



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

June 4, 2015

2:00 p.m.

*****Arizona State Laboratory*****

Conference Room

250 North 17th Avenue, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) was convened on June 4, 2015 at the Arizona State Laboratory Conference Room, 250 N 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (15)

Bill Montgomery, Chairman, Maricopa County Attorney

Debbie Moak, Vice Chair, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families

John Cocca, Dept. of Liquor

Brant Benham proxy for Frank Milstead, DPS Director

Chief Thomas Kelly, Apache Junction Police Department

Lawrence LaVeque, Business Community

Charles Ryan, DOC Director

Dona Marie Markley, ADJC

Duce Minor, Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment

Kathy Waters, Administrative Office of the Courts

Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D., ASU-SIRC, Epi Work Group

Kelly York, Substance Abuse Treatment Provider

Wanda Wright, US Dept. of Veteran Affairs

Karen Ziegler, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Sara Salek, AHCCCS Director [Designee]

Staff/Guests Present (19)

Sam Burba, GOCYF

Tonya Hamilton, GOCYF

Sonya Pierce-Johnson, GOCYF

Deborrah Miller, GOCYF

John Rader, GOCYF

April Miles, ADHS/DBHS

Dawn Mertz, HIDTA

Cara Christ, ADHS

Shelia Sjolander, ADHS/DBHS

Seth Leibsohn

John Vivian

Members Absent (9)

Maureen Curley, Tribal Consultant

Alberto Gutier, GOHS

Tobi Zavala, AZ Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Kathy Grimes, SEABHS

David Klein, US Department of Veteran Affairs

Elizabeth Kohler, Federal Law Enforcement

Cory Nelson, ADHS

Jenna Shroyer, DES

Kathleen Winn, Attorney General's Office

Shana Malone	
Shelly Mowery	
Sally Schindel	
Theresa Londono	
Peggy Blaze	
Matt Cantor	
Carnie Monica	
Kristine Thompson	

Call to Order

- **Bill Montgomery, Chairman**, called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with nineteen members (15) and nineteen (19) staff and guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Chairman Montgomery** welcomed everyone and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Chairman Montgomery** requested a review of the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes.
 - **Duce Minor** motioned to accept the April 2, 2015 minutes.
 - **Charles Ryan** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

ASAP Strategic Focus 2015/16

- **Vice Chair Moak**, provided a brief history and reminder of why the ASAP was formed.
 - Vice Chair Moak reported on the name change for the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, to the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Vice Chair Moak reported that a new Council will be added, to be chaired by Mrs. Ducey.
 - Vice Chair Moak provided information and flyer announcing an October 22, 2015 kick-off Event at the Capital for Red Ribbon week. The event will cover drug education and stigma of addiction with keynote speaker Governor Ducey. Bill Montgomery, along with other community members will also speak at the event. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family will provide resources to schools, and recommendations for both schools and families for substance abuse education during Red Ribbon Week and throughout the year. Vice Chair Moak introduced Ms. Peggy Baze, the artist who created the "Now You See Me" painting which is the logo for the event.
 - Vice Chair Moak reported that the website for the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Families is receiving a complete overhaul. The site will include a Substance Abuse portal that will include information and resources on prevention, treatment, training, materials and grants.

Working Groups Reports

- **Partnership for Success Advisory Council**, April Miles, Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health reported;
 - Statewide RFP was released in May. Awards to be made this month.
 - Funding has been provided to Arizona Criminal Justice Commission which was then awarded through an RFP process. Awardees are using the funding to further disseminate substance abuse prevention and early intervention messaging
- **Arizona Alliance for Drug Endangered Children**, Dawn Mertz, Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, reported;

- The AZ DEC Alliance proposed and submitted two 2-hour blocks of instruction on “Drug Recognition and Drug Endangered Children Investigations” for consideration by the Division of Child Safety to be included as part of their in service training program. There has been no further status up dated from DCS.
- January 15, 2015 – A two (2) hour block of instruction on Drug Endangered Children Investigations was presented as part of the 40 hour Annual AZ HIDTA Basic Drug Investigation Course. Course was attended by 51 officers representing Federal, state and local agencies.
- April 2, 2015 – A stand-alone four hour (4) class on Drug Endangered Children Investigations was presented at the AZ HIDTA Training Center. Class attended by 56 students.
- June 2-3, 2015 – The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center presented a two day (16-hour) Drug Endangered Children Investigations Course at the AZ HIDTA Training Center.
- 2013 Report of the Arizona Fatality Review Program reports, Children under the age of 18 - 811 fatalities, 128 of these were associated with Substance Abuse. Substances associated in Deaths among Children in Arizona;
 - 62 Marijuana
 - 46 Alcohol
 - 20 Methamphetamine
 - 11 Cocaine
 - 22 Opiates
- 2015 Goal: Provide Train the Trainer classes to increase the number of qualified law enforcement trainers.
- **ASAP Program Inventory Workgroup**, Sam Burba, Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families reported;
 - Wellington Consulting Group, LTD. is under contract and is capturing coalition and non-profit provider responses to the initial inventory survey. A second inventory survey will be sent out to state treatment providers.
 - The program inventory workgroup will contract to develop an Arizona coalition and treatment locator.
- **ASAP Program Inventory Workgroup**, Sam Burba, Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families reported;
 - Workgroup will generate data driven reports to ASAP concerning national and state level trends on marijuana use and projections of marijuana use in Arizona in comparison to other neighboring states.
 - Workgroup will generate data driven reports to ASAP concerning national and state level trends on prescription drug misuse and abuse and projections concerning the effectiveness of the Rx Drug Misuse and Abuse Toolkit across the State of Arizona.

Presentation on Marijuana

- **Mr. Seth Leibsohn** provided a presentation on Marijuana. Mr. Leibsohn thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their efforts in combating Marijuana and the members of the Partnership for being the guardians and watchtowers. Mr. Leibsohn discussed the culture surrounding Marijuana and its use. He provided research explaining reasons for the current perception by society that Marijuana is harmless. Mr. Leibsohn discussed that where the perception is; Marijuana use is a high risk behavior, the use of Marijuana goes down. Mr. Leibsohn explained that Marijuana is being celebrated and treated as a positive good by the media and therefore use has increased. Mr. Leibsohn explained that Marijuana is not harmless and that numerous medical research journals and articles have been written showing the negative effects of Marijuana. Mr. Leibsohn discussed the myth that Marijuana is not as harmful as Alcohol by referring to an Arizona Health Department study which showed 8% of Child Deaths were related to Marijuana verses 6% of Child Deaths related to Alcohol. Mr. Leibsohn discussed the marketing of Marijuana to youth by means of edibles, lollipops, cookies, and candies.

Chairman Bill Montgomery thanked Mr. Leibsohn for trying to raise awareness and asked about a Rocky Mountain Poll relating to legalization of Marijuana and what lessons can we gain from that Poll?

Mr. Leibsohn stated that those who do serious studies are challenged by culture and “popular” mindset and must do more to fight back. Mr. Leibsohn stated that the idea “We can’t win the war on drugs” is wrong. We can and did cut usage during 1972-1992 when we were serious at every level of society, not just law enforcement. Mr. Leibsohn stated that today we celebrate and commercialize that which is more harmful and therefore use is expanded, until we fight back, the polls will go up.

Chairman Montgomery thanked Mr. Leibsohn.

Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse

- **Ms. Sheila Sjolander**, Arizona Department of Health Services presented information on the recent progress of the Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative Core Group:
 - The Core Group is planning to do a series of “Call to Action” meetings with targeted audiences to seek increased engagement from community partners across Arizona.
 - The first Call to Action meeting was held June 2, 2015 and targeted professional health care associations, health plans, insurers, licensing boards, and major health networks. The primary focus of action was to enhance uptake of best practice prescribing guidelines and utilization of available training, and increase number of prescribers making queries in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.
 - Other targeted audiences include: community prevention, criminal justice/law enforcement, academic institutions (medical, nursing, pharmacy, dental, etc.), first responders, substance abuse treatment providers, and the media. The Call to Action for criminal justice/law enforcement is scheduled to take place on July 15, 2015 during the Pow Wow meeting. The Call to Action for the Community Prevention audience (substance abuse coalitions and non-profits) is scheduled for August 25, 2015.
 - Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) have partnered together to mobilize the launch of the Rx Initiative with several local community substance abuse coalitions in Maricopa County.
 - Two events are upcoming for training the community on the Toolkit; June 16, 2015 and the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome conference for July 17 and 18, 2015.

Vice Chair Moak thank Ms. Sjolander for all her work and support.

Proposed ASAP Subcommittees

- **Vice Chair Moak** reported on the discussion of strategic focus for the Commission and proposed 2 new subcommittees; Marijuana and Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse. Vice Chair Moak focused on well thought out and well planned strategies for moving forward what has already been accomplished. Vice Chair Moak suggested some strategies for moving forward:
 - **Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse**
 - Attend Rx 360 Training
 - Host a Community Rx360 Training
 - 1 on 1 training at agency
- Vice Chair Moak reminded the Commission that the materials for the Rx 360 program are available on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) website, and can be down loaded for use.
- **Marijuana**
 - Send a member of agency for training
 - Host an event

- Organize a community event

Vice Chair Moak provided an opportunity for each Commissioner to discuss strategies for their agency to move forward on the two parts of the strategic focus. Vice Chair Moak provided a sign-up sheet for each Commissioner to provide specifics as to what their agency would be doing to support the two new strategic focuses for the Commission.

Chairman Bill Montgomery stated that a year-long focus on Rx training would help to provide greater assessments for the success of the program, as well as greater ability to limit an increase in Heroin addiction. Chairman Montgomery stated that the focus on Marijuana was important as a point of encouragement for education and a concerted effort of raising awareness to change the perception in Arizona of Marijuana's harmlessness.

Future Agenda Items

- **Chief Thomas Kelly**, Apache Junction Police Department, asked that Progress Reports on the two new focus areas be placed on the agenda.

2015 Meeting Dates

- **Chairman Montgomery** asked the Commission to please note the date change for upcoming meetings:
- September 8, 2015
- December 3, 2015
- March 3, 2016
- June 2, 2016

Announcements

None

Call to the Public

- **Merilee Fowler** announced an upcoming Marijuana Boot Camp sponsored by MATFORCE to be held August 20, 2015 in Prescott. Guest speaker is Dr. Kevin Sabet Co-Founder of Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana). Ms. Fowler announced the second Marijuana the Science and the Experiment conference to be held on September 22, 2015 in Phoenix.
- **Mr. David Gallegher** commented that he would like to hear Chairman Montgomery address the commission on Marijuana at an upcoming meeting.
- **Shelly Mowlery** commented that additional Toolkits are being developed to address the gaps in training for older adults and youth sports injuries. Ms. Mowlery commented that Rx training is also being developed on Heroin abuse.

Adjourn

- **Chairman Montgomery** adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Dated the 4th day of June, 2015
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Respectfully Submitted By:
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Program Administrator, GOCYF