



Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force

June 22, 2016

**Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force was convened on June 22, 2016 at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission:

Members Present (24)	
Debbie Moak , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
Sara Salek , Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)	
Cindy Beckett , Flagstaff Medical Center	
Eddy Broadway , Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care	
Kate Brophy-McGee , State House Representative	
Michael Carr , Department of Child Safety	
Reuben Howard , Pascua Yaqui Tribe	
Peggy Chase , Terros	
Haley Coles , Community Member	
Doray Elkins , Community Member	
Elaine Ellis , Phoenix Children's Hospital	
Robert Johnson , Arizona Perinatal Care Center	
Mary Hunt , Maricopa Integrated Health System	
Susan Junck , Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)	
Lee Pioske , Cross Roads	
Dennis Regnier , CODAC Health, Recovery and Wellness Inc.	
Denise Dain , St. Lukes Behavioral Health Center	
Frank Scarpati , Community Bridges	
Claire Scheuren , Pima Prevention Partnership	
Lee Pioske , Cross Roads	
Jeff Taylor , Salvation Army	
Sherry Candelaria , Alcanza Servicios de Familia, Reach Family Services	
Michael White , Community Medical Services	
Jonathan Maitem , Honor Health	
Staff/Guests Present (16)	Members Absent (6)
Alexandra O'Hannon , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Glenn Waterkotte , Retired Medical Director, Banner Desert Medical Center

Christina Corieri , Governor's Administration	Thelma Ross , National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency
Sharon Flanagan-Hyde , Flanagan-Hyde Associates	Deb Gullett , Arizona Association of Health Plans
Lillian Bedonie , Guest	Dawn Scanlon , Community Member
Larry Laveaque , Guest	Gagan Singh , Banner Health
Joe Carlon Guest	Jennifer Carusetta , Health System Alliance of Arizona
Paul Lynch , Presenter and Guest	
Tory McJunkin , Presenter and Guest	
Peter Flanagan-Hyde , Guest	
Chris Vinyard , Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System	
Michelle Hamby , Presenter and Guest	
Lori Hennessy , Presenter and Guest	
Kristin Crowley , Presenter and Guest	
Brooke White , Guest	
Kyle Sawyer , Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Guest	
Atheina Claw , Guest	

A. CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Moak, Co-Chair, called the Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force (Task Force) meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. with a quorum of twenty-four (24) members and sixteen (16) staff, presenters and guests present.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Debbie welcomed the commissioners and asked them to introduce themselves.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the meeting minutes for the Substance Abuse Task Force meeting that occurred on May 25, 2016. The minutes were approved as is, without needed modification or corrections.

D. REPORT: PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI) WORK GROUP

Michael Carr provided an update on the PEI work group that was convened on June 8, 2016. Meeting minutes for the PEI work group can be found at:

<http://substanceabuse.az.gov/go/ff/meeting-body/prevention-and-early-intervention-work-group-seeks-assess-evidence-based>

Questions on the topic of PEI resulted in the following information:

- The Director of Corrections, Director Charles L. Ryan, determines which policies to execute.
- Policy changes have been made by changing laws. Changes in law override policies.
- Ticketing for minor offenses is the result of the department of corrections having interpreted a law, and then developing a policy.

- Keeping inmates institutionalized is expensive. The Task Force will make recommendations that can impact existing policy.

Paying prisons based on severity of the inmate's offense incentivizes prisons to not release an inmate early or find favorable behaviors. **Jeff Taylor** reported the per diem rate for a level III inmate is \$66.25 per day.

E. REPORT: NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS) WORK GROUP

Cindy Beckett provided an update on the NAS work group's activities. Meeting minutes for the NAS work group that occurred on June 9, 2016 can be found at:

<http://substanceabuse.az.gov/goyff/meeting-body/neonatal-abstinence-syndrome-nas-work-group-seeks-provide-recomendations-they>

F. REPORT: ACCESS TO TREATMENT WORK GROUP

Sherry Candelaria provided an update on the Access to Treatment work group meeting that occurred on June 8, 2016. Meetings minutes for this work group can be found at:

<http://substanceabuse.az.gov/goyff/meeting-body/access-treatment-work-group-seeks-assess-arizona-substance-abuse-treatment>

G. REPORT: MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) WORK GROUP

Sharon Flannagan-Hyde provided an update on the MAT work group's activities. The meeting minutes for the MAT work group that occurred on June 9, 2016 can be found at:

<http://substanceabuse.az.gov/goyff/meeting-body/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-work-group-seeks-evaluate-and-make>

H. PRESENTATIONS: OUR STORIES

The Substance Abuse Task Force and members of the public heard the experiences of three (3) families who have been impacted by substance abuse. Presenters were **Michelle Hamby, Lori Hennessey** and **Kristin Crowley**.

I. PRESENTATION ON PAIN MANAGEMENT

Dr. Paul Lynch and **Dr. Tory McJunkin** provided a presentation on pain management. In addition to the PowerPoint presentation, the following information was shared through dialogue:

- The presenters provided the background on how *Arizona Pain Specialists* was created.
- The treatment model is a homeopathic, multi-professional treatment approach that reduces the number of medications a patient is prescribed (as appropriate).
- The doctors utilize a Global Pain Scale that has been determined to have both internal and external validity.
- Patients who abuse opiates cost the system eight times (8x) more than people who do not use opiates.
- The clinic's overdose rate is close to 0%.
- *Arizona Pain Specialists'* program is cost effective with 96% of medications prescribed being generic. Their program also works to minimize emergency room visits.

- The doctors do treat patients with dental pain; however, less so because dental schools have improved their training around prescribing for dental work.
- Many of the patients the doctors see are referred to them after physicians no longer know how to treat them because the patients demand more medications. Medications are commonly titrated down at a rate of 10% per week.
- It is easy for a physician to write a prescription. The medical community does not know how bad the pain medication epidemic is.
- Pregnant women should not be on narcotics. There is a risk of detoxification causing death, so the doctors reduce their medications slowly over a period of 90 days, with the goal being not to stress the patients system.
- The physicians are willing to assist Governor Ducey's Substance Abuse Task Force to develop educational materials and trainings on the topics of pain management and appropriate prescribing.

J. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

K. ADJOURN

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Dated the 23rd day of June, 2016
Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force
Respectfully Submitted By:
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