "color code testing". Client must call 6 days a week to verify if their color has come up that day for

	<p>testing. Once a client comes off color code testing, they are still randomly tested once a month. POEG program available for mothers with young children. The County is writing a grant for DDC for residential beds. Grant would be broader for parents in Prop 36 and DDC. Sue asked if we are having clients fill out an exit survey to help assess outcomes of the Prop 36 program. Our clients do in fact complete a survey at their exit. Guest asked what percentage of drug related offenders are going into the Prop. 36 program. Exact number not known, but Star states that we have a continuum of care for adults. The first level is considered the Deferred Entry of Judgment and then Prop. 36 and finally Drug Court. Between the 3 programs there is estimated to be 1,400 clients a year in the whole criminal justice continuum of care. Ken commented that he appreciates the work of our Prop 36 counselors. He also states that he is very proud of the two clients who spoke today, he feels they're doing a great job. Carol thanked the Prop. 36 representatives for their presentation.</p>		
ANNOUNCEMENT AND REPORT OUTS	<p><u>Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting</u>- no report. <u>Juvenile Justice Commission</u>- Dennis states they have completed the inspections of 2 homes. In May, the commission begins the inspections on the group homes, one in Atascadero and the youth treatment in San Luis Obispo. <u>Adult Services Policy Council</u>- no report <u>Co-occurring Disorders Workgroup</u>- Star reports a meeting to be held today at 1:30. She would like the co-occurring plan on May's agenda. <u>Preventive Health Grant</u>-Star states that Drug & Alcohol has been awarded 3 grants. One is in Oceano/Nipomo, one in San Miguel and one in Cambria. Shandon is included in the San Miguel grant.</p>	Co-occurring plan to be placed on May's agenda	
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	<p>Co-occurring Plan Presentation County Budget Presentation</p>		

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm. Next meeting to be held May 21, 2009 12-1:30PM