

**GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS  
GOVERNOR'S PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**May 20, 2005**

**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC) convened at 9:30 a.m. on May 20, 2005, at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). These minutes provide a brief summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Council meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Michael S. Cunningham, Deputy Director of ADP's Program Services Division, welcomed the Council members and guests on behalf of Kathryn P. Jett, Director of ADP and Chair of the GPAC, who was unable to attend.

Michael began the meeting by highlighting the recent ADP-sponsored conference on treatment and recovery, which was held on May 4-6, 2005. He provided an overview of the continuum of care—prevention, treatment, and maintenance. Within the treatment/recovery community, there exists high interest and support for prevention as a necessary compliment to ongoing treatment and recovery services.

As all the agencies are in the midst of the budget season, Michael asked the Council members how their budgets were faring. Meredith Rolfe, California Department of Education, expressed concern over the President's 2006 budget zeroing out Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities' (SDFSC) funds, which would leave no federal money for drug prevention or safety to be distributed to schools. Kirby Everhart reported that the Office of Emergency Services suffered a sizable (\$14 million) budget cut this year, which would impact some prevention activities. Michael reported that ADP will be getting fairly stable funding through next year, with a slight reduction in some areas, although the Governor's portion of the SDFSC funds are in danger, as mentioned by Ms. Rolfe.

Following these discussions, Michael made announcements regarding attendees. He welcomed Sue Blake, Deputy Director for Legislation from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Michael also informed the Council that Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services Division, who was the policy representative for the Department of Social Services on the GPAC, had left the department. The attendance list of the GPAC members for this meeting is attached.

Michael next reviewed the agenda and information provided to Council members in their meeting folders.

## **COUNCIL PROJECTS**

### California Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (CASBIRT) Program

Michael provided a recap of this Council project. The GPAC provides policy and operational guidance to the CASBIRT Program, which is currently operating in San Diego County, but is geared to expand to one or two other locations within the next year. The intent behind this grant program is to establish a methodology whereby routine screenings are made in primary health settings (as well as other potential locales, e.g., student health centers) for the possibility of alcohol or other drug problems. CASBIRT services have thus far been successfully integrated into 13 medical sites, including medical emergency departments, trauma, and community health center primary care sites.

Over the last 16 months, 146,000 patients have been screened through the San Diego program; follow-up is being conducted on those who have gone through the process. Results at the six-month follow-up mark show 60 percent of at-risk drinkers are reducing their consumption to a lower level, and 62 percent of drug users are reporting no drug use in the past thirty days. By doing brief treatment and intervention, CASBIRT identifies problems early and, by working with the patients, allows patients to modify their alcohol and drug use to an effective degree.

The GPAC has formed the CASBIRT Subcommittee to examine policy issues relevant to making this kind of service part of the health care service system. The Subcommittee is looking at the various issues, such as how to make it a routine part of the service system, how to pay for it, and who will be delivering the services. The information developed by the Subcommittee will be used in preparing policy proposals to advance CASBIRT as a standard of practice in health care services.

### State Incentive Grant (SIG) Program

Michael provided an update on the SIG Program. He reported that the program is moving forward with thirteen county grantees. The first year of the grant has been focused on planning, while the next two years will be implementation-focused. However, a number of community grantees have already completed the planning process and will move ahead with the implementation process. For the next GPAC meeting (in September) this program will have a fuller report as to the activities those grantees are planning, how they are working within their communities, and who is involved.

### SIG Evaluation

Michael reported that the SIG Program was prepared to move forward with evaluation tasks, but a decision was made to discontinue the evaluator's contract. While the project is in between evaluators, ADP's Community Prevention Institute is providing technical assistance for project planning. Until a new evaluator is hired, and until this new evaluator has an opportunity to look at what kind of methodology they might

propose to get outcomes, the evaluation work is on hold. It is planned that by the first part of August a new evaluation contractor will be selected.

## **COUNCIL WORKGROUPS**

### Underage Alcohol Use Workgroup

Everest Robillard, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), is leading this new workgroup; however, no one has yet volunteered to be a part of it. Council members expressed a desire to know more about the end-goals for this workgroup. Knowing the direction the workgroup is going would help obtain involvement.

The two outcomes initially mentioned for the workgroup were to coordinate activities across agencies and to look at models/programs in other states having to do with underage alcohol use. Michael suggested that ABC: (1) prepare a list of initial outcomes for the workgroup; and, (2) identify models which have proven effectiveness. Everest will provide this information to the Council members before the next meeting.

Michael indicated that because of the relationship between the Underage Alcohol Use Workgroup and the Binge Drinking Strategic Plan Implementation Workgroup, it might be beneficial to look at the implementation plan for binge drinking and pull out the elements that specifically address underage alcohol use and assign those to this new workgroup. This would provide a specific type of implementation framework for this workgroup and may also be a way for the Council to address part of the binge drinking implementation plan.

### Binge Drinking Strategic Plan Implementation Workgroup

Following the discussion of an integrated approach to the Underage Alcohol Use Workgroup with implementation of the Binge Drinking Strategic Plan, Michael requested that each Council member look again at the strategies listed in the Strategic Plan and determine which strategies are appropriate for action by the member and the agency they represent.

For the next meeting, each member should report on what strategies are appropriate for their organization to move forward on because the strategies are consistent with their mission. The GPAC can then make a decision about what to do regarding strategies that are not covered.

### Ad Hoc Committee on Methamphetamine

The Ad Hoc Committee on Methamphetamine has met twice thus far. They are currently in the fact-finding stages, so there are no recommendations to the GPAC at this time. The committee will continue to collect and synthesize information and present findings to the GPAC at future meetings.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Interagency Prevention Coordination Framework and Planning

Since the last GPAC meeting, a survey of other states with Governor's Councils was completed. The results from this investigation were provided to the members in their meeting folders.

### Plan for 2006

Looking ahead to the Fall, Michael asked Council members to think about issues they may want to address in the next year. Since this Council has been together for two years, we have a better sense of what types of issues, products and/or projects are realistic and possible for the Council to accomplish, versus what fits better within the purview of individual agencies. The GPAC members, as amplified by their affiliate organizations, have considerable reach. Member issues are critical to effectively attaining desired results.

### Process for Presentations to the GPAC

Due to an increase in the number of requests by different organizations wanting to make presentations to the GPAC, Michael proposed the following process: If any Council member is approached by someone who wants to make a presentation to the GPAC, they should: (1) forward the request (not the person) to ADP, as ADP provides staff support for the Council; (2) ADP will forward the information to the GPAC member whose agency has jurisdiction over the subject matter for an assessment and recommendation; (3) if the member thinks the presentation should be considered by the GPAC, the member will bring the proposal to a GPAC meeting; and, (4) if there is consensus among the members, the presentation can be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Council members expressed agreement with this proposed process, however, Michael indicated that he would send it to the members to make sure it is consistent with their understanding of the discussion and that they are comfortable with it. (Note: The e-mail to the GPAC members from Michael reiterating the process for presentations was sent on June 17, 2005.)

### Supporting or Opposing Legislation

An issue was raised by a Council member regarding whether or not the GPAC may take a position supporting or opposing legislation. The Council agreed that GPAC discusses policy issues that may include information about legislation related to prevention, but it is outside the purview of the GPAC to take positions on legislation. If there are any initiatives which individual GPAC members would like the Governor to address, these recommendations would be made through the member's respective agency.

## Member Agency Presentations

Several Council members have expressed interest in devoting a portion of the GPAC meetings to allow agencies to present on projects they want to highlight to other Council members. This was proposed to the entire Council, and members agreed it would be a useful component to add. It was suggested for the September meeting to lay out the agenda for the coming year's meetings and plan agency presentations in line with future topics. Since the agenda for the September meeting is not set, Michael asked if any Council member wanted to volunteer to do a presentation at that meeting. Allison Jones volunteered to present, along with Paul Oliaro, on the California State University's biennial report.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Along with several announcements of upcoming meetings of interest and new collaborations, Everest Robillard of ABC informed the Council that Director Jolly is planning to have a symposium in September to address underage drinking. While the focus of this symposium is towards law enforcement, Everest told the Council members that he would find out if there will be an opportunity for the GPAC to also participate.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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**\*\*REVISED AGENDA\*\***

**OPENING**

1. Opening Remarks - Michael Cunningham 9:30 a.m.
2. Introductions - All
3. Agenda/Material Review - Michael Cunningham

**COUNCIL PROJECTS**

4. CA Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (CASBIRT) Grant Program - Michael Cunningham
5. State Incentive Grant (SIG) Program
  - Annual Report - Michael Cunningham
  - Evaluation - Larry Carr, Office of Applied Research and Analysis

**COUNCIL WORKGROUPS**

6. Ad Hoc Committee on Methamphetamine -  
Lee Chamberlain, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
7. Binge Drinking Strategic Plan Implementation  
Workgroup - Michael Cunningham
8. Underage Alcohol Use Workgroup - Everest Robillard,  
Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)

**BREAK**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Interagency Prevention Coordination Framework  
and Planning - All
10. Process for Presentations to GPAC- All
11. Supporting or Opposing Legislation - All

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

- Jerry Jolly, ABC
- Lee Chamberlain, DEA

**SUMMARY/CLOSING - Michael Cunningham** 12:30 p.m.

{NOTE: The next GPAC meetings have been scheduled for SEPTEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 2.  
Please mark your calendars!}