

MARIN COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROGRAMS
January 3, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

TIME	SUBJECT
6:30 PM	Call to Order Call for AOD Quorum: Yes Present: Ruby Gibney, John Riley, Gail Dunnett, Suzanne Kanter, Heather Johnson, Tori Kropp, Tracy Novick Guests: Mark Dale, Yavar Amidi, Gail Usilton, Katie Rice, Rachel Farac Absent: Jei Africa, Staff: Cat Condon, Taffy Lavie
6:31 PM	
6:35 PM	Review of Agenda / Approval of December 6,2021 meeting Minutes - First motion made by Suzanne K, and seconded by Heather J- Approved
6:40 PM	Open Public Time
6:45 PM	Agenda adjustment: Presentation was changed to follow the BHRS Reports. BHRS Staff Reports: Cat Condon, Division Director, SUD updated/reported to the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medi-Cal approved SB803 Peer Support Specialist program to begin in July 2022-that will offer employment & training to clients to work with others in county based programs. The Peer counselors like the Recovery coaches have lived experiences and they will be used in services to low-income and Medi-Cal clients.• There has been renewal for waivers to be used for early intervention for kids under 21 (Medi-Cal covered children). By focusing on continuum of care for youth through School based services & Wellness centers.• CALAIM (California Advancement & Innovation) Marin has been selected to be in a catalyst program that will work on the problems that are hard to solve-exploring incentives for staying off drugs, looking at the areas of school services, reciprocity of Medi-Call between counties.• Integration of services: Behavioral Health and Medical Health systems still need to be blended, one example is in electronic records. Continued conversations need to address integration of Mental Health with alcohol & SUD services with AOD.

7:10 PM	<p>Presentation: Taffy Lavie welcomed Mark Dale as presenter and recent retired Chair. She presented a gift card from the board for his service to the AOD and the Marin County Alcohol & SUD communities. Tributes and thanks were given by all present.</p> <p>Since 4/3/2009, Mark Dale (a Marin county father & community member) has worked passionately to improve the areas of Substance use, mental health and suicides, especially for youth.</p> <p>He has been the Chair for the AOD for three terms, established RX Safe Marin, networked with law enforcement, supported public forums to address the crisis of drugs and mental health issues among the youth of Marin. Mark has diligently kept the statistics of youth & young adult suicide and overdoses over the years for Marin County.</p> <p>Mark notes that abuse of cough syrup, Adderall, & Xanax were previous problems. Now he cites the arrival of fentanyl has being a game changer in the grim statistics of death in and outside Marin County.</p> <p>There is still a lot of work to do given the statistics of 2020.</p> <p>71 substance related deaths, 22 of the deaths related to Fentanyl, 10 from opioids/heroin, the rest of the deaths are from meth, alcohol, cocaine.</p> <p>Mark encouraged the board members to find the best roles for AOD-presenting services and needs of Marin, addressing the 83% of people (middle & upper income) not being served by HHS (17% presently- low income & Medi-Cal), prevention, and lastly, continuing to work with the Behavioral health board while maintaining the AOD, its important mission separately.</p>
7:35 PM	<p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>It was decided to focus on the By-Laws revision and postpone rest of the committee reports until February. John Riley, presented the edited draft of the by-laws completed by the ad hoc committee with a focus on the membership, mission statement and meetings. After discussion in the meeting, it was agreed the AOD board members will review the draft, forward comments and edits to John Riley. At next meeting there will be hopefully be a final review of the proposed by-laws.</p>
8:00 PM	<p>Adjournment</p>
	<p>Next Executive Conference Call: Mon. January 24, 2022 @ 12:15 p.m.– Conference Call- 415-473-3030/ Meeting Number: 7719# / Host/Moderator: password 633863# / Attendee: password 4154737719#</p>
	<p>Next AOD Board Meeting: Monday February 7, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</p>

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