

**Methamphetamine Prevention Network  
Leadership Council Meeting  
Minutes  
May 14, 2008  
Marriott Santa Ynez Valley 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), Supervisor Carbajal (First District Supervisor), Lois Craig (People Helping People), Georgina Duran-Conn (Santa Barbara County Probation), Hon. Rogelio Flores (Superior Court), Kathy Gallagher (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Nancy Gottlieb (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services), Eric Hanson (Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office), Shereen Khatapoush (Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse), Susan Klein-Rothschild (Santa Barbara County Public Health Department), Teresa Menchaca (Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back Coalition), Alice Patino (Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back), Steve Powell (Rincon/Foothill High Schools, CUSD), Kevin Smith (Zona Seca Youth & Family Treatment Center).

**Guests:**

Sheriff Bill Brown (Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office), Zandra Cholmondeley (Santa Barbara County Executive Office), Eric Friedman (Assistant to Supervisor Carbajal), Dr. Harold Ginsberg (Retired Psychiatrist, Santa Barbara County ADHMS), Daniel Milei (Santa Barbara County General Services), Julie Miller (Santa Barbara County Risk Management).

**Staff:**

Heather Gardner (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Lisa Garrison (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Laura Mancuso (Consultant), Bob Montgomery (Consultant), Dennis Pankratz (Consultant), Pat Saley (Consultant), and Nancy Vasquez (Consultant).

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Teresa Menchaca opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. by welcoming everyone. The Leadership Council Members, Project Team, and Guests introduced themselves and a quorum was established.

**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 March 12, 2008 minutes.

*Susan Klein-Rothschild made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Alice Patino and passed unanimously.*

**C. Finance Task Force Report:** Dr. Carrick Adam asked for input from the other task forces as to their goals and funding needs. Members were referred to the brochure in their packets that can be used to present to funders. Kathy Gallagher suggested bullet points for the funding needs and asked the task forces to give their input on the brochure. Input and suggestions can be e-mailed to Heather Gardner. Dr. Adam asked the members to review the mission statement and called for a vote to approve the mission statement.

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

### III. Discussion & Informational Items

- A. 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 is scheduled to present a family-focused briefing for all Superior Court Judges emphasizing evidence-based, community friendly and culturally sensitive treatment modalities for methamphetamine abusers at their July quarterly meeting. Training for CWS staff is still pending. A single policy issue has been developed into a proposal that will be submitted to the County Legislative Committee, the Council and eventually to Congresswoman Capps. The proposal requests funds for a demonstration project to provide supportive services for families suffering from Methamphetamine addiction. A survey was sent out to treatment providers in the community and CWS staff. The survey asked respondents to describe their current services, indicate community gaps in service and submit the names of other providers in the community that are providing services with private funds.
- B. Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Report:** Ken Bambrick gave an update on the DEC project. The MOU is expiring in May and is due to be reviewed and signed again by the agency members. This will be an opportunity to ensure that all the agencies are familiar with the DEC protocol. Kathy Gallagher asked if there will be any revisions and Ken said they will be looking at that as there have been some changes. Ken reported that no meth labs have been found since the last DEC update. Based on the successful San Diego County efforts and the current experience of the City of Santa Maria, the Task Force agreed to take a recommendation to CLEC recommending that all jurisdictions in the county take a more aggressive approach toward outlets selling meth pipes and other drug paraphernalia using existing state law. The narcotic officers have seen lots of undercover selling in bulk that is coming in from Los Angeles. Alice Patino stated that the ABC does not allow liquor stores to sell drug paraphernalia.
- C. Educated Communities & Professionals Task Force Report:** Councilwoman Alice Patino reported that Dr. Carrick Adam agreed to do training for medical residents at Cottage Hospital, doctors and nurses with the Public Health Department in Lompoc, and for medical professionals in other regions of the County regarding the identification of meth use and referral to local prevention and treatment resources. ADP has purchased the brochures (“45 Scary But True Facts About Meth” and “How Meth Affects Your Brain” in Spanish and English). Brochures will be distributed countywide to various venues in May and June by the regional community coalitions and county departments. Teresa Menchaca commented that the (800) phone number listed on the back of the brochure is not theirs, but rather a national number that routes back to local resources. Lisa Gilbert did cost estimates (including direct and in-kind costs) for a locally produced media “roadblock” as an alternative to purchasing the Crystal Darkness campaign. Alice shared that her committee is delighted that CLEC has taken an interest in this project, and that Sheriff Bill Brown has offered to make available some of Drew Sugars’ time for the media project.
- D. O&E Task Force Report:** Susan Klein-Rothschild reported on the evaluation progress and then introduced Daniel Milei who then gave a presentation on the Data Base pilot project. Supervisor Carbajal asked when the Data Base may be available for utilization. Susan Klein-Rothschild explained:
- HIPAA needs to be addressed so individual names and identifying information can be shared – without this identifying information, we have limited ability to use data for decision-making. An MOU is needed to allow data to be shared across departments.

- Sharing this data comes with departmental costs and resources that are not always prioritized in the current budget environment.
- Much of the data that is desired is not currently collected in a data system or is not collected in a similar fashion.

A creative alternative to identification may be to use a thumbprint. Kathy Gallagher stated that the Health Authority and NACO are able to compile data reports with no personal identifying information. Supervisor Carbajal suggested putting a team together with the CEO's office and asked Zandra Cholmondeley to take this information back to the CEO.

Sheriff Brown joined the Council and presented the video his department put together on the need for a new prison in North County. He shared his interest and support in partnering with the Leadership Council on the meth media project. Teresa Menchaca suggested putting together a work group for this project. Sheriff Brown stated that he will make Drew Sugars available. The question of cost came up and Sheriff Brown stated that it is minimal, mostly using staff time. Kathy Gallagher suggested a two stage process: 1. Video development and 2. Roll out, but suggested that the decision come out of the work group. Teresa Menchaca asked Alice Patino to keep the Council updated on the progress.

## **BREAK**

- E. Non-Violent Offender Rehabilitation Act 2008 (NORA):** Judge Rogelio Flores gave a thorough presentation on the Non-Violent Offender Rehabilitation Act 2008 (NORA).
- F. Alcohol & Drug Program Services:** Nancy Gottlieb gave a presentation on the Alcohol & Drug Program Services and how they connect with the Meth Prevention Network. Supervisor Carbajal requested that Nancy follow-up with more information regarding age.
- G. Information Items:** Pat Saley discussed the summer meeting schedule and it was decided by the Leadership Council to cancel the August 13, 2008 meeting due to scheduling difficulties and vacations.

## **IV. Public Comment**

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

## **V. Next Steps & Adjournment:**

The next meeting of the Leadership Council will be July 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at The Marriott Santa Ynez Valley, 555 McMurray Road, Buellton. An outline of the report to the Board of Supervisors is to be ready at this time. A draft report will be due at the September 10, 2008 meeting with the final report being presented to the Board of Supervisors in October 2008. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.