

# Evaluation Advisory Group Meeting

## March 22, 2001

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### **MEETING SUMMARY**

#### ***INTRODUCTION***

On March 22, 2001, twenty-two members of the Evaluation Advisory Group met in Sacramento for the second time to discuss policy questions that the evaluation of Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, will need to answer, both in the short term and the long term. The purpose of the meeting was to determine what outcome and process/implementation questions should be addressed, what can be reasonably accomplished in one year, and what needs to be addressed over the long term.

#### ***PRESENTATION***

Del Sayles-Owen gave an update on the State Advisory Group meeting held on March 14. The goal of that meeting was to discuss the proposed changes to the regulations, with particular attention being paid to spending of the \$60,000,000 and the \$120,000,000. During the State Advisory Group meeting, a presentation was given by the Department of Correction's Division of Paroles, and addressed the question: How does Corrections use existing programs to provide funded services?

Del referred to the Intended Use Plan, which was discussed by the State Advisory Group. The State Advisory Group was asked for their comments on the concept as proposed. The plan asks for a county summary displaying the amount funded for county partners, the number of clients they estimate they will serve, referral source, funding for administrative activities and direct services, and identification of each proposed provider.

#### ***MEETING GOALS: BRAINSTORMING SESSION: GROUP REPORTS***

The overall goal of the meeting was to identify questions for the state and university research team to address during the evaluation, and the group broke into three smaller groups for the brainstorming session.

The following items were included:

##### Predictors:

- Client/offender demographics
- Current and past drug use
- Current and past criminal histories

Process:

- Eligibility criteria
- How did counties plan/implement Prop 36
- How did law enforcement behavior change/evolve
- How did DA filing practices change
- How did sentencing change
- What assessment models were used
- What treatment models/levels were used
- How was probation modified/changed/affected
- What other services were used/to what extent

Outcomes:

- Offender behaviors
  - Acceptance of Prop 36 option
  - Utilization of other services
  - Arrests, convictions
- Client behaviors
  - Treatment utilization
  - Length of treatment
  - Completion of treatment
  - Drug use
- Cultural factors
  - Crime rate
  - Drug use by ethnicity
  - Treatment utilization
- Cost factors
  - Jail/prison construction
  - Welfare costs
  - Adequacy of funds
- Descriptive picture of implementation and processes
- Trends

What data is already being collected  
Can it be accessed/used

***NEXT STEPS***

DADP will take the questions, determine their priority and logical timeframe, whether they belong in the short term, long term, or both planned evaluations. An ad hoc meeting to discuss rating criteria for the Request for Applications is scheduled for April 4, at 1700 K Street, from 10:00 until 3:00. The next several meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 26	10:00 – 3:00
Thursday, May 24	10:00 – 3:00
Thursday, June 28	10:00 – 3:00
Thursday, July 26	10:00 – 3:00
Thursday, August 23	10:00 – 3:00

These meetings will be held at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, 1700 K Street, in the first floor conference room, unless otherwise notified.