

MARYLAND STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL

MINUTES January 11, 2007

In Attendance: Terry Brown (appointee), Laurie Davidson (GOCCP), Peter Luongo (ADAA), Gray Barton (for Judge Lipman-District Court), Chris McCully (Office of Budget and Management), Kevin McGuire (DHR), G. Jordan Randolph (MHA), Richard Rosenblatt (DPSCS), Christina Trenton (appointee), Suzan Swanton (Executive Director).

Voting By Email or Proxy: Alberta Brier (DJS), Peter Singleton (MSDE), David Treasure (DBM), Alan Woods (GOCCP)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 2:35 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

III. Old Business

A. **Fiscal and Policy Analysis Workgroup Report:** No further progress has been made in securing FY 06 & FY 07 information for the State Survey of resources for all State agencies that have funding designated for prevention, intervention or treatment of substance abuse. As reported last month, some agencies have given us the information and some have not. We will ask again but recognize that this is a difficult period for all departments given that all are in transition and anticipating new secretaries and staff.

B. **Formula Workgroup Report:** The Formula Workgroup's Interim Report was presented for approval by the Council to be sent to the General Assembly (Budget Committees).

1. Discussion: Several members of the workgroup were present and voiced their thoughts on the Interim Report. The report was thought to have faithfully portrayed the discussions held during workgroup sessions and the nature of the difficulty in developing an appropriate formula that would allow for the equitable distribution of ADAA funds. A discussion about the definition of "hold harmless" was occurred with a Council member asking why this was an issue? It was felt that this concept and its exact definition was the focus of concern because it went to the heart of how money would be distributed by the legislators. As any formula will show some jurisdictions as "winners" and some as "losers" in terms of grant awards, how the legislators define "hold harmless" will determine whether or not some jurisdictions may lose money. The chair of the workgroup pointed out that the notion of "hold harmless" is not a new one to the arena of allocation schemes and that, based on widely accepted definitions in school of economics, the workgroup's working definition is that no jurisdiction can be harmed fiscally by losing service capacity as the result of an allocation formula.

Still, the workgroup wanted confirmation that this is what the legislature had intended.

It was noted that the task of developing an allocation formula was complex and difficult and that there simply was not enough time for the workgroup to do a credible job by February 1, 2007. In the report, the workgroup asked for an extension until July 1, 2007. Members of the council debated whether this was enough time to complete the task and when was the earliest, realistically, the legislature would make use of an allocation formula report. Trying to balance both issue, it was decided to amend the Interim report to ask for an extension until December 1, 2007.

2. Vote: The Council voted to approve the workgroup’s Allocation Formula Development Interim Report. The vote resulted in 10 yeas and 1 abstention. Three of the “yea” votes were by email and one by proxy.

DEPARTMENT	PERSON/PROXY VOTING	VOTE
DHMH	Peter Luongo	YES
DPSCS	Rosenblatt, Rich	YES
DJS	Brier, Alberta	YES (by email)
DHR	McGuire, Kevin	YES
DBM	Treasure, David	YES (by email)
MSDE	Singleton, Peter	YES (by email)
GOC	Lee, Arlene	-----
GOCCP	Woods, Alan	YES (by proxy)
SENATE	McFadden, Nathaniel	No Vote
DELEGATES	Vacancy	-----
CIRCUIT COURT	Nalley, Robert	-----
DISTRICT COURT	Gray Barton	Abstain
Brown, Terry	Brown, Terry	YES
James, Dawn	James, Dawn	YES
Trenton, Christina	Trenton, Christina	YES

C. Carnevale Associates Report: The members of the council were encouraged to review this report as it serves as good background information to help members make informed decisions about the work of the Formula Workgroup and its final report.

D. Strategic Plan: A discussion was held concerning the format, content and deadline for completion of the Strategic Plan. It was noted that the budget language inserted in the Joint Chairmen’s Report March 2006 (M00K02.01) said: “Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that fiscal 2009 prevention and treatment

spending should be guided by a finalized State comprehensive two-year plan as called for in the Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council September 9, 2005 report to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. In turn, the plan should be guided by locally-determined priorities as developed in local plans by the local drug and alcohol councils.” It was determined that the recommendations of Join Together’s expert consensus panel’s *Blueprint for the States: Policies to Improve the Ways States Organize and Deliver Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment* as a guide for developing the Strategic Plan and that we will frame goals in a results-oriented manner. Input will be solicited from: experts; local councils; provider, advocacy, and recovering groups: and, government officials. No deadline was set.

IV. New Business

None

V. Motions

Resolved: To accept the recommendations of the Formula Workgroup and submit its interim report, as amended, to the chairs of the House and Senate Budget Committees.

Vote: Motion Carried

VI. Future Meetings

- a. February 8, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- b. March 8, 2007 – 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- c. April 12, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Office, OETAS Training Room on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

MARYLAND STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL

MINUTES February 8, 2007

In Attendance: Laurie Davidson (GOCCP), Tom Godwin (MHA), Kevin McGuire (DHR), Christina Trenton (appointee), Suzan Swanton (Executive Director).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 2:40 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

III. Old Business

A. Fiscal and Policy Analysis Workgroup Report: No changes in efforts to collect FY 06 & FY 07 data from the last to report. Workgroup is waiting until changes in the cabinet secretaries are complete.

B. Formula Workgroup Report: The Formula Workgroup's Interim Report was sent to the Governor's Office who sent it to the Department of Budget and Management. Both offices approved its release and, on February 1, 2007, it was forwarded to the Simon Powell in the Department of Legislative Services to be given to the budget committees.

C. Strategic Plan:

- a. As only three members of the council were present, we did not discuss individual responses to what should be included in the strategic plan. The Executive Director reiterated plans to hold regional open forums as well as to meet with the stakeholder associations to get their input for the plan. Meetings have been held with or are schedule for:
 - i. Southern Maryland Addictions Directors
 - ii. Baltimore City Directorate
 - iii. Maryland Addiction Directors Council
 - iv. Addiction Consortium of Eastern Shore
 - v. Half-Way House Association
 - vi. Western Area Addiction Coordinators
 - vii. Regional Forum: Eastern Shore: Memorial Hospital Cambridge (Tentative date: 3/12/07)
 - viii. Regional Forum: Southern Maryland: Charles County Health Department (Tentative date: 4/11/07)
 - ix. Regional Forum: Central Maryland: Spring Grove State Hospital (Tentative date: 3/22/07)

- b. It was stated that it would be important to ensure that the local council members understood the relationship between the jurisdictions' strategic plan and the state's strategic plan.
- c. It was suggested that meetings be scheduled with mental health associations/providers to get their input concerning those they serve. It was expressed that the Council review funding and other issues in providing services for those with co-occurring disorder to ensure those services are provided in the most effective and efficient manner.
- d. A discussion was held concerning having some testimony concerning specific topics such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Housing issues, legal issues that promote or hinder recovery, etc. Those in attendance thought it would be helpful.
- e. **The March 8, 2008 meeting of the Council is canceled.** This will give the Executive Director a chance to attend several meetings/forums in March and gather the input she receives in a document for the Council to review at the April meeting.

IV. New Business

None

V. Motions

None

VI. Future Meetings

- a. April 12, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- b. May 10, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Office, OETAS Training Room on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

MARYLAND STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL

MINUTES May 10, 2007

In Attendance: Gray Barton (representing Judge Lipman), Laurie Davidson (GOCCP), Kevin McGuire (DHR), Richard Rosenblatt (DPSCS), David Treasure (DBM), Suzan Swanton (Executive Director).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 2: p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

III. Old Business

A. Workgroup Reports

1. **Fiscal and Policy Analysis Workgroup Report:** No report this month.
2. **Formula Workgroup Report:** The Formula Workgroup continues to meet monthly. Three workgroups have been formed to examine appropriate factors to include in the rurality and poverty variable, and to determine the variables to be included in the Prevention Formula. Decisions concerning the variables to be included in the formula are scheduled to be made by July 2007.

B. Strategic Plan

Discussion was held on two of the three major concern expressed by stakeholders in local councils and public forums convened all over the State.

1. **Services for Prisoner Re-entry:** Several issues concerning the lack of and/or disorganization of social services available to prison upon re-entry into the community. It was felt that not only is their a lack of appropriate and timely substance abuse treatment resources, but, due to court mandates for placement in certain modalities, there is an imbalance in allocation of these resources. Another improvement suggested was to develop a mechanism for determining prisoner eligibility for entitlement programs before they re-enter the community so they would have them as soon as they are needed. It was emphasized that services in general (care, shelter, and public assistance) for these individuals are limited. There is a need to identify and address the barriers present to give them timely access to appropriate social services and resources.

2. **Workforce development:** Proposed interventions to address the workforce crises and increase the workforce membership were discussed. These include: working with the licensing/certification board to find some interim measures to bring more individuals more quickly into the workforce; exploring the use of “paraprofessionals” (as they are doing in other states); identify typical pathways into the substance abuse services field; exploring the work of the Annapolis Coalition and “best practices” other states are using; and, adding knowledge, skills and attitudes for working with co-occurring disorders to the core competencies for substance abuse professionals to increase accessibility for patients (“no wrong door”).

IV. New Business

None

V. Future Meetings

- a. August 8, 2007
- b. September 19, 2007
- c. October 10, 2007

All of the above meetings will be held at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Office, OETAS Training Room on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.