



King County

**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2007**

KCASAAB Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Patrick Godfrey, Roger Goodman, Tim King, Jim Benbow (awaiting County Executive's appointment)

KCASAAB Members Absent: Raymond Miller -awaiting County Executive's appointment-(unexcused); Mariah O. Mitchell (unexcused)

KCCOP Board Members Present: Helena Stephens, Tim McCalester, Deanna Briese, Mark Howard, Kim Noel

Guests Present: Bob Leonard, (DASA-Region 4); Al Sweeten (SIHB); Suzanne Wietting (Fairfax Hospital)

Staff Present: Laura Edwards, Mike Elsner, Cheryl Hanson, Rhoda Naguit, Amnon Shoenfeld, Jim Vollendroff

Board Chair Joan Clement convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at DDD-DSHS, 1700 E. Cherry, 2nd floor, Seattle. Joan stated that she would endeavor to end the meeting at about 1:15pm, which is 15 minutes shorter than the usual Board meeting time, to enable anyone wishing to attend the Memorial Service for the late Carol Hoeft. She also gave tribute to Carol Hoeft for her great contributions in the chemical dependency field for many years.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Joan Clement gave a special welcome to the Board members of the King County Community Organizing Program and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. MINUTES

Michelle DiMiscio made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Godfrey to approve the May 10, 2007 as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. KCASAAB/KCCOP JOINT ENDEAVOR

Helena Stephens, King County Community Organizing Program (KCCOP) Chair, gave a brief history of the KCCOP and the roles of the Board. KCCOP service programs are funded through Federal grants.

The KCCOP Advisory Board makes recommendations on the programmatic direction of substance abuse and violence prevention and community mobilization efforts. It provides mini-grants to the community to mobilize them.

The Board seeks input from education, law enforcement, treatment providers, neighborhoods, business, and other relevant elements of the community.

The board is nominated and approved by the voting members of the board. Members are not subject to Executive appointment or County Council confirmation.

Michelle DiMiscio thanked KCCOP for the mini-grant funds made available to the community. People of Color Against Aids Network (POCAAN) is one of the recipients of their mini-grant funding which enable them to pay for their Recovery Month event.

Joan Clement, KCASAAB Chair, stated that KCASAAB role is policy focused and advisory. It provides leadership in the development of the county's biennial plan for substance abuse services and, on an ongoing basis, makes recommendations on policies and programs that ensure the availability and accessibility of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services for persons with alcohol or other drug dependency.

Linda Brown added that Board members are actively involved in an ongoing legislative advocacy. It also serves as reviewer of Request for Proposal (RFP) for CD services.

KCASAAB board members are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council to three-year term.

IV. SALES INITIATIVES UPDATE - Amnon Shoenfeld

Amnon Shoenfeld gave a brief background of the one tenth of one percent sales tax initiatives and identified the group of individuals who helped develop the Action Plan. Linda Brown, past KCASAAB Chair, represented the Board in the workgroup.

Amnon stated that the Community Crisis Alternative Workgroup has completed the three phases of the Action Plan to prevent and reduce unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice and emergency medical systems for youth and adults. Phase III of the Plan was submitted to the Council on June 1, 2007.

For detailed information about the plan, visit the King County Council webpage at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/mhd/salestax.htm>

The first public hearing on the plan will be held on June 25th at Shoreline Conference Center. Reception begins at 6:00pm, followed immediately by public hearing. Other opportunities for public input will be made available by the Council.

Linda Brown recognized the tremendous efforts made by the workgroup, headed by Amnon Shoenfeld. Joan Clement thanked Linda Brown for her valuable participation in the development of the Action Plan.

The issue on SEIU's non-supportive position of the Plan was brought up. Amnon stated that the SEIU's case is against mental health only. The Action Plan submitted to the Council is not confined to mental health services but it includes chemical dependency and therapeutic court services.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE COORDINATOR'S UPDATE

A. 2007-2009 Budget

We have received our treatment allocation funding from DASA for 2007-2009. There is a substantial decrease in youth low income funds (treatment expansion) due to our youth treatment admissions over the year.

In addition to the loss of youth treatment expansion funding it appears that we will be losing \$1.6 million in the overall substance abuse budget. This is due to how the funding formula is being applied at the state level. Jim has been in contact with DASA to get clarification about the budget allocation and clarify how the funding formula is being applied.

Title XIX rates have been changed. There are still some issues to work out around differential rates for youth vs. adult group.

The state has made a change that will have an impact on our youth contract. Traditionally youth ages 10 through 20 are served with state dollars. DASA has made a change to services to be provided to youth ages 10 - 17. Young adults age 18 and older who may be developmentally more appropriately served in a youth outpatient setting must be admitted by exception with an approval from the Regional Administrator, effective July 1, 2007. Youth agencies need to arrange for a transfer of their 18 and older clients to an adult program. They can contact the Contract Monitor with a request for an exception to policy for each youth - describing the circumstances as to why the young adult needs to be served in a youth agency.

B. Six-Year Strategic Plan

The Plan has been submitted to DASA. It is more data driven. We will re-send the Plan to DASA in September 2007 with Board's input. Jim identified the following treatment goals:

1. Increase youth admissions to treatment – more treatment, better treatment, beyond treatment.
2. Increase pregnant and parenting women admissions to substance abuse treatment services
3. Increase the percentage of individuals receiving services in the mental health plan who are also admitted to chemical dependency services
4. Increase treatment admissions of those 65 years of age and older
5. Increase professional development for Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) to include cultural sensitivity and working with specific ethnic and cultural populations, GLBT populations, homeless and veterans populations, GAIN administration and other evidence based practices.
6. Increase the number of treatment clients that acquire housing.
7. Increase client employability, employment and pro-social gainful activity.

The Plan is updated every two years. Internal staff will review the implementation of the Plan.

Hardcopy of the Plan will be mailed out to Board members to enable them to review and further discuss it at the July 12, 2007 regular Board meeting.

C. Other Information

MHCADSD has submitted an application for Youth Group Care Enhancement positions. We should be hearing soon about the outcome of that application.

The RFP for youth and adult services will be released on August 2, 2007.

MHCADSD has been nominated of King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services for a Science to Service Award from SAMHSA for our accomplishments in implementing the GAIN assessment in King County. We will know if we will be one of the recipients of the award soon.

VI. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

Joan Clement informed the Board about a need for a Liaison for Children and Family Commission (CFC). Michelle DiMiscio has been the Board Liaison for CFC for several years. She has to give up the assignment due to recent change in

her work schedule. CFC meets every 2nd Monday of the month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The meetings are mostly held at Casey Headquarters in Denny Way.

Joan will put an email out to Board members to solicit a volunteer for CFC.

Joan described the beauty of the Recovery Garden, which was officially dedicated on May 19, 2007. She thanked Suzanne Wietting, Linda Brown, Tim King, and Michelle DiMiscio for making this happen in spite of a long uphill battle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

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Joan Clement
Board Chair