

**Methamphetamine Prevention Network
Leadership Council Meeting
Minutes
March 12, 2008
Royal Scandinavian Inn 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Members In attendance:

Dr. Carrick Adam (Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back) Kenneth Bambrick (Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Task Force), Pat Brady (Lompoc Valley Recovery Task Force), Supervisor Salud Carbajal (First District Supervisor), Lois Craig (Santa Ynez Valley Coalition/People Helping People), Georgina Duran-Conn (Santa Barbara County Probation), Hon. Rogelio Flores (Superior Court), Kathy Gallagher (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Eric Hanson (Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office), Susan Klein-Rothschild (Santa Barbara County Public Health Department), Alice Patino (Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back), Amy Ratliff (Santa Ynez Valley Coalition/People Helping People), Carolyn Wood (Carpinteria Cares for Youth).

Guests:

Eric Friedman (Assistant to Supervisor Carbajal), Dr. Harold Ginsberg (Retired Psychiatrist, Santa Barbara County ADHMS), Buck Derrington (Pacific Pride Foundation).

Staff:

Heather Gardner (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Lisa Garrison (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Dennis Pankratz (Consultant), Pat Saley (Consultant), Nancy Vasquez (Consultant), Maria Xique (Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services).

I. Welcome & Introductions

Kathy Gallagher opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. by welcoming everyone. Supervisor Carbajal introduced and welcomed Pat Saley as the new facilitator. Pat Saley gave an overview of her experience and background. The Leadership Council Members introduced themselves and a quorum was established with the members in attendance. Supervisor Carbajal introduced Pat Brady who shared her personal meth story with the group, reminding members why they were there.

II. Action Items

- A. **Welcome New Leadership Council Members:** None at this time.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Supervisor Carbajal called for the approval of the January 9, 2008 minutes.

Susan Klein-Rothschild made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Eric Hanson and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Carbajal spoke of the State and County budget crisis. Judge Flores stated that he met with treatment providers regarding the Prop 36 program and the budget reductions of close to 48%. He shared that Santa Barbara County has one of the highest success rates in the country and the cost savings in jail beds. He expressed his strong concern regarding the budget cuts on this program and the treatment services. Supervisor Carbajal said he would follow-up with ADP staff regarding this issue.

- C. **Establishment of the Finance Task Force:** Cynder Sinclair was to chair the Finance Task Force but resigned due to a career change. Kathy Gallagher stated that they are looking for a new chair and that the goal of the Finance Task Force is to look at funding

opportunities for task force strategies. Dr. Carrick Adam volunteered to co-chair the Finance Task Force with Kathy Gallagher.

Alice Patino made a motion for Dr. Carrick Adam to serve as co-chair of the Finance Task Force. Judge Rogelio Flores seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Educated Communities & Professionals Task Force Report: Pat Saley referred the Leadership Council to the Taskforce Summary Report and the Summary of Action Items located in their packets. Alice Patino reported that their taskforce had two items for action: 1). an updated action plan for countywide distribution of meth prevention brochures in public places; and 2). a new proposal for a locally developed alternative to “Crystal Darkness.”

- 1. Education Outreach Campaign:** The taskforce selected two brochures to distribute countywide. They are entitled “45 Scary But True Facts About Meth” and “How Meth affects Your Brain.” The Taskforce is hoping to get the same message out throughout the county by having each regional community coalition identify locations for distribution. They are hoping to have this delivered in May 2008.

Susan Klein-Rothschild motioned to accept the Education Outreach Campaign. Alice Patino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Meth Prevention Multi-Media Road Block/Crystal Darkness Media Campaign:** Lois Craig reported that the EC&P taskforce has developed a new proposal, temporarily referred to as the Multimedia Roadblock Campaign. This new proposal would be developed locally with the help of The Kearns Group in Santa Maria. The cost is estimated to be between \$17,000 - \$52,000 to produce. It was suggested that we could partner with San Luis Obispo County to further reduce costs. Lois Craig asked for permission to move forward on further developing the locally created campaign, saying that there may be some resources available through ADP. Other suggestions were made of businesses, groups, and individuals that may be able to help, with particular attention to reaching out to the Latino businesses, individuals and organizations.

Susan Klein-Rothschild made a motion to move forward with further developing the Multi-Media Road Block Campaign. Alice Patino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Break

IV. Discussion & Informational Items

- A. Review of Established Timeline & Meeting Dates:** Pat Saley called attention to the Task Force Timeline, noting that the plan is to conclude in October with a report to the Board of Supervisors.
- B. Update on Meeting with Congresswoman Lois Capps:** Kathy Gallagher stated that Congresswoman Capps was very impressed with what the Meth Prevention Network is doing at a recent lunch meeting held with Ms Capps and leaders of the MPN. Congresswoman Capps told her that there is not a great deal of meth legislation going on at the Federal level, but offered her support. Supervisor Carbajal suggested taking a look at what NACO has been doing and to check out their website. Kathy Gallagher asked Heather Gardner to e-mail a packet with legislative material to all the council members. Susan Klein-Rothschild asked if there was a quick fact sheet available and

Heather Gardner advised that she has posted this on the www.StopMethinSBCounty.org website.

- C. Meth Free Individuals, Children & Families Task Force Report:** Lois Craig reported that their task force has been working on short and long term strategies. Judge Flores has agreed to do a presentation at the judges' quarterly meeting so they have an understanding of methamphetamine addiction and the appropriate treatment. They also want to reach out to CWS; Asia Eichmiller with ADP has put together a comprehensive training for social workers. Judge Flores explained some of the policy issues that have been under consideration. Supervisor Carbajal requested that the Task Force share the key legislative issues and he will bring them to the BOS Legislative Committee.
- D. Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Report:** Ken Bambrick reported that they are moving forward on the DEC training. The training was presented to People Helping People trainers and was well received. Regarding the potential Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance, representatives from the different law enforcement agencies explored the possibility of a pilot in the county. Supervisor Carbajal said that when the taskforce is ready to move forward, it should be brought to the BOS Legislative committee.
- E. Outcomes & Evaluation Task Force Report:** Amy Ratliff reported that ADMHS, DSS, Probation, Public Health and the Sheriff's Dept. have all reported what data they are collecting regarding drug use. The task force is tracking all of that information and will look at gaps. At their last meeting, Daniel Milei of IT brought a prototype of the data base they are creating, of which the Meth Prevention Network is a pilot. Kathy Gallagher stated that Daniel may bring a demo to our next meeting. Last, Amy reported that members are working with the other task forces to help support the development of an evaluation plan for each of their strategies.
- F. Hot Off the Press...Announcements from Coalitions/Community:**
- Judge Flores invited all to the Drug Court Graduation at The Elks Lodge on 3/18/08 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Pat Brady announced the open house for the new Good Samaritan Perinatal Center in Lompoc at 608 W. Ocean on 4/17/08 from 5-7 p.m.
 - Alice Patino discussed the "Every 15 Minutes" program that Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back will be conducting.
 - Carolyn Wood stated that the Carpinteria Cares for Youth is hosting a community forum on 5/6/08 at 6:30 p.m. on "Keeping Youth Drug Free".
 - Kathy Gallagher reported that meth use in San Francisco is going down due to the expense. Most meth is now coming in from Mexico. There are showing a shift to cocaine and alcohol.
 - Nancy Vasquez reminded us to take a look at the revised strategy chart.
 - Heather Gardner said to take a look at the Meth Prevention Network's website: www.StopMethinSBCounty.org and send suggestions to Tricia Beebe at DSS.
 - Supervisor Carbajal asked if Heather could list the names of all the MPN in the next newsletter. He also asked that Heather check with County Counsel regarding using elected officials pictures and names in the newsletter.
 - Steve Powell joined us late due to a meth incident at the school and told us what had transpired there.

V. Public Comment

Supervisor Carbajal asked for any public comment; none was received.

VI. Next Steps & Meeting Adjournment

Supervisor Carbajal reminded Council members of the next meeting on May 14, 2008 at the Marriott Santa Ynez and to e-mail Nancy Vasquez with any agenda items. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.