



Offender Treatment Advisory Group November 2, 2007 Meeting Summary

OPENING REMARKS

Director Renee Zito opened the meeting by welcoming the Offender Treatment Advisory Group (OTAG) members.

Director Zito stated that she was impressed by the commitment of those who attended and put the Making It Work conference together. She was especially pleased that ADP had individuals speaking about their treatment successes and turning their lives around.

Director Zito mentioned that this year ADP presented awards in the areas of Distinguished Program, Individual Service, and Collaborative Team during the conference. Director Zito reported the award for Individual Service was presented to the Honorable Doug Phimister from El Dorado County, and the Collaborative Team award was presented to the El Dorado County Case Management Team. She also stated the Honorable Judge Manley was presented a special award recognizing all his support, hard work, and dedication to the success of the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA).

Director Zito discussed the budget reduction of \$25 million for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 for SACPA and the Offender Treatment Program (OTP) and emphasized creativity to make less dollars go further. Director Zito acknowledged treatment retention and completion needs to be increased to make Proposition 36 successful.

PROGRAM UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Millicent discussed the Offender Treatment Program (OTP) trailer bill language changes from FY 2006-07. Millicent informed the group that to date, 46 SACPA county plan/OTP applications have been received. ADP has streamlined the process by asking counties about changes from the prior FY county plan. Millicent stated that all counties will not ask for OTP funds and others may not request the full amount; therefore, freeing up some of the funding for eligible counties.

ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS

The following items were identified as goals by the members:

- Coordinating services with Department of Mental Health,
- Working with the University of California, Los Angeles to measure successes,
- Presenting promising practices from counties,
- Working with associations that were not present at the meeting,
- Having every size county represented at the meetings, and
- Having a member from COJAC attend the next meeting.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Promising Practices.
- Mike Mott from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to arrange arrange for a Riverside county parole agent to discuss the specialized parole caseload program.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

January 11, 2008