



The City and County of San Francisco
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APPROVED AND ADOPTED MEETING MINUTES

Full Board Meeting on June 12, 2002

Present: Mr. Cedric Akbar, President, Ms. Georgia Bates Creel, Vice-President, Mr. Richard Gee, Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Yvonne Littleton, Ms. Lavita Daniel, Mr. Keith Fowler, Chair, Public Policy, Mr. Robert Wood, Mr. Brian Haley, Ms. Vanessa Padilla, Chair, Planning and Evaluation, Ms. Dina Santana, Mr. Kevin Sharps, and Ms. Stephanie Hughes.

Absent: Mr. Paul Aguilar (Unexcused).

CSAS Representative: Ms. JN Kendall, CSAS/CAAB/DAAB Liaison

Staff: Ms. Danita L. Mathis, Executive Officer

Guests: Mr. Craig Murdock, DPH SACPA Policy Coordinator
Ms. Kirsten Melbye, CSAS Research, Epidemiology, and Grants

I. Call To Order and Introductions

President Cedric Akbar called the meeting to order at 4:12pm. Roll call was taken. Board members and guest introduced themselves. President Akbar welcomed Board members and guests. At the initial roll call a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

A motion was made to approve and adopt the May 2002 full Board meeting minutes. The motion was second and unanimously approved by vote.

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda for the June full Board meeting. The motion was second and unanimously approved by vote.

The Executive Officer will have the May full Board meeting minutes posted on the Department of Public Health's website.

Motion To Excuse Absence With Cause

The Executive Officer told the Board no Board members called in requesting an excused absence.

II. Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS) Director's Report

Ms. JN Kendall, CSAS/CAAB/DAAB Liaison reported that Dr. Jorge Partida, Director, CSAS will not be attending the full Board meeting due to a family emergency. Apparently, Dr. Partida was called out of town due to a family emergency.

A Board member pointed out that a CSAS Director's Report has not been presented in the past few months. Most of the Board members know that the Department of Public Health (DPH) is moving towards a Behavioral Health model that means treating the entire person in a holistic manner. DPH is combining Primary Health Care, Community Mental Health Services (CMHS), and Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS) under one department, Behavioral Health.

President Akbar stated that he would meet with the CSAS Director to discuss his attendance at DAAB monthly full Board meetings.

III. DAAB President's Report

President Akbar did not have any new information to report to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Richard Gee prepared and distributed the DAAB Receipts and Disbursements Report for the month of April 2002. The Executive Officer will distribute this report to the City-Wide Alcoholism Advisory Board (CAAB).

Mr. Gee concluded his report by stating that he would like the Board to consider performing some type of fund raising activity this year given the current state of the economy. Mr. Gee pointed out that the Board would have to dip into its reserve before the end of the year to meet its financial obligations.

Mr. Gee reminded that Board to focus on fund raising activities.

IV. Treatment on Demand Planning Council (TOD)

Mr. Richard Gee stated that he attended the monthly Treatment on Demand Planning Council (TOD) meeting held in May. Mr. Gee informed the Board that TOD has a new Community Chair. Mr. Terry Mitchell was the former TOD Community Chair. Mr. Mitchell's term has ended and TOD has a new Community Chair. Mr. Colin Eaton is the new TOD Community Chair.

Mr. Gee stated that "Young Queens on the Rise" a support group for young Latinas in the Mission District made a presentation to TOD at their monthly meeting. The Executive Officer asked Mr. Gee what is the status of the Uniform Grievance Policy that TOD has been working on for the past year and half. Mr. Gee responded by saying that the Uniform Grievance is currently be reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

Mr. Gee reminded the Board of the upcoming San Francisco Chronicle Run in which TOD is one of the participants.

Mr. Gee gave the Executive Officer the minutes from the TOD meeting for Board members to review.

V. DAAB Committee Reports

Executive Committee

President Akbar told the Board that the Executive Committee did not meet so there is no report.

Planning and Evaluation Committee

Ms. Vanessa Padilla announced that the Joint CAAB/DAAB Planning and Evaluation Committee would be meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2002 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at 1663 Mission Street, Suite 204 in the TAP Main Conference Room.

Ms. Padilla reported that the committee has completed its program site visit reports and the committee was submitting the program site visits to the Board for approval and distribution to the program Executive Directors, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, Health Commission, Community Substance Abuse Services, Treatment Access Program, and Substance Abuse Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA).

Ms. Padilla informed the Board that the committee would be developing a plan to identify programs for program site visits for the remaining of the year. President Akbar told the committee that they did "great work" after reviewing the program site visit reports. The committee performed eight program site visits in three and half months. Ms. Padilla mentioned that there was a problem with one of the reports in that it was late being submitted.

Mr. Kevin Sharps pointed out that there was an error on the program site visit report for Next Door. Mr. Sharps pointed out that the correct title for the staff person interviewed is Support Services Manager. Ms. Padilla told Mr. Sharps that the change would be made to the report.

President Akbar asked the committee why was CATS – Redwood Center chosen for a program site visit? Mr. Fowler responded by saying that clients have to be a San Francisco resident in order to be admitted to CATS – Redwood Center and this program also has dedicated beds for Prop. 36 clients.

A motion was made to approve the program site visit reports as submitted with amendment to Next Door and distribute the program site visit reports to the appropriate parties.

The motion was second, approved, and adopted unanimously by the Board.

Public Policy Committee

Mr. Keith Fowler, Chair reported to the Board that the Public Policy Committee met. Chair Fowler told the Board that he met with Supervisor Chris Daly and Supervisor Mark Leno in May. Chair Fowler stated his meeting with the Supervisors Daly and Leno was informative and successful. In his meeting with the supervisors, Chair Fowler told both supervisors about the Board and what activities the Board performs.

Chair Fowler told the Board that in his meeting with the Supervisors he stated that the Board supports the Health Commission Resolution urging no budget cuts to the Department of Public Health's (DPH) budget. Supervisor Daly told Chair Fowler that he was in the process of drafting a resolution supporting the Health Commission's Resolution urging no budget cuts to the DPH budget.

Chair Fowler told the Board that Supervisor Ammiano and the Mayor met with all the labor unions to discuss pension fund contributions by the City. All the labor unions with the exception of SEIU 250 agreed to allow the City to cease making contributions to the unions pension funds.

Chair Fowler announced to the Board that he has a meeting scheduled with Rose Chung of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's office on June 19 at 2p. Supervisor Peskin is the Chair of the Budget Committee.

Chair Fowler stated that Mr. Craig Murdock, DPH SACPA Policy Coordinator made a presentation to the Public Policy Committee on June 5, 2002. Chair Fowler mentioned that Mr. Murdock gave an excellent presentation to the committee.

Chair Fowler concluded his report and transitioned to Mr. Brian Haley to make an announcement to the Board.

Mr. Brian Haley distributed to the Board information on "Rational Recovery". Mr. Haley also reminded the Board of the presentation on "Rational Recovery" by Mr. Jack Trimpey. The presentation will be made on July 10. Mr. Brian Haley proposed that the Board think about alternatives to treatment.

The Public Policy Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at 1663 Mission Street, Suite 204 in the TAP Main Conference Room from 4p to 5p; Mr. Brian Haley will facilitate this committee meeting due Mr. Fowler being out of town.

VI. Old Business

No old business reported.

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Two presentations were made at the full Board meeting. Mr. Craig Murdock, DPH SACPA Policy Coordinator presented to the Board, San Francisco's implementation of the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA). Ms. Kirsten Melbye, CSAS Research, Epidemiology, and Grants made the second presentation to the Board. Ms. Melbye presented to the Board the status of the Methadone Van.

Mr. Murdock began his presentation by "thanking" the Board for inviting him to make the presentation and for being able to receive information regarding the role and function of the Drug Abuse Advisory Board (DAAB). Mr. Murdock distributed to the Board the SACPA plan for fiscal year 2002-03, Prop. 36 Fact Sheet and Update, and a brochure of program options for individuals who are arrested for drug offenses in San Francisco.

Mr. Murdock led the discussion with the Board by stating the differences between Drug Court and Prop. 36. Drug Court in San Francisco is pre-plea adjudication and Prop. 36 is post-plea adjudication. In other words, in order for one to be eligible for Prop. 36 one must plead guilty to the charges. Mr. Murdock told the Board that the number of Prop. 36 clients engaged in treatment are very low due to the fact that clients can opt for Drug Court and jail alternative treatment programs such as RSVP, Sister Project, and Roads to Recovery. Mr. Murdock also told the Board that Prop. 36 clients are subject urinalysis testing. However, the legislation for Prop. 36 does not provide funding for urinalysis. Urinalysis testing is very expensive, too. Mr. Murdock pointed out that violent offenders are eligible to participate in Drug Court.

Mr. Murdock pointed out that one strategy that has been implemented in order to increase the number of individuals engaged in Prop. 36 treatment is to have Prop. 36 Assessment and Placement Officers perform assessments at the Probation Department.

Even though clients enrolled in Prop. 36 treatment is low, Mr. Murdock stated that the State would not cut fiscal year 2002/03 SACPA budget. Mr. Murdock stated that the District Attorney plans to adopt a strategy to plead cases down to PC 11350 and PC 11550 in hopes of increasing the number of clients participating in Prop. 36 treatment. The District Attorney has a history not prosecuting marijuana possession cases.

Mr. Murdock stated that Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) is responsible for transportation. President Akbar stated that many parolees think that they must “catch a case” in order to be eligible for Prop. 36 services.

Mr. Murdock stated that the first Prop. 36 client entered treatment in October 2001. There are currently five assessment and placement officers for Prop. 36. Prop. 36 treatment slots is dedicated capacity funding.

Mr. Murdock presented to the committee the SACPA Plan for fiscal year 2002-03 for discussion. The treatment milieu will consist of Methadone Treatment, Outpatient, Day Treatment, and Residential services. In addition to these services supplemental treatment and ancillary services will be provided. These services include vocational counseling and training, literacy and GED training, mental health services, primary care, and transitional housing with outpatient services.

The Executive Officer asked Mr. Murdock where would such treatment issues of domestic violence, Relapse Prevention, Parenting, Anger Management, and Grief Counseling be addressed? Mr. Murdock responded by saying that those areas should be addressed in outpatient treatment services.

Mr. Murdock stated that three (3) Request For Proposals (RFP) would be going out this fall to community-based organizations to apply to. The RFPs are the following:

1. Transitional Housing Plus Outpatient Services. The department will be encouraging faith-based organizations to apply.
2. Non-residential treatment services. This RFP is addresses Day Treatment, Intensive Out-Patient, and Outpatient.
3. Short and Long term Residential Treatment. This RFP defines short term residential 45-90days and long term residential is up to a maximum of 180days.

The Board “thanked” Mr. Murdock for his presentation.

Ms. Kirsten Melbye told the Board about the Methadone Van Project. The Methadone Van Project is a grant funded by SAMSA and CSAT. The goal of the Methadone Van Project is to expand services of distributing methadone to indigent individuals while alleviating the queue at San Francisco General Hospital, Ward 93. The gatekeeper of the slots for the Methadone Van Project is San Francisco General Hospital. The methadone doses distributed would be for individuals on methadone maintenance.

The Methadone Van Project is a pilot project and two sites in the community have been identified to provide space for the dispensing of methadone. One site is Walden House Multi-Service Center and the other site is the Institute for Community Health Outreach (INCHOH) located in the Bayview. Methadone Van will be at Walden House from 7a-9a and INCHOH from 10a-12p. A dispensing nurse and counselor will be located on the van. Clients receiving will be issued identification cards. The Executive Officer asked Ms. Melbye what is the plan for the Methadone Van Project after the grant funding runs out? Ms. Melbye stated it is hoped that the Board of Supervisors will make funding available to keep the Methadone Van going.

The Board “thanked” Ms. Melbye for her presentation.

VII. There were no public comments.

VIII. The full Board meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Danita L. Mathis

***Note: The month of August is
Summer Sabbatical; No full Board
Meeting – Committees Can Meet!***

***Next Full Board Meeting will be
Wednesday, July 10, 2002
4th Floor CSAS Conference Room
From 4p to 6p***