



King County

**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2007**

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

**Members Absent:** Tim King (excused), Raymond Miller-awaiting County Executive's appointment – (excused)

**Guests Present:** Paula Fisher (ADHL), Harvey Funai, DASA Region 4; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital

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

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The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting was convened 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**

Board Chair Joan Clement welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

**II. MINUTES**

Due to lack of quorum at this point of the meeting, the review and approval of the minutes was tabled for later action.

**III. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

No agency announcements.

Jim Vollendroff announced that the Department of Community and Human Services, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division will be moving to the new King County building some time in August 2007. The new building is located at the kiddy corner of Yesler and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The entire department will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Joan Clement acknowledged Roger Goodman's great efforts in pushing CD issues at the recent Legislature sessions. Roger cited some of the bills he worked through the legislative process this year.

#### **IV. DASA UPDATE**

Bob Leonard reported that 250 people have already registered for the "Saying It Out Loud Conference" scheduled to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Center. The demand for this kind of conference is growing each year.

The 2007 Institute on Addiction Treatment will be held on June 27-29, 2007 at Sheraton Tacoma Hotel in Tacoma, Washington.

We are anxiously waiting for the Governor to sign the budget. A reduction on youth funding from the Governor's budget is expected due to underutilization of youth expansion treatment.

#### **V. MINUTES**

With the arrival of additional board members, a quorum was reached. Pat Godfrey made a motion, which was seconded by Mariah Lewis-Mitchell to approve the March 8, 2007 and the April 12, 2007 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Recovery Garden Update**

Several Board members helped install 60 cobblestones at the "Meditation" Garden and did some clean up around the area one weekend. The park and garden dedication will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

##### **B. Update on Final Legislative Budget**

The legislature authorized an increase to the outpatient vendor rate. The CD vendor rate increase is approximately 15-18% for the fiscal year 2007 and 2% increase in 2008. We need to come up with new money and will have to cut services. The good news is that opiate substitution rate remains the same. One advantage is that most of the opiate substitution clients are GAU-eligible.

The Board will write a letter to Doug Allen, DASA Director, to thank him for his leadership and for the outcome of significant increased funding for outpatient rates and to ask him about working to partner to strategize for next legislative session to further increase rates.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Applicant**

Joan Clement introduced Jim Benbow, an applicant for Board membership, and asked that he say something about himself. Pat shared his several years of experience in the provision of treatment and social services for people with substance abuse and mental health disorders and his commitment to integrate services for this population. He stated that majority of his service has been with military veterans cared for by the VA Puget Sound Health Care System. He hopes he would be a useful addition to the Board with his 27 years of working for VA.

**ACTION ITEM:** Roger Goodman made a motion, which was seconded by Mariah Lewis-Mitchell to recommend the appointment of Jim Benbow to the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. ALCOHOL/DRUG COORDINATOR REPORT**

### **A. RFP Timeline**

Jim Vollendroff gave the following timeline for the RFP for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Services, Youth and Adult Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment services and ADATSA services:

March 1, 2007-July 20, 2007 – Competitive bid documents are developed  
July 24, 2007 by noon – Competitive bid documents are submitted to Procurement  
August 2, 2007 – Released of competitive bid  
August 13-17, 2007 – Applicants conference(s)  
September 17, 2007 – Deadline for submission of applications  
September 17-October 5, 2007 – Review of applications  
October 10, 2007 – Recommendations submitted  
October 15, 2007 – Awardees will be notified  
November 2007 – 2008 contracts will be released to providers  
January 1, 2008 – Earliest start date for 2008 contract services

Copy of the RFP timeline was emailed to all CD providers this morning.

The RFP for Sobering will be released in 2008 through a joint RFP between the county and REACH case management program. The funding for sobering comes from federal, county, and city.

For future Board Retreat topics, Joan Clement suggested a discussion of contingency funding for chemical dependency services. It was also suggested system change in relation to family involvement in treatment be a discussion item.

#### **B. Involuntary Commitment Specialists**

Jim reported that a presentation on chemical dependency involuntary commitment services was given at the CD Adult Providers Meeting prior to the Board meeting. The presentation was aimed to encourage providers to refer their clients to Pioneer Center North (PCN) to increase involuntary commitment admission. PCN has six dedicated beds for King County. When there is a "no show" PCN prioritizes King County clients.

The Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse is currently reviewing the Involuntary Commitment Specialist (ICS) position. To maintain the current two ICS positions in King County, we need to increase referral to ICS.

#### **C. Access to Recovery Update**

The program is coming to an end in June 2007. A grant providing re-allocation funding for ATR will be put out soon. DASA will re-apply for this grant funding.

There was an inquiry whether the sales tax initiative could be used for ATR services. Jim responded "Not at this time."

#### **D. Youth Care Enhancement Services**

King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (KCMHCADSD) is submitting a written response to DASA for the Youth Group Care Enhancement application. The county will subcontract the services with providers who are appropriately licensed and certified to conduct out-patient Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse (CD/SA) treatment services.

Our current service providers; namely, SeaMar, Friends of Youth, Ryther Child Center and Ruth Dykeman Youth and Family Services are all willing to continue to provide services and to keep their case management position.

Deadline for submission of the written application is May 14, 2007.

## **IX. LIAISON REPORT**

### **Pat Godfrey, Legislative and Advocacy Committee**

We have been successful in getting the group to focus on CD issues and mental health issues. Several legislative bills were discussed.

County Councilmember Bob Ferguson is sponsoring a mental health forum on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Center, 18560 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE in Shoreline.

Amnon Shoenfeld, Director of Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division, will be invited to the next Board meeting to provide an update on the 1/10 of 1% sales tax initiatives and to discuss the SEIU issues.

The Board has expressed interest in having a presentation on buprenorphine from either Ron Jackson or Andy Saxton in future Board meeting. Roger Goodman stated that grant funding for this drug will expire next year and it is expensive and that it is unclear if Medicaid will pick up the cost of this medication.

### **Linda Brown, Community Crisis Alternative Plan Work Group**

At the last meeting, the work group discussed a number of service priorities. Of the twenty-eight service priorities listed, only the following five priorities are being recommended for funding:

- Funding for low-income not covered by Medicaid
- Cores services to reduce case loads
- Increase housing accessible to those leaving jails and hospitals
- Crisis Diversion facilities, including criminal justice
- Increase prevention, early identification, early intervention, and linkage to ongoing services in schools.

The group has authorized Amnon Shoenfeld to finalize the service priorities and funding. He will work with Jim Vollendroff and other individuals in putting the recommendations. This is due for submission to the County Council by May 31, 2007.

### **Joan Clement, Mental Health Advisory Board**

The Mental Health Advisory Board has approved contingency plan for some mental health services and programs. There is a pending funding issue in mental health as almost 10% of enrolled clients are losing Medicaid during their benefit year. The impact of switching the funding source to non-Medicaid for this number of people would put the County into a non-Medicaid deficit situation by the end of

this year. The County is also considering how the policy will affect clients who go into spenddown.

**Michelle DiMiscio, Children and Family Commission**

Michelle DiMiscio reported that the Commissioners met with Council members headed by Larry Gossett on March 9<sup>th</sup> and briefed/updated them on meeting the irreducible needs of children and families of King County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Prepared by;

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit  
Recording Secretary

Joan Clement  
Board Chair