

**GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
FOR THE PREVENTION OF
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS
*Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC)***

GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

The Governor established the Interagency Coordinating Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (commonly referred to as the "Governor's Prevention Advisory Council" or "GPAC") to coordinate the State's strategic efforts to achieve measurable reductions in the incidence and prevalence of the inappropriate use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD). The GPAC shall develop coordinated State prevention plans and provide them to the Governor with recommendations for the continued enhancement and improvement of our State's prevention system.

Although organizations appointed to the GPAC have varied primary missions, these missions all benefit from successfully preventing and reducing harm to public health, safety and the economy related to ATOD use. The GPAC operates collectively toward this shared purpose, while members maintain autonomy in carrying out GPAC prevention objectives through their respective organizations.

This high-level Council provides California with leadership continuity to advance ATOD prevention. The GPAC's permanent status and members' historical perspectives are needed to attain long-term, sustainable results. The Council is designed to reinforce each members' efforts, reduce redundancies, and align organizations' resources to achieve specific collective objectives.

As used by the GPAC, ATOD prevention is defined as strategies, programs and initiatives which reduce both direct and indirect adverse personal, social, health, and economic consequences resulting from problematic ATOD availability, manufacture, distribution, promotion, sales, and use. The desired result is to promote safe and healthy behaviors and environments for individuals, families, and communities.

II. FUNCTIONS

The GPAC will be chaired by the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Members include key Agency and Departmental administrators from all the major state agencies involved with prevention issues, funding, and/or program level support.

Workgroups assist with implementation of Council objectives, including the California Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment Grant Program. The GPAC determines the workgroups' membership. The Council and workgroups shall seek participation and input from other public and private organizations, associations, and affiliates that either provide prevention services or are concerned with ATOD prevention issues.

III. PRESENTATION PROCESS

The GPAC meetings are public. Presentations may be made to the Council by non-GPAC members if: (1) the presentation is for informational or educational purposes; (2) the presentation is not a solicitation for funds; and, (3) there is consensus among the GPAC members that the presentation would be of value.

The process for getting an outside topic (i.e., presentation) on the GPAC agenda is as follows:

- 1) The request to present at a GPAC meeting is forwarded to the GPAC member (sponsoring agency) whose agency has jurisdiction over the subject matter for an assessment and recommendation. The assessment would include information to determine the credibility of individuals/organizations and/or if the proposed issues are consistent with that of the sponsoring agency and the purpose of the GPAC.
- 2) If the sponsoring agency thinks the presentation should be considered by the GPAC, that member will request the GPAC coordinator (ADP staff) place the discussion of a proposed topic on the next meeting's agenda. (Note: The presentation will not be placed on the agenda; rather a question to determine the members' interest in hearing the presentation will be asked.)
- 3) The GPAC members at the meeting will decide whether the proposed presentation elicits sufficient interest to be scheduled for a later meeting.
- 4) If there is approval by the GPAC members, the sponsoring agency will work with the GPAC coordinator to schedule the presentation at an upcoming quarterly meeting.
- 5) Once the date for the presentation has been determined, the GPAC coordinator will communicate with the presenter(s) regarding the meeting details (date, time, place, etc.).

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