



King County

**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2007**

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Patrick Godfrey, Mariah O. Mitchell

Members Absent: Dan Foley (excused), Roger Goodman (excused), Tim King (excused)

Guests Present: Ardi Bury, RCKC; Tammy Joinee, Bob Leonard, DASA Regional Office; Juliette Sauvage, KYFS; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital

Staff Present: Geoff Miller, Jim Vollendroff

The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting was convened at 12:01 p.m. The meeting was held at DDD-DSHS, 1700 E. Cherry, 2nd floor, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Linda Brown welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. MINUTES

Pat Godfrey made a motion, which was seconded by Larry Hill to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2007 as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

Artie Shaw from Recovery Centers of King County noted that RCKC is doing some renovation/remodeling of the detox facility following their purchase of the building. The remodel is progressing on schedule.

IV. DASA UPDATE

Bob Leonard from the Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) Region IV provided an update and information on what has been happening within DASA.

Over 400 attended the annual DASA Region III & IV - Warm Beach Retreat. This year's event went very well and was very informative.

Saying It Out Loud Conference (SIOL) will be held on May 18th. Please save the date. Registration will be available on-line or via hard copy. We expect the event to be full very soon after opening registration. As in past years, the event will be free and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available.

Harvey Funai (Region IV Administrator) was very pleased with Treatment Expansion performance of King County. Doug Allen (Division Director) noted that 102% of adult treatment population goal for Treatment Expansion has been met.

Auburn Youth Resources has increased admissions by 100 percent in Jan 2007. The joint technical assistance and encouragement of Jim Vollendroff and DASA staff and, of course, the excellent work of AYR staff are credited with the increased admission. AYR brought on a staff member to expand services to rural areas and provide treatment services on site at the schools. These outreach efforts have been successful in increasing admissions. This is a good example of what cooperation and extra efforts can do. Youth treatment still needs to see an increase in admissions in order to meet Treatment Expansion goals, but this is a good example for other youth providers to emulate.

Discussion followed.

Jim Vollendroff noted the cooperative efforts with Pierce and Snohomish counties in providing services to communities that are on the county borders. Many school districts have residents of more than one county.

Linda Brown noted articles from Yakima on issues around the expansion of treatment contracts to providers that are interested in contracting directly with DASA rather than going through the County contracting process. DASA has recently changed their policy and is contracting directly with provider agencies for out-patient treatment services. Articles passed around to those attending noted issues surrounding this change in contracting practices by DASA. Some regions and counties are not pleased with the change in DASA policy.

Jim Vollendroff noted that ACHS is not in favor of the DASA policy change. Some local advisory/administrative boards have written to DASA expressing concern over the practice. The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board has discussed the issue in the past. Linda Brown reviewed past discussions and concerns. Jim Vollendroff noted that King County has worked to problem solve the issues jointly with DASA. A number of problem issues with the DASA contracting practice were noted in the discussion including quality assurance, the need to meet treatment expansion goals, and the impact on county request for proposal process. DASA stated that they have given the counties the opportunity to contact with new treatment providers first; some counties are reluctant and have made this a local issue.

Cooperation between DASA and King County has been good; however, King County does not support DASA's position on the direct contracting. The need to achieve treatment expansion goals is important; however, outreach is a new concept for many adult providers and is not reimbursed by DASA. King County has favorable relationships with their providers and, for the most part, has been able meet Treatment Expansion goals. The Board is concerned about the potential of the policy change to establish two systems within a county and to create splits among providers, the County and DASA. An additional concern is the potential impact of the policy change on the ability of the County authority and the Board to build a coherent and stable treatment system that reflects the unique needs and characteristics of the County

ACTION ITEM: Joan Clements moved that the Board write a letter expressing our concern as a board and that the local control should be honored by DASA in contracting in the future; seconded by Pat Godfrey; motion passed. Linda Brown will write the letter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update

Linda Brown provided an update on the vendor rate increase. She noted that contacts were made by board members to several of the King County legislators and provided information from Linda Grant and Sharon Chase concerning the issue. Linda Grant is optimistic about the potential for the budget to include a vendor rate increase. It was also noted that Roger Goodman has been very proactive. The vendor rate increase was included in the Governor's budget (one of four areas for rate increases). Sharon Chase felt that additional contact with the key legislators (Appropriates and Ways & Means Committees) would be helpful in expressing support for the vendor rate increase.

Senator Hargrove understands the need for the increase, but remains puzzled on why the 1/10th of 1 percent has not been enacted by the counties.

As a board we should let Representative Roger Goodman know how much we appreciate his work and leadership on this issue.

1/10th of 1 Percent Sales Tax Increase was discussed.

Linda Brown noted an article in the Seattle PI where an open conflict between the union (SIEU) and the mental health providers was discussed. A conflict with the union could derail the county council being willing to act on the 1/10th. Additional information is needed as this issue and the surrounding issues are complex. No action other than gathering data and staying aware of the potential issues surrounding the 1/10th of 1 Percent Sales Tax Increase.

B. Recovery Garden Update

Suzanne Wetting will meet next Thursday with Kenadar who will engrave one rock with the labyrinth and “one journey many paths”. It was noted that the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation is now stating that Recovery Garden cannot be used on park signage. The reason given was that they can not allow a special interest group to have signage in the park. We would like to work with Seattle Park District in the future, and the committee will continue its effort to on behalf of the recovery community. The park and “recovery garden” is slated for opening and dedication on May 19, 2007.

FYI – invitation to see the History Project – The 24 Hour Drug and Alcohol Helpline invited Linda Brown to see the work so far History Project which chronicles the development substance abuse treatment in Washington State over more than 100 years. It is very impressive! Alcohol and Drug Help Line will be invited to show the project to the board.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

With the recent resignations of Larry Hill and Mary Alice Knotts from the Board we need to recruit new members. Discussion focused on the Council Districts that are not represented and recruitment strategies.

A. Action of Application of Raymond Miller

Pat Godfrey made a motion, which was seconded by Joan Clement to approve Raymond Miller’s application for Board membership. The motion passed and was approved unanimously.

VII. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

The Nomination Committee made its report and offered the following nominations for officers: Joan Clement for Chairperson; Pat Godfrey for Vice Chairperson. Motion to accept the nominations and elect Joan Clement as Chairperson and Pat Godfrey as Vice Chairperson made by Michelle DiMiscio and seconded and passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Linda Brown told the Board that Juliette Sauvage from Kent Youth and Family Services had asked if the board would be interested in having a family talk to the board about their experience in treatment. The Board discussed purpose and usefulness of bringing a family into the board meeting. It was suggested that hearing from the family would be more valuable at the next legislative forum, or at the youth provider’s meeting. Linda Brown will follow-up with Juliette Sauvage.

The Board requested a copy of the video that Spotlight On Recovery showed at the Legislative Forum.

IX. A/D COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Jim recommended presenting the Reclaiming Futures model at the next board meeting. He noted that the Reclaiming Futures model sponsors/fosters fellowships to help the treatment and prevention systems nationwide grow and develop. The Reclaiming Futures fellowships include treatment fellowships, judicial fellowships, and community fellowships. The work and information shared and developed through the Reclaiming Futures model will inform and be embedded in the request for proposals planned for 2007.

Two proposals were submitted to the Science-to-service Award to Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration; one for treatment and one for prevention.

Quarterly report is done and was submitted on time to DASA.

Strategic planning process is underway. Sharon Toquinto will update the board next month. The Board asked about the development of the Six-Year Plan and asked that strategic planning and the six-year plan should be on the agenda for the next several board meetings. Discussion included background on the framework of the six-year plan and the development of the framework. Noted specifically is that the plan will be more data driven. The plan will also include Community Mobilization as well as chemical dependency treatment and prevention.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

None

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

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Geoff Miller
Note Taker

Linda Brown
Board Chair