



King County

**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 9, 2007**

**KCASAAB Members Present:** Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Patrick Godfrey, Tim King, Jim Benbow (awaiting County Council confirmation)

**KCASAAB Members Absent:** Roger Goodman (excused), Raymond Miller -awaiting County Executive's appointment-(excused); Mariah O. Mitchell (excused)

**Guests Present:** Ardi Bury, Recovery Centers of King County; Harvey Funai, DASA Region 4; Paula Fisher, Ann Forbes, Alcohol Drug Helpline; Ron Jackson, Evergreen Treatment Services; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital

**Staff Present:** Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

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Board Chair Joan Clement convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was held at DDD-DSHS, 1700 E. Cherry, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Seattle.

## **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Joan Clement welcomed everyone and then asked them to introduce themselves.

## **II. MINUTES**

Linda Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Tim King to approve the July 12, 2007 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **III. DASA UPDATE**

Harvey Funai is transitioning to a reassigned position as Statewide Treatment Expansion Administrator for DASA. His main area of coverage includes King, Pierce, Clark, Yakima and Spokane. Bob Leonard is backfilling for him. Bob's regular position is still unfilled to date.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Shoreline Town Meeting**

The event was very well attended. However, Joan Clement noted poor representation from CD group in this town meeting. Ron Jackson was the lone spokesperson on CD side.

Linda Brown expressed concern about the low public visibility of support by the CD community for the sales tax initiative. She reiterated the comments she made at the CD Youth Providers Meeting held prior to the Board meeting about the need for CD group to be as visible as Mental Health and the larger human service and justice communities in support of the sales tax initiative. She suggested that Board members individually and/or as a Board write or email individual Council members asking them to support the plan submitted by the Community and Human Services Department for how the money generated by the sales tax increase would be used and the crucial importance of the services. The Human Services Alliance has drafted model letters of support that can be used as guides for letters to Council members. Linda will email copies of the model letters to members of the Board. Email and mailing addresses of County Council members are available on the County Council website.

**ACTION ITEM:** Linda Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Godfrey that the Board sends a letter to Council members asking them to support the sales tax increase and the plan for how the money would be used for CD services in particular, if the sales tax is increased. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Department of Community and Human Services is coordinating a council retreat on sales tax initiative in September. CD's legislative priorities include funding for low-income non-Medicaid and cores services to reduce caseloads.

#### **B. CFC Liaison**

Joan asked for volunteers to fill in for Michelle DiMiscio as Board Liaison to the Children and Family Commission (CFC). CFC meets every second Monday of the month from 6pm to 8pm.

Michelle expressed willingness to serve as CFC Liaison until the Board finds a replacement.

### **V. SIX-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION**

Jim walked the Board through the Plan. For the first time, the Plan is organized using the PITA continuum of services model including Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Aftercare. The plan is data driven.

He noted that applicants to the RFA will be required to reference the goals outlined in the six-year strategic plan for the delivery of substance abuse and prevention services.

Jim enumerated the Prevention, Treatment, and Mobilization Organization's goals. He noted a decreased in PPW (Pregnant and Parenting Women) funding and indicated that this will be reversed. Under treatment goals, criminal justice

coordination was added. The Division intends to continue increasing low-income admission to treatment services prior to criminal justice.

Michelle DiMiscio expressed concern on criminal justice gap and homelessness issues and asked about addressing these issues more explicitly in the Plan. Jim stated that the department is currently addressing these issues through the Ten-Year Homelessness Plan.

**ACTION ITEM:** Linda Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Patrick Godfrey to approve the Six-Year Strategic Plan as amended. The motion was approved.

Jim suggested reviewing the Plan by section to keep the document active. This will be a standing agenda item at the Board meeting. Sharon Toquinto and Dave Murphy will be invited to be present when the Board discusses their area of expertise. Sharon on prevention and Dave on criminal justice issues.

## **VI. ALCOHOL AND DRUG COORDINATOR'S UPDATE**

### **A. RFA Update**

We have completed the RFA for Prevention, Treatment, Youth, and ADATSA/Adult services. This is being posted on the King County website today.

There is a need for Board member(s) to help in reviewing the applications. We are expecting about 80 applications. The following MHCADSD staff will head the review team:

- Margaret Soukup – Youth
- Mike Elsner – Treatment
- Rose Soo Hoo – ADATSA-Adult
- Sharon Toquinto – Prevention

In addition to staff and Board members, Jim will also ask people from other counties to serve as reviewer. We need about 50 reviewers in total.

Technical assistance will be provided to applicants in addition to Bidder's Conference. Jim also clarified that agencies do not need to provide a budget except for Prevention section.

The RFA will be out to the public for five weeks. The due date for submission of the completed RFA is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Review of all applications will be conducted between September 18 - October 5.

### **B. Access to Recovery (ATR) Update**

By September 1, 2007 we should know if the State succeeded in getting funding for ATR. Mike Elsner is the staff person for this program.

### **C. Group Health Care Enhancements**

This will take effect on September 1, 2007. Three additional CDP positions were added at JRA, Worksource and Children's Hospital.

### **D. Lead Contract Position**

The CD Lead Contract position, vacated by Mike Elsner, is still open. If interested, go to King County website.

### **E. Legislative Priorities**

The Legislative Forum this year will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Cathedral in Capitol Hill. The following legislative priorities will be submitted at this year's forum:

- Supplemental funding for youth treatment expansion.
- Funding for non-Medicaid clients.
- Funding for Intensive case management pilot projects at DESC and King/Pierce counties.

**ACTION ITEM:** Linda Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Godfrey to support the legislative priorities submitted by the Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Joan gave the following information to the Board:

- Presentation from 24-Hour Helpline at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Joint meeting with King County Mental Health Advisory Board (KCMHAB) on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm at the new County office building located at 401 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Seattle, WA 98104. KCMHAB is hosting this year's joint Board meeting.

## **VIII. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

The Board continues to work with the issue related to naming the Recovery Garden. Roger Goodman is working on getting the term "Recovery" Garden. The

Recovery Garden Workgroup will seek to get media coverage when the remaining 12 cobblestones will be installed at Delridge Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

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