

**Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA)
STATEWIDE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING SUMMARY
August 27, 2004**

WELCOME

Director Kathryn Jett gave a brief welcome to all of the members.

Director Jett stated the results of the California Performance Review (CPR) were announced on August 3rd. There are over 1,000 recommendations in the report including the consolidation of several departments. The proposal seeks to centralize many of the state's functions including legal, administration, licensing, external affairs and technology.

Director Jett stated the CPR Report recommended the merger of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH). ADP is currently reviewing the report. The report will also be reviewed by the Little Hoover Commission and the Legislature. The CPR Committee is currently holding hearings throughout the state. The Governor has requested input from Kim Belshé, Secretary of Health and Human Services by November. The Governor will use the information submitted by Secretary Belshé in formulating decisions on recommendations from the CPR Report.

Director Jett informed members that they could give input to the CPR committee or receive more information about the CPR Report by going online to www.cpr.ca.gov.

Director Jett announced that ADP was successful in its application for the Access to Recovery Grant. Director Jett informed the membership that every state selected had their award cut by fifty percent. Director Jett announced that the California Rural Indian Health Board received a federal grant. The California Rural Indian Health Board is the only organization to receive a federal grant that represents the Native American population.

Director Jett announced that the 10th Biennial California Student Survey (CSS) was released on August 18, 2004. This report is conducted every two years and is sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General and co-sponsored by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and the Department of Education. Director Jett said the data was impressive indicating decreases in tobacco, drug and alcohol use by 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students in 2003 -2004.

Director Jett announced the upcoming "Recovery Happens" event to be held on the west steps of the Capitol on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. The 10th anniversary of Recovery Happens is hosted by The California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources (CAARR) in collaboration with ADP to celebrate and demonstrate that treatment works. CAARR expects 1500 people to attend.

Director Jett stated that the ADP counselor certification regulations are in final public review, with the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association (CADPAAC) schedule to review and vote in September, 2004.

Director Jett spoke of departmental plans to sponsor a treatment conference.

CHECK IN AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Members engaged in a roundtable discussion and commentary on the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA). Comments included:

SACPA Funding Reauthorization

It was reported that the California Public Defenders Association would be meeting next Thursday, September 2, 2004, to discuss issues such as: Where to go from here; how to adapt; and how to obtain funding.

CAARR is conducting a survey of county/state programs to determine among other things whether clients are receiving the services they are assessed for, and what it would cost if people were getting all services needed.

A member reported that the Campaign for New Drug Policies is moving forward in developing a joint proposal between law enforcement and the treatment community to further Proposition 36.

Program Operations

Los Angeles County reports 10,000 clients in Proposition 36. Los Angeles County is trying to stabilize its Proposition 36 programs to develop continuity, after realizing a \$13 mil reduction in their overall system of care.

It was reported that Los Angeles County wants to refine data to capture people who have successfully completed treatment.

Sierra County is continuing to work with ADP on the challenges small counties face in keeping the doors open to SACPA clients without punitive consequences from an audit.

It was reported that the Chief Probation Officers Association of California expects to have a statewide training for probation officers by the end of the year. It was also reported that a judicial training will take place in Monterey in October.

A representative from the California Organization of Methadone Providers stated there is continued trouble with implementing contracts with counties.

A representative of CADPAAC stated the mandatory returning of county excess funds is opposed by CADPAAC.

Sacramento County's evaluation report is almost final, anticipated release of the report is in September.

A judicial member reported there are statewide issues regarding the transfer of jurisdictions. There is a need to clarify who reimburses for services. A second issue noted was there are inaccurate data records regarding client dismissals. Private companies receive incomplete information on clients with convictions who, as a result, lose their job.

California Performance Review

A representative from CAADPE encouraged everyone to give input to the CPR report recommendations.

Several members voiced opposition to the CPR report recommendation to merge the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and The Department of Mental Health, stating the program most at risk would be Proposition 36.

General Comments

A member stated that in his travels around Northern California for the federal government he is hearing about increases in the use of oxycontin. He also stated that methamphetamine is 80% pure as well as crystallized compared to powder.

The Statewide Advisory Group membership was reminded that the *Addiction Medicine Review Conference 2004* will be October 6-9, 2004 at the San Diego Marriott La Jolla Hotel.

A representative stated that Amity Foundation has a movie entitled "Lifers", an excellent documentary on the effectiveness of treatment.

RECAPTURE OF EXCESS FUNDS FROM COUNTY

ADP presented information on the proposed recapture and redistribution of excess funds. The proposal would recapture 80% of excess funds from counties where Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004 carryover exceeds 20% of their total funds available. Recaptured excess funds would be distributed to counties that demonstrate need. Counties would be eligible to receive a supplemental allocation if they were not required to return funds. The excess funds provisions would be written into emergency regulations to take effect as soon as November.

Member's comments included:

- The excess funds/redistribution issue needs to be resolved to allow sufficient time for counties to spend the reallocated funds in FY 2005-2006.
- A graduated recapture, rather than a straight 80% recapture, could be a more equitable approach.
- The proposal should be examined to see specifically how it affects Minimum Based Allocation counties.
- The legal basis to develop regulations for the involuntary recapture of excess funds should be identified and stated.
- There is some opposition to the involuntary return of excess funds.
- The process for redistribution of excess funds should be stated in the regulations.

After discussion, members voted in favor of the proposed formula to recapture and redistribute excess funds.

PROBATION POST-TREATMENT ACTIVITIES

Del Sayles-Owen, ADP Deputy Director, reported that a county is pursuing approval to explicitly authorize probation officers to provide supervision as an aftercare service for clients on probation for up to three years. The department has determined that funds can be used for probation services, for up to eighteen months while clients are in treatment and during breaks in treatment. An All County Lead Agency letter is in development.

Member's comments included:

- A concern with probation being reimbursed when the treatment provider is not reimbursed. The member stated that as financial situations worsen, these issues will continue, and suggested that ADP examine regulations around this issue.
- A member stated that the guidelines are clear as to how long you can use Proposition 36 funding to pay for supervision of after treatment.
- It was suggested that the Proposition 36 funds collected in counties for supervision should be returned to the Proposition 36 Trust Fund.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Peggy Blair, ADP Manager, presented the additional expenditure data ADP plans to include in the 3rd SACPA Annual report.

ACCESS TO SACPA DATA

Larry Carr, Acting Deputy Director, Research proposed sending out the UCLA reports in an email to the membership. The membership agreed.

UCLA EVALUATION 2003

Doug Longshore, PH.D, Associate Director, Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, University of California, Los Angeles, provided an overview of the major findings of the year two SACPA evaluation. Dr. Longshore indicated the report would cover among other things, client show rates and treatment completion dates.

NEXT STEPS FOR STATEWIDE ADVISORY GROUP

Members contributed the following as potential agenda items for the next Statewide Advisory Group meeting to be held on October 22, 2004 in Sacramento:

- Presentation on new legislation - reauthorization
- Public and press reaction to the UCLA report
- California Performance Review recommendations and their impact on Proposition 36
- Update on recapture of county excess funds

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.