SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY (SAPTA) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Las Vegas Site:

Maurice Lee WestCare California

Ronald Lawrence Community Counseling Center

Olga Mendoza LUZ Community Development Coalition

Frank Parenti

Debra Reed

Las Vegas Indian Center

With the Hallington Debra Reed

Sue Davis (Proxy - Dorothy North) Vitality Unlimited

Julie Payne Nevada Treatment Center

Carson City Site:

Kevin Quint (Chairperson)

Join Together Northern Nevada

Michelle Berry (Proxy -Nancy Roget) University of Nevada, Reno - CASAT

Diaz Dixon Step 2

Lana Henderson New Frontier

Ed Sampson Frontier Community Coalition

Eric Skansgaard Mental Health and Developmental Services, Rural

Services

Michele Watkins Central Lyon Youth Connections

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Tammra Pearce Bristlecone Family Resources

STATE OF NEVADA STAFF:

Las Vegas Site:

Kim Davis Administrative Assistant II, SAPTA

Carson City Site:

Chuck BaileyHealth Program Specialist II, SAPTAMinden HallAdministrative Assistant III, SAPTACharlene HerstHealth Program Manager, SAPTALayne WilhelmHealth Program Specialist II, SAPTA

PUBLIC:

Las Vegas Site:

Brad Greenstein Foundation for Recovery

Carson City Site:

Steve Burt Ridge House

Stuart Gordon Family Counseling Services
Christy McGill Healthy Communities Coalition

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Advisory Board (SAB) held a public video-conferenced meeting at the Mental Health and Developmental Services – Central Office in Carson City, Nevada, and Sierra Regional Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 11, 2011. Chair Kevin Quint called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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Welcome and Introductions: Kevin Quint asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record.

Approval of Minutes from the March 09, 2011, Meeting: Kevin Quint asked for a motion to approve the March 09, 2011, minutes. Maurice Lee moved to approve the March 09, 2011, meeting minutes. Michelle Berry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation/Discussion/Recommendations Regarding Health Care Reform:

Becky Vaughn presented how leaders should prepare for health care reform. She suggested leaders attend the NIATx conference July 10 - 13, 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Kevin asked if providers are ready for the healthcare changes coming in the future. Kevin mentioned that Quality First Healthcare Consulting (QFHC) facilities are huge in Nevada. QFHC's are focusing on behavioral health, MHDS, and alcohol abuse. Becky mentioned that NIATx is getting ready for the future of billing, health, and technology. Kevin asked the members what role the SAPTA Advisory Board (SAB) should take in this topic. Eric Skansgaard suggested a conduit to the barriers within MHDS. Kevin mentioned a platform to get informed and involved and suggested that the Board pay more attention to the Block Grant process. Maurice Lee stated the language in the reform could be loosely written which would allow the state agencies to imply what they want. It is important the Board is the voice for all the providers and how the language is interpreted. The Board should monitor the changes and become a feedback loop for SAPTA. Michelle Berry suggested keeping this a standing item for future agendas.

Legislative Update:

Layne Wilhelm mentioned that the budget closing for the marijuana funding will come from the Health Division to SAPTA and a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for treatment programs will be initiated. Layne mentioned bill AB93 intermediate sanctions. This will be a pilot project and distributed through an RFP process. Layne mentioned the bill regarding a sin tax failed to move through the committee. Charlene Herst stated that there are several bills that have died and not gone through the committees. Charlene mentioned the Methamphetamine working group is changing its format.

Presentation Regarding Peer Support Specialist:

Kevin Quint mentioned that Layne Wilhelm will present on this topic and Brad Greenstein is also involved with this subject. Layne reviewed the handouts of a peer support counselor. He reviewed what Arizona, Missouri, and Idaho, have done on this peer support counselor oversight. This is something that Nevada needs to work on.

Layne mentioned that Kevin has introduced it to the Board of Examiners (BOE) and Brad has done presentations to the BOE and the Board of Governor's also. Nationally other states have done this through the Single State Agency (SSA) and through community based organizations that are recognized through third party or other states.

Brad would like to help with this topic for future discussions. Michelle stated that CASAT agrees with this. Kevin mentioned that the BOE voted not to pursue the issue. He feels this is something that the State should take an interest in. Kevin asked the Board what is our role in this plan and what department should this be taken too. Maurice Lee asked if there will be a continuum of care with health care reform and stated that there should be some long-term care. He would like to have a discussion of what this takes and to see it pursued. Frank Parenti wants to know who will regulate this and make the decisions. A general discussion took place regarding who will hold the peers

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accountable. Frank stated that SAPTA and CASAT should be involved in the conversation. It was stated that the Cancer Foundation is already doing this or something similar with the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS) cap. A subcommittee was suggested to bring ideas to the Board. Kevin asked for volunteers for the subcommittee: Frank Parenti, Michelle Berry, Olga Mendoza, Steve Bert, and SAPTA – Layne. Michelle volunteered to be the Chair.

Update on the Office of National Drug Control Policy's 2011 Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Plan:

Charlene Herst presented what Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is doing with the Office of National Drug Control Policy's 2011 Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Plan. She reviewed the goals specific of the data for prescription drug use and abuse and the suicide relationship. She stated that SAPTA is taking a look at this document and seeing if there is a state level correlation. Specifically, she is looking at how the plan fit in with the needs of our State.

Discussion and Recommendations Regarding Board of Examiners Update:

Kevin Quint stated that Wendy Lay with the Board of Examiners is retiring at the end of the month. There will be two open spots on the Board and if you are interested contact the Governor's office. He mentioned that it is a seven member Board. A regulatory 641C regulation rewrite is happening and the first draft is going to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) this fall. If you have suggestions let the Board of Examiners know. If you have questions let Kevin know. General discussions regarding regulations followed.

Standing Information Items:

Administrator's Report: Dr. Harold Cook updated the members on the submitted budget and stated the legislature is trying to figure out the priorities. He stated the budget doesn't balance. MHDS's budget is closing on May 17th at 8:00 am. The LCB is looking at controversial issues on the budget and big cuts from the Governor's recommended budget.

Dr. Cook mentioned the Governor asked to reinstate budget cuts from SAPTA. These are the waitlist treatment initiative cuts and prevention dollars and totals a little more than \$1 million a year. The reinstated cuts are assuming the legislators will agree. He mentioned another major cut to return is the Co-Occurring Disorders treatment funds.

He mentioned another item in SAPTA's budget is the elimination of 5.5 staff, which is 20 - 25 % of staff. He mentioned concerns of overage of staff have come to his attention and this should put to rest this issue. After Tuesday we should know more about the budget. This will affect how we do business and how the providers do business, and will place more emphasis on audits than in the past.

Dr. Cook mentioned that SAPTA is having an audit by LCB. They will be here through October. He stated an internal audit was completed recently. Bills are being processed by the legislature, which will require greater oversight of agencies. An example of greater oversight is sole source contracting and past employees as contractors. To hire a contractor the agencies will have to go through the Secretary of State. Periodically contracts will have to go through an RFP process. This process is coming out of Governor's office, from BOE, and contracts will go through them. Anticipate more bureaucratic expectations. Dr. Cook asked for questions or comments and none were asked.

Chairperson's Report: Kevin Quint stated he has nothing to report.

SAPTA Report: Layne Wilhelm, with the Treatment Team:

- Block Grant update a technical taskforce has been formed in Washington to assist the states to put this together.
- Budget hearings were discussed earlier and the liquor tax was approved for about \$900,000 for detoxification.

Chuck Bailey, with the Data, Planning, and Evaluation Team:

- Pre/post test surveys are in the process of being ordered and should arrive by July 01.
- Leah is still working on the program evaluations.
- System development is still continuing.
- Michelle Watkins asked about results for the pre or post tests as this is stressful not having the results. Chuck said the data has been distributed to programs. The survey instrument is being redefined from the past surveys taken.

Charlene Herst, with the Prevention Team:

- SAPTA is applying for the SBIRT grant which is due by the 24th.
- Legislatures suggested adding back funds from the waitlist dollars.
- Charlene mentioned that SAPTA is applying for the strategic prevention enhancement grant that is due June 03. It is only for one year of funding at \$600,000 and grantees must have a full five year plan in place by the end of the grant. This is getting us ready for health care reform. Eighty grants will be available. Contractors can be used to help with this grant.
- CADCA will be providing prevention training in Las Vegas for new coalitions and advanced training for the existing coalitions. Notices will be coming out July 19.

Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technology (CASAT) Report: Michelle Berry stated the next catalog will be out in June. CBT has been requested and classes will start in August as a five week online course and then face to face courses.

Subcommittee Reports: Kevin Quint stated nothing to report.

Review Possible Agenda Items: Kevin Quint mentioned the next meeting will be July 13, 2011. Future agenda items include:

- On the last meeting agenda, items from Olga Mendoza.
- Possibly a Block Grant hearing.
- Peer Support Subcommittee report.
- A presentation from the Pharmacy Board.
- Standing item on health care reform.

Public Comment and Discussion: Kevin Quint asked for public comments and none was given.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.