

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY (SAPTA)  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 09, 2011

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sparks Site

Kevin Quint ( Chairperson)  
Diaz Dixon  
Lana Henderson  
Tammra Pearce  
Ed Sampson (proxy Jeffrey Munk)

Join Together Northern Nevada  
Step 2  
New Frontier Treatment Center  
Bristlecone Family Resources  
Frontier Community Coalition

Las Vegas Site

Maurice Lee  
Ronald Lawrence  
Olga Mendoza  
Frank Parenti  
Julie Payne

WestCare, Inc.  
Community Counseling Center  
Luz Community Development Coalition  
Bridge Counseling Associates  
Nevada Treatment Center

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dorothy North  
Nancy Roget  
Debra Reed  
Eric Skansgaard  
Michele Watkins

Vitality Unlimited  
University of Nevada, Reno – CASAT  
Las Vegas Indian Center  
Mental Health and Developmental Services, Rural Services  
Central Lyon Youth Connections

**STATE OF NEVADA STAFF**

Sparks Site

Chuck Bailey  
Minden Hall  
Charlene Herst  
Gregg Leiss  
Deborah McBride  
Layne Wilhelm

Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA  
Administrative Assistant IV, SAPTA  
Health Program Manager, SAPTA  
Administrative Service Officer II, SAPTA  
Agency Director, SAPTA  
Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA

Las Vegas Site

Kim Davis  
Linda Kreeger

Administrative Assistant II, SAPTA  
Health Program Specialist I, SAPTA

**PUBLIC**

Sparks Site

Stefani Hogan  
Barry Lovgren  
Lynn O'Mara  
Barbara Robinson

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Public  
DHHS  
Ridge House

Las Vegas Site

Brad Greenstein  
Candice Kidd

PACT Coalition  
WestCare, Inc.

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Advisory Board (SAB) held a public meeting at the Sierra Regional Center, in Sparks, Nevada and Desert Regional Center, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 09, 2011. This meeting was originally scheduled to be a video-conference but due to technical difficulties it was conducted by teleconference. Chair Kevin Quint called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Kevin Quint asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record.

**Public Comment and Discussion:**

Kevin Quint asked for public comments. Barry Lovgren read from his written comments which is attached to the minutes. Kevin asked Mr. Lovgren what he is asking of the Board. Mr. Lovgren doesn't want the Board to approve the Division Criteria changes. Kevin asked why the Board shouldn't approve the changes. Mr. Lovgren thinks a workgroup should review the document to make sure it is complete.

Lana Henderson stated that the Board is seeing a lot of Mr. Lovgren at meetings and he has an accusing manner. Lana asked what is his mission and what does he want. He stated his main issue was for substance abusing pregnant women and then found other issues. Mr. Lovgren said he is bringing attention about SAPTA to the Board, and that there is nothing wrong with the Board. Lana stated that her program is working with substance abusing pregnant women and SAPTA, and doing a fine job. Jeff Munk stated that the Board has been reviewing the Division Criteria document since 2006 so a review workgroup is not needed. There were no other comments.

**Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2011, Meeting:**

Lana Henderson stated that the discussion on page three regarding integration needs to have the old committee members combined with the new members for a subcommittee. Lana also mentioned that it was talked about to bring in Healthy Communities Coalition plus the original committee members to the subcommittee.

Olga Mendoza asked that the items from the last meeting; especially the population information, be expanded in the minutes. Population statistics and grants applications extensions on page four and five needs more details. Kevin asked that the sections be brought back to the Board members for approval with the added details. Olga Mendoza motioned that the minutes with amplification be submitted and approved at the next meeting. Seconded by Lana Henderson. All in favor.

**Review and Approve Division Criteria for Programs Treating Substance Abuse Related Disorders:**

Layne Wilhelm presented the new additions to the Division Criteria for Programs Treating Substance Abuse Related Disorders. Layne stated that SAPTA does not currently certify treatment programs with level IV-D. He asked if there were questions regarding the new information. Lana Henderson asked about the telecommunication section. Layne stated the teleconference section has been in the document since 2005. Kevin Quint asked for motion to approve. Frank Parenti motioned to approve. Diaz Dixon seconded. Kevin asked for any discussion, and Maurice Lee asked how this document lines up with American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) requirements. Layne stated that ASAM is adopted by reference and used as a guideline. This document parallels the ASAM by line item. Kevin asked if there

is enough information to make the decision. All in favor of approving.

**At 10:00 a.m. the SAPTA Advisory Board will be Adjourned for Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Synar Report. The meeting will resume at its conclusion. (Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.)**

Kevin Quint closed the SAPTA Advisory Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The Annual Synar Report Public Hearing started at 10:00 a.m.

Deborah McBride opened the public hearing stating that this is the forum SAPTA is utilizing to hear public comments for the Annual Synar report. She stated the Synar reports are usually combined with the Block Grant; however, SAPTA decided to do the Synar report separately this year. She pointed out the changes in the Synar report.

This is a Federally mandated report that measures the retailer violation rate of each state and territory. The purpose of the Synar program is to decrease the amount of tobacco products accessible to youth. Last year Nevada had 1,836 tobacco retailers that are accessible to youth and the statistical sample must be at least 10% of that number. This year the sample size included 196 retailers. This year the retail violation rate is 3.1%. Last time it was 1.1%. The percentage has gone up a little this time which could be because of statistical data reporting. It is required we remain below 20%, and we are well within this range which is very successful. SAPTA has regular meetings with the Attorney General's Office, who is responsible for the enforcement and SAPTA does the reporting.

Kevin asked for questions or comments and there were none.

Kevin then asked for Public comment: Barry Lovgren read his testimony which is attached. Kevin asked why question seven is not filled out on page nine. Chuck Bailey clarified that question seven, letter A states "if you answer yes then go to question eight". We answered yes and therefore question seven, letters B, C, and D, are left blank.

Kevin Quint closed the hearing at 10:09 a.m., and restarted the SAPTA Advisory Board meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**Presentation on Health Information Technology:**

Lynn O'Mara, Nevada State Health Information Technology Coordinator, presented on Health Information Technology (IT). Lynn mentioned the State plan is approved and in the implementation process. By 2014, they will be able to exchange health information electronically, and more information sharing will take place. Kevin asked for questions, then mentioned Mental Health concerns and asked how communities are going to follow through with the issues on a local level. It was asked how the communities will work with IT needs. Lynn stated they did an analysis of IT needs and how to work with the private sector. She stated that they need to work with non profits and give guidance. This will occur probably through the affordable care act. Kevin asked what is going to happen to the Mental Health section and infrastructure development. She stated that public private partnerships need to be cultivated.

**Update Regarding Strategic Prevention Enhancement (SPE) Grant:**

Charlene Herst updated the Board members about the SPE grant and that SAPTA received an award for \$510,000. This is a one year grant for infrastructure with mandates. One of the

mandates is a capacity infrastructure plan with four mini plans such as data collection and reporting. Charlene is creating the service and technical plan and Nan Kreher is creating the evaluation and performance plan with the Statewide Epidemiological Workgroup's (SEOW) assistance. SAPTA's Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC) will be the policy consortium as mandated in the grant. Charlene mentioned that SAPTA hired a consultant to work on the process as well as work with the MPAC, SEOW, key stake holders, and partners. A requirement of the grant is a five year strategic plan and a grant coordinator will be hired. Charlene stated surveys will be developed and townhall meetings will take place to assist with the grant process. She mentioned that the State of Nevada Interim Finance Committee (IFC) has approved use of the funds awarded.

**Discussion Regarding New Funding Streams:**

Kevin asked if anyone was aware of new funding streams. Brad Greenstien mentioned community block grants are open for \$25,000 – \$40,000.

**Discussion Regarding Fiscal Monitors and Backup of Account Data:**

Deborah McBride stated that SAPTA has completed many treatment and prevention monitors and more are scheduled. Deborah spoke about the importance of backing up account data and any documents the programs create.

Gregg Leiss mentioned he has fiscal monitor visits in December and will concentrate on insurance and business license requirements. Gregg mentioned the programs should have back-up for the IT systems too. To accomplish a system back up, the programs may need to spend time with their IT staff.

**Discussion and Possible Recommendation of Health Care Reform:**

Kevin Quint mentioned that the presentation from Lynn O'Mara was good and allows us to get the bigger picture of Health Care Reform information. Kevin suggested having a local level workgroup to speak with the Board at future meetings.

**Discussion of Accountability Procedures:**

Kevin Quint stated that the scrutiny of Federal accountability has been passed down to the State which is passed to the local level. In the past, the providers get at odds with the agency. As an Advisory Board he wants to discuss this issue. Deborah stated the coalitions and subrecipients are being asked for more information because of this accountability.

Deborah mentioned that SAPTA is in a Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) audit and the three auditors are in the testing phase. The auditors are asking SAPTA for our provider's audits. SAPTA is getting pressure for more oversight and scrutiny. The LCB audit recommendations may require even more scrutiny. Dr. Cook mentioned before he retired that SAPTA will get more scrutiny and oversight requests. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) management staff feels that SAPTA is not doing enough reviews and need to do more. We do not want to lose focus of providing services and only focus on administrative issues, there will have to be a happy medium. Kevin believes the tightened scrutiny will create more tension between the regulatory agency and the providers. Diaz Dixon stated that when making a fiscal form balance becomes more important than trying to help clients, this causes problems at the local level. He is concerned about too much oversight which causes questions being asked twice. Gregg stated that there are issues that will be addressed. Discussion followed regarding state policy of reimbursements.

**Discussion Regarding AB242:**

Item not discussed because meeting adjourned early due to no quorum.

**Standing Information Items:**

Item not discussed because meeting adjourned early due to no quorum.

Administrator's Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

SAPTA Report

No report.

Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report

No report.

Subcommittee Report

No report.

**Review Possible Agenda Items and Future Meeting Dates:**

- Standing Item: New Funding Streams

Next regular meeting will be January 11, 2011.

**Public Comment and Discussion:**

None, due to meeting adjourning early due to no quorum.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. since there was no longer a quorum.