



**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership**  
**February 8, 2018**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Arizona Department of Health Services**  
**State Health Lab**  
 250 N. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) was convened on February 8, 2018 at the Arizona Department of Health Services State Lab - 250 N. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given.

<b>Members Present (14)</b>	
<b>Bill Montgomery</b> , Chairperson, Maricopa County Attorney's Office	
<b>Maria Cristina Fuentes</b> , Vice Chair, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
<b>Major William Beck</b> , Arizona Department of Public Services [proxy for Frank Milstead]	
<b>Lawrence LaVeque</b> , Business Community	
<b>Alberto Gutier</b> , Governor's Office of Highway safety	
<b>Tobi Zavala</b> , Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	
<b>Gregory McKay</b> , Arizona Department of Child Safety	
<b>Cara Christ</b> , Arizona Department of Health Services [Present for first thirty minutes of meeting]	
<b>Sheila Solander</b> , Arizona Department of Health Services [proxy for Cara Christ]	
<b>Dr. Cara Christ</b> , Department of Health Services	
<b>Maureen Curley</b> , Tribal Representative	
<b>Andy LaFevre</b> Arizona Criminal Justice commission	
<b>Charles Ryan</b> , Arizona Department of Corrections	
<b>John Cocca</b> , Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control	
<b>Wanda Wright</b> , Arizona Department of Veteran Services	
<b>David Klein</b> , US Department of Veteran Affairs	
<b>Staff/Guests Present (13)</b>	<b>Members Absent (7)</b>
<b>Samuel Burba</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Scott Cocuzza</b> , Member of the Recovery Community
<b>Tonya Hamilton</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Kathleen Grimes</b> , Substance Abuse Coalition
<b>Malcolm Hightower</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Thomas Kelly</b> , Apache Junction Police Department
<b>Alex O'Hannon</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Sara Salek</b> , Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
<b>Sarah Mondragon</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Leah Landrum-Taylor</b> , Arizona Department of Economic Security
<b>Sonya Pierce-Johnson</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Dawn Mertz</b> , High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
<b>Dawna Arlington</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>John Vivian</b> , Arizona Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

<b>Adrian Gariboldi</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Kathy Waters</b> , Administrative Office of the Courts
<b>Marie Khalaf</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	<b>Kelli York</b> , Substance Abuse Treatment Provider
<b>Kelsey Teske</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
<b>Catie Clark</b> , Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	
<b>Jim Kreidler</b> , Calvary Healing Center	
<b>William Luck</b> , Community Member	

#### Call to Order

- **Bill Montgomery, Chairperson**, called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 2:02 PM. with 14 members and 16 staff and guests present.

#### Welcome/Introductions

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

#### Approval of Minutes

- **Chairperson Montgomery** requested a review of the August 8, 2017 meeting minutes.
  - **Alberto Gutier** motioned to accept the August 8, 2018 minutes without revision.
  - **Andrew LeFevre** seconded the motion.
    - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

#### Update on the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

- **Vice Chairperson Maria Cristina Fuentes**, introduced herself to the Commission. Vice Chair Fuentes shared how she has reorganized GOYFF, introducing Tonya Hamilton, Deputy Director of Grants Management and Malcolm Hightower, Deputy Director of Community Engagement. Vice Chairperson Fuentes explained that GOYFF is participating in the Arizona Management System (AMS) to develop strategic plan for office, councils and commission with measurable outcomes. Once GOYFF has a strategic plan in place, ASAP will move forward with developing and implementing a strategic plan.
- **Chairperson Montgomery** thanked Vice Chair Fuentes for her leadership at GOYFF and on the council.

#### Update on the Opioid Breakthrough Group

- **Dr. Cara Christ** presented on the Arizona opioid epidemic, the Opioid Breakthrough Group and recent legislation passed through the House of Representatives in Special Session and signed by Governor Doug Ducey. Dr. Christ reviewed the Arizona opioid epidemic act policy primer that was shared by Governor Doug Ducey with legislature and community stakeholders before special session. She emphasized that the policy primer included great information on each of the issues covered by the new law. Subsequently, Dr. Christ shared a one-page handout describing how individuals with diagnosed chronic pain are protected under the new law. Finally, Dr. Christ reviewed the action items listed in the new law, due dates, and responsible parties.
- **Alberto Gutier** inquired if there was an emergency timeline for this law.
- **Dr. Christ** responded that there was no emergency clause but most actions items go into effect in April 2018.
- **Maureen Curley** inquired about the prevention funds available through the Attorney General's Office and if they would be available to tribes.
- **Dr. Christ** responded that the Attorney General's Office will distribute funds through a competitive grant process and that tribes will be able to participate.
- **John Cocoa** inquired on the limits on immunity of good samaritan

- **Chairperson Montgomery** answered that someone that seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing a drug-related overdose may not be charged or prosecuted for the possession or use of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia or a preparatory offense if the evidence for the violation was gained as a result of the person's seeking medical assistance.
- **Maureen Curley** asked how the law affects tribal health clinics, hospitals, and veterinary clinics.
- **Dr Crist** responded that if the clinic or hospital is licensed through the tribe it is not covered under this law. If the clinic or hospital is licensed through the state, then it must abide by this law.

### **Adverse Childhood Experience**

- **Ms. Marcia Stanton, MSW**, presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences and how they impact human health and disease across an individual's lifespan. Ms. Stanton shared the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study is crucial to understanding public health. Researchers have identified 10 ACEs, which can be subdivided into two categories; Abuse/Neglect and Household Dysfunction, but they have acknowledged many other types of trauma outside of the categories. Ms. Stanton discussed how childhood trauma drives an individual's behavior and impacts their health, highlighting that ACE's are not specific to marginalized populations. Ms. Stanton stated that ACEs are like an oil spill that covers every part of an individual's life, and that creating the right condition is childhood is much more effective than trying to combat the effects of trauma after it occurs. Ms. Stanton concluded her presentation by stating that she looks forward to continued state level collaboration and work.
- **Greg McKay**, asked whether an individual's ACE score is the best predictor for criminal activity and children violence.
- **Ms. Stanton**, cited a national study demonstrating a strong correlation between higher score and criminal recidivism. Ms. Stanton stated that she would be more than happy to share the study with the Commission.
- **Maureen Curley** inquired about representation of Arizona tribal lands in the ACEs study.
- **Ms. Marcia Stanton** replied that there are fewer statistics about Aces in Arizona tribal lands.
- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** emphasized Trauma-Informed Care is a priority for Angela Ducey and the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Vice Chairperson Fuentes stated that she will be working with each of our councils and commissions to better understand the intersection of trauma-informed care.

### **SENSES and the Arizona Families First Program**

- **Ms. Sue Smith, Department of Child Safety**, reported on the Substance Exposed Newborn Safe Environment (SENSE) program. The program has been in Maricopa since 2006, and DCS's goal is to bring it statewide. Ms. Smith reported that SENSE remains a need due to the growing population of substance exposed newborns. Families with substance exposed newborns can participate in the SENSE program after a report is made to the Department of Child Safety. SENSE is multi-disciplinary approach to ensure the safety of the child and behavioral changes of the parents. Communication is key, parents sign release of information to ALL providers throughout the program.
- **Tony Morgan, Terros Health**, spoke on the Role of Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. (AFF). AFF is funded by the Substance Abuse Treatment Fund, and allows individuals to safely parent while working through substance abuse. First, an assessment is completed to determine the level of treatment to be given. The client and AFF team members are then notified of the recommendations and appointments. Next, the substance abuse treatment and support begins. Based on their recovery interest level and stage of addiction, do they get levels of treatments. In some cases, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is deployed for Parents with Opioid Addiction. The Department of Child Safety (DCS) Specialist will be with the family from first to final step, and communication continues 90 days after treatment ends. The goal of SENSE i is for the home visitor programs like AFF to continue after DCS case closure.

## Recidivism Reduction

- **Mr. Charles Ryan**, spoke on Arizona Department of Corrections' (ADC) 10-year goal to have engaged employees and reduce recidivism by 25%. Mr. Ryan shared that ADC's 5-year goal was in line with achieving their 10-year goal. Mr. Ryan summarized the ADC's strategic initiatives, and how the Governor's Budget supports inmate education, substance abuse treatment, and employment center expansion. ADE's is dedicated finding ways to give offenders a second chance. He stressed the point that recidivism reduction is a community responsibility that ensure the safety of Arizona communities and lowers the cost of Arizona's prison system.
- **John Cocoa**, asked what ADC has done to reduce prison assaults.
- **Charles Ryan**, explained that they every incident prison assault to understand the factors that led to the act of violence. ADC credits the reduction to increased communication between inmates and officers, and their restructured classification system.
- **Larry LaVeque**, Asked about success of motivational interviewing
- **Charles Ryan** said that employees and Correctional Officers are getting trained in motivational interviewing.
- **Andy LaFevre** commended Director Ryan and the work of ADC on their work on recidivism reduction.
- **Maureen Curley** asked Director Ryan to explain if substance abuse treatment was available for women inmates and if correctional officers working with women inmates were being trained on Motivational Interviewing.
- **Director Ryan** responded by explaining that substance abuse services were available for qualifying women inmates and that Correctional Officers working with women were also being trained on Motivational Interviewing.
- **Chairperson Montgomery** reinforced the success of the Reentry center in Maricopa County

## Youth Prevention Sub-Team

- **Samuel Burba** gave a brief overview of the Youth Prevention Sub-team under Goal Council 3. Mr. Burba explained that after submitting their initial recommendations to Goal Council 3 that they had been tasked the following:
  - Report on the number and percent of elementary, middle, and high schools implementing substance abuse interventions;
  - Identify evidence-based, emerging and best practice substance abuse prevention programs for Arizona schools;
  - Identify strategies to help expand after-school opportunities for youth from 3-6 PM to engage in prevention-based activities; and
  - Identify resource needs and potential funding sources.

Mr. Burba explained that to accomplish the work, the Epi Work Group, Chaired by Catie Clark, will be conducting the program inventory and working with the sub-team to produce the final report to be submitted to Goal Council 3 on June 30, 2018.

## ASAP Strategic Planning Process and Substance Abuse Continuum

- **Chairperson Montgomery**, reaffirmed the need for a strategic plan for the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership. Chairperson Montgomery stated that ASAP will continue with the strategic planning process explained in the last meeting after GOYFF rolls out the AMS process. Chairperson Montgomery suggested that the strategic plan should consider each of the following aspects of the substance abuse continuum: prevention, treatment, interdiction, and eradication. Chairperson Montgomery emphasized that while all areas of the continuum need to be considered and addressed that community education and awareness were the most important in reducing substance abuse.

### Future Meeting Dates

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes**, directed people to look at list of future meetings and to communicate with Samuel Burba if any scheduling conflicts arise.
- Future meeting dates as listed on the agenda:
  - Thursday, May 10, 2018
  - Thursday, August 9, 2018
  - Thursday, November 8, 2018

### Future Agenda Items

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** asked commission members for future agenda items. No agenda items were suggested at the meeting. Vice Chairperson Fuentes asked commissioners to share future agenda items with Samuel Burba as he plans the next meeting.

### Call to the Public

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** conducted a call to the public. No members of the public addressed the Commission.

### Adjourn

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - **Andy LaFevre** made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - **Charles Ryan** seconded the motion.
  - The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Dated the thirteenth day of February 2018  
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Samuel Burba  
Communications Director, GOYFF