



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

August 21, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Governor's Office Executive Tower

2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) was convened on August 21, 2018 at State Capitol Executive Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (15)	
Bill Montgomery , Chairperson, Maricopa County Attorney's Office	
Maria Cristina Fuentes , Vice Chair, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
Kathleen Grimes , Substance Abuse Coalition	
Dawn Mertz , High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area	
Esther Winne , Attorney General's Office	
Jeff Hood , Department of Juvenile Justice	
Jason Yeager , Department of Public Safety [proxy for Frank Milstead]	
Catie Clark , Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group	
Merilee Fowler , Substance Abuse Prevention Nonprofit	
Andy LaFevre Arizona Criminal Justice commission	
Charles Ryan , Arizona Department of Corrections	
John Cocca , Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control	
Wanda Wright , Arizona Department of Veteran Services	
Lee Pioske , The Crossroads	
Kathy Waters , Adult Probation Services Division	
Staff/Guests Present (10)	Members Absent (11)
Samuel Burba , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	David Klein , US Department of Veteran Affairs
Olivia Christiani , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Gregory McKay , Arizona Department of Child Safety
Malcolm Hightower , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Cara Christ , Arizona Department of Health Services
Melisha Bryant , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Lawrence LaVeque , Business Leader
Freda Moore , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Leah Landrum-Taylor , Arizona Department of Economic Security
Leona Morales , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Maureen Curley , Tribal Consultant
Marie Khalaf , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Tobi Zavala , Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Jessica Scannell , City of Phoenix Police Department	Kelli York , Substance Abuse Treatment Provider
Kate Lawson , Pima County Attorney's Office	Alexis Susdorf , Department of Education
Brian McIntyre , Cochise County Attorney	Alberto Gutier , Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Call to Order

- **Bill Montgomery, Chairperson**, called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 2:02 PM. with 15 members and 10 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.

ASAP Annual Report

- **Vice Chairperson Maria Cristina Fuentes** called the commission's attention to the annual ASAP report and asked members to review and provide input and feedback via email.

Red Ribbon Week 2018

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** discussed the two-day inaugural Arizona Drug Summit. She informed the commission that GOYFF would be engaged in smaller events this year and would like to support other Red Ribbon campaigns and events hosted by other agencies and coalitions.
- **Samuel Burba** informed the commission about plans to host a faith round table during Red Ribbon Week. The purpose of the event will be to inform the faith community about drug trends in the state, educate about available tools and resources, and to inquire about additional needs and support the faith community needs in order to address substance abuse in the state. Mr. Burba also mentioned that GOYFF will be participating in a drug take back day during Red Ribbon week. He encouraged the commissioners to share their Red Ribbon Week activities with GOYFF in order to promote them on social media and to provide support during the events.

Substance Abuse Prevention Inventory Report

- **Mr. Burba and Ms. Catie Clark** presented on the results of the school-based prevention inventory conducted by Gold Council 3. Mr. Burba gave an overview of the inventory and the outcomes of its findings. The inventory was used to identify prevention programs that were hosted and implemented by schools across the state and then make recommendations based on the results. The EPI work group compiled a report on behalf of the prevention committee that highlights relevant data and outlines future recommendations. Ms. Clark reviewed the methodology, data, and results of the inventory with the commission. Ms. Clark compared and contrasted the youth responses to the school administrator responses, pointing out the youth reported different needs in regards to risk and protective factors than the administrators reported.
- **Ms. Kathy Waters** commented on the youth versus school response and mentioned that the findings are consistent with what is known about prevention and intervention in regards to reducing risk factors in order to prevent behavior.
- **Chairperson Montgomery** mentioned there should be levels of prevention methods available in primary and secondary education.
- **Ms. Catie Clark** emphasized that there has been limited focus on increasing protective factors, which is equally as important in prevention as reducing risk factors.
- **Chairperson Montgomery** asked if the committee has plans to follow up with the schools to inform them of the results of the inventory for the purpose of considering recommendations and changes.

- **Ms. Catie Clark** replied that plans had not been made, but that the inventory results will be communicated to the participating schools.

Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona and Arizona Drug Summit

- **Ms. Merilee Fowler** discussed the importance of coalitions. She pointed out that coalitions usually find out about drug trends before data is widely available. Coalitions allow for individuals and organizations with diverse knowledge, skills, and perspectives on the issue to collaborate for the purpose of achieving a shared goal. Ms. Fowler provided an overview of how SACLAz began and its impact in Arizona. Currently there are 40 coalitions that attend SACLAz with representation from every county.
- SACLAz has the following objectives:
 - Educate coalition leaders on current substance abuse trends and issues in Arizona
 - Determine collective strategies coalitions can implement for “Trauma Informed Prevention”
 - Determine collective strategies for coalitions to implement to address the current increase in meth use in Arizona
 - Determine “What are the next steps coalitions can take to address the opioid epidemic?”
 - Determine collective strategies coalitions can implement to address the current “marijuana culture” in Arizona
 - Determine collective strategies coalitions can implement to address the increase in synthetic drugs in Arizona
 - Develop collective strategies SACLAz can implement to sustain substance abuse coalitions in Arizona
- Ms. Fowler provided information about the upcoming Arizona Drug Summit on September 24th & 25th stating that Dr. Bertha Madras was going to be the keynote speaker and is a current member of the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Epidemic. Individuals interested in attending the Summit, were encouraged to visit matforce.org for more information and to register.

Phoenix Police Department - Arizona Angel Initiative Program Expansion

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** briefly spoke about the Arizona Angel Initiative feasibility report and then introduce Commander De Castro.
- **Commander De Castro** informed the commissioners about the Angel Initiative, its history and provided an overview of the new version of the City of Phoenix PD Angel Initiative that is being adopted by all police precincts across the city. Individuals seeking treatment can also call the Angel Navigator directly. Commander De Castro reported that since the inception of the program 186 people have been connected with substance use treatment. Commander DeCastro also acknowledged to work and support of Jessica Scannell, AmeriCorps VISTA serving the City of Phoenix PD Angel Initiative.
- Commander DeCastro shared that from the law enforcement perspective the Angel Initiative:
 - Allows the Police Department to bridge the gap between law enforcement and opioid drug users seeking recovery
 - Allows citizens to request treatment for addiction without the fear of arrest
 - Establishes a relationship with the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.)
 - Embraces multiple recommendations from the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing
- **Ms. Wanda Wright** asked if officers or navigators ask those seeking treatment whether they are veterans. She mentioned that if persons seeking treatment through the Angel Initiative are veterans, then they should be referred to the VA for treatment. Commander De Castro replied that participants were not asked if they had served, but that he would take the recommendation and see about implementing moving forward.
- **Ms. Kathy Waters** asked if the Commander De Castro’s PowerPoint could be sent to commission members. Mr. Burba agreed to send the PowerPoint.

Pima County Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison

- **Ms. Kate Lawson**, Pima County Attorney Office, informed the committee about the Pima County Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) program. She reported that the program was founded in 2010 and

has served about 200 people thus far. DTAP includes: probation monitoring, drug testing, intensive treatment, clinical coordination between the court and treatment providers, wrap around recovery services (like dental, housing, food assistance), peer mentors, and a fulltime job coach.

- Ms. Lawson shared that DTAP is a three-year wrap around program focused on treating the whole person. Services are provided to individuals with three or more convictions and are a high risk to recidivate. The program also helps participants get access to housing, clothing and new social connections. Participants must attend compliance court every two weeks. The program uses best practices standards and fits into the overall continuum of prevention and intervention and operates based on the SAMHSA model.
- In 2017 the University of Arizona evaluated the effectiveness of DTAP making the following findings:
 - The per-participant cost for the control group who received no programming and were sentenced straight to prison was \$47,540 while the per-participant cost for those that received completed the DTAP program was \$17,266 less expensive than the control group.
 - In fiscal year 2016, the Pima County DTAP program served more than 60 participants, for a total savings to tax payers of more than \$1 million in just that year alone.
 - The recidivism rates for those that participated in the DTAP program was less than half that for the control group.
- **Mr. John Cocca** asked if the county prosecutor determines who goes into the program. Ms. Lawson replied, "Yes." She explained that the county prosecutor does determine who enters the program and that background checks and clinical assessments are completed prior to intake and most referrals are from defense attorneys.

Cochise County Addiction Recovery Partnership

- **Mr. Brian McIntyre**, Cochise County Attorney, presented on the Cochise County Addiction Recovery Partnership (CARP). The partnership was formed to take a comprehensive approach to opioid. The program guarantees access to substance abuse care regardless of priors so long as current case is possession. A major goal of the program is to engage law enforcement and first responders to help shift the perception of addiction from a criminal issue to a health concern. Mr. McIntyre shared the following accomplishments of the newly formed CARP.
 - Increasing training for police on substance abuse disorders and treatment options
 - Clarified the collective understanding of the current barriers to treatment access
 - Helped expedite connections to treatment in collaboration with first responders
 - Increased community access to resources and treatment services
 - Identified sustainable solutions for the opioid epidemic
- Mr. McIntyre shared that moving forward that CARP would continue to develop innovative partnerships with the following programs and services:
 - Bisbee & Douglas Police & Fire Departments
 - Cochise County Attorney
 - Cochise County Sheriff's Office
 - Cochise County Health and Social Services
 - Chiricahua Community Health Centers Inc.
 - Cenpatico Integrated Care
 - Community Bridges
 - Hoops House
 - Wellness Connections
 - Cochise Re-Entry Coalition

2018 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, November 8, 2018

Future Agenda Items

- **Vice Chairperson Fuentes** asked commission members for future agenda items.
- **Kathy Waters** suggested the commission participate in the reentry simulation.
- **Charles Ryan** informed commission about upcoming town halls.
- Vice Chairperson Fuentes asked commissioners to share additional 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.
 - **Wanda Wright** made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Jeff Hood** seconded the motion.
 - The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM

Dated the twenty-first day of August 2018
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Respectfully Submitted By:
Samuel Burba
Communications Director, GOYFF