

Methamphetamine Leadership Council
June 29, 2007
Royal Scandinavian Inn 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

In attendance: Kenneth Bambrick (Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Task Force), Mayor Marty Blum (Santa Barbara City Council), Pat Brady (GSSI), Jayne Brechwald (Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board), Sergeant Mauricio Calderon (Guadalupe Police Department), Salud Carbajal (Board of Supervisors), Zandra Cholmondeley (County Executive Office), Sandra Copley (Santa Barbara County Public Health), Merith Cosden (UCSB- Gevirtz), Lois Craig (People Helping People), Timothy Dabney (Lompoc Police Department), Buck Derrington (Pacific Pride), Sharleen Dolan (ADMHS), Georgina Duran-Conn (Santa Barbara County Probation), Sandy Fahey (ADMHS – Mental Health), Judge Rogelio Flores (Superior Court), Kathy Gallagher (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Heidi Garcia (Santa Barbara County ADHMS), Lisa Gilbert (Santa Barbara County ADHMS), Nancy Gottlieb (ADMHS), David Henderson (Santa Barbara Police Department), Melissa Hoesterey (Department of Social Services), Penny Jenkins (Fighting Back – Santa Barbara/ CADA), John MacKinnon (District Attorneys Office), Gene Martinez (Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office), Teresa Menchaca (Fighting Back – Santa Maria), Carola Nicholson (Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board), Greg Paraskou (Public Defender), Alice Patino (Joni Gray’s Office), Amy Ratliff (People Helping People), Pearl Rapson (Santa Barbara County ADHMS), Ann Ruhge (Lompoc City Council), Kati Smith (Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board), Patricia Stewart (Probation Department), Chuck Strange (Lompoc Police Department), Cindy Strange (Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc.), Woody Vega (Santa Maria Police Department), Tona Wakefield (Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board).

Welcome

Ms. Kathy Gallagher, Director of Social Services and Chair of the Interagency Policy Task Force, welcomed the Methamphetamine Leadership Council (MLC) members, provided an introduction and oriented members to their MLC binder. Ms. Gallagher emphasized that the MLC is intended to be a true partnership with communities countywide, and that this partnership is to be responsive to the Board of Supervisors requests and the larger Methamphetamine Prevention Network’s Summit recommendations to improve communication, collaboration and coordination among public and private agencies. The first charge of the MLC will be to gather additional data to inform the development of short and long range plans to implement the countywide recommendations generated at the December 2006 Summit. In addition, it will be helpful to research what other counties are doing to address Meth in order to consider other models and best practices we might want to replicate and/or adapt for our purposes in Santa Barbara County. The MLC will be co-chaired by Supervisor Salud Carbajal and Teresa Menchaca, Executive Director of Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, and will be facilitated and sponsored by County staff who will recognize and relay various community needs and resources countywide, promote best practices to address these needs, provide technical assistance, and employ identified resources to implement recommendations. Everyone will share ownership of the Meth problems facing our county and have a role in informing the solutions, decisions and actions of the MLC.

Purpose of the Methamphetamine Prevention Network, the Leadership Council, and desired outcome of the Leadership Council’s work

Supervisor Salud Carbajal, Co-Chair, reviewed the organization chart included in the MLC binder, pointing out the advisory board and task forces under the direction of the MLC. One of the goals for the MLC is to develop short and long term plans to achieve the desired outcomes identified at the Meth Prevention Network Summit. Supervisor Carbajal requested that MLC members commit to take an active role in the work of the MLC. He then asked that everyone at the table introduce themselves and their agency. Co-Chair Teresa Menchaca, Executive Director of Fighting Back Santa Maria began the round of introductions by

introducing herself and her role in the campaign against methamphetamine in Santa Maria Valley.

Comments from Alcohol and Drug Programs, Assistant Director (ADMHS)

Heidi Garcia, Assistant Director of Alcohol and Drug Programs, introduced herself and her new assignment within ADMHS as Assistant Director for Alcohol and Drug Programs. She stated that ADMHS will be providing research and content expertise to the Council. She assured members that there is an actual end to the MLC, and she foresees it to be about a 9-12 month commitment. A work plan will be developed based on the MLC's recommendations.

Ms. Garcia also reported that a part time project manager will be assigned to coordinate and support the work of the LC. A candidate with background in criminal justice and expertise in leading large groups concerned with AOD issues was highlighted. Ms. Garcia introduced ADP and DSS staff who volunteered to organize, prepare, and facilitate the first meeting: Melissa Hoestery, DSS Operations Division Chief, Dr. Sharleen Dolan, ADP Consultant, Lisa Garrison, DSS Departmental Assistant, Lisa Gilbert, ADP Prevention Coordinator, and Pearl Rapson ADP Prevention Assistant.

Organization of Methamphetamine Prevention Network and Leadership Council

Facilitators Melissa Hoestery and Dr. Sharleen Dolan introduced themselves and asked each attendee to introduce themselves and mention what resources, talents and skills each brings to the table.

Sandra Copley (Santa Barbara County Public Health—MCAH Director) brings perinatal substance abuse issues knowledge and resources.

Sandra Fahey (ADMHS - Mental Health- Early Childhood Mental Health Program Manager) brings information and resources to address children exposure to Meth.

Lois Craig (People Helping People) brings prevention of substance abuse resources for the Santa Ynez Valley; Lois is involved in variety of diverse and geographically varied committees and has experience and knowledge about this community.

Amy Ratliff (People Helping People—Director of Health Care and Social Services) oversees family resource center and served on meth task force in New Mexico.

Ann Ruhge (Lompoc City Council—Council Member) brings organizational skills.

Pat Brady (Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc -- Community Outreach) brings knowledge of the Lompoc community, and direct family experience with methamphetamine, as it has affected her family.

Cindy Strange (Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc—Services Coordinator) also brings direct family experience with meth, as son is an addict. Cindy also participates in meth awareness support groups.

Chuck Strange (Lompoc Police Department – Sergeant): shares same resources as Cindy being her husband. He also works against meth in a professional setting. He wants to work on bringing everyone together.

Buck Derrington (Pacific Pride—Director of Education and Prevention) brings expertise on prevention education, outreach and public speaking about HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis C.

Mauricio Calderon (Guadalupe PD): works on a lab team in which meth labs are dismantled. Also works with federal agencies.

Kenneth Bambrick (Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Task Force – Task Force Commander) is part of CLEC, a coalition which includes all law enforcement agencies. The major drug of concern is currently meth. He also works with Attorney General's office, and participates in child outreach work.

David Henderson (Santa Barbara PD – Supervisor Narcotic) is representing Bob Lowry. He supervises a five detective team and has a specific knowledge of enforcement efforts.

Merith Cosden (UCSB- Gevirtz—PI for Grants/ Professor) does research with Prop 36, Project Premi and C.A.S.E. She has knowledge of needs in the community, meth use and research skills. She is also part of the Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board.

Judge Rogelio Flores (Honorable Judge) has been working in prevention for 21 years, chairs multiple disciplinary groups, has sentenced 2200 meth uses and has extensive experience working with this population.

Nancy Gottlieb (ADMHS – Program Manager) is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) Drug and Alcohol counselor. She would like to work on expanding and uniting different services and coordinate different paths for family preservation.

Patti Stewart (Probation Dept – Chief Probation Officer) brings strong experience with preexisting collaboration efforts - 25 years in the system. She would like to re-focus on prevention. She currently works with juveniles.

Georgina Duran-Conn (Probation Dept—Deputy Chief- Probation Officer) brings 23 years of experience in Probation. 75% of offenders are substance abusers. Works with children with family issues and provides the courts with information about offenders.

Greg Paraskou (Public Defender's Office – Acting Public Defender): has witnessed the evolution of drug addiction from a criminal justice system perspective. He would like to represent clients' needs.

Corporeal Woody Vega (Santa Maria PD – Narcotics Detective) represents Sergeant Coolidge. She works with other detectives on the front line to combat meth use. Sgt. Coolidge works with meth users and believes that arresting people is the first step into recovery. Also, his family is affected by meth.

Kathy Gallagher (Social Services Department – Director) offers passion and dedication. She is concerned about the children affected and is dedicated to the process.

Supervisor Salud Carbajal (Board of Supervisors – First District Supervisor) offers resources, commitment and an understanding and background in substance abuse. He wants to pull together resources.

Teresa Menchaca (Fighting Back-Santa Maria—Executive Director) brings marketing expertise. She would like to engage prevention, intervention, treatment and support systems and learn from other communities. Her family has also been affected by meth.

Heidi Garcia (ADMHS Alcohol and Drug Programs -- Assistant Director) offers the resources and content expertise of ADP prevention and treatment program staff. As a regular attendee at State level ADP meetings, she can bring back statewide trends, issues and best practices.

Penny Jenkins (Fighting Back – Santa Barbara/ CADA—Executive Director) oversees Project Recovery and runs programs that cater to children and their parents who have been affected by drugs. She is a member of Fighting Back's Media Task Force which is currently focusing on a Methamphetamine campaign.

Alice Patino (Joni Gray's Office—4th District Assistant to Joni Gray) help start Fighting Back coalition in Santa Maria. She believes in education and considers social issues and public safety important as an elected official.

Timothy Dabney (Lompoc PD—Chief) believes that law enforcement holds people accountable. He is dedicated to intervention.

Gene Martinez (District Attorney's Office—Chief Assistant DA) is oriented and committed to the community, protection and public safety. His background allows him to offer a different perspective. His younger brothers died due to drug use.

John MacKinnon (District Attorney's Office—Senior DDA) is concerned about public safety, works with Prop 36. He believes it is important to identify people who are endangering the community and get people into treatment.

Mayor Marty Blum (Santa Barbara City Council – Mayor) relies on the County because Santa Barbara does not have a Social Services/ Public Health Department. Her family was also affected by AOD use.

Carola Nicholson (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board—Board Member) can offer assistance with data and organization.

Tom Matthews (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board—Board Member) is a member of the Alcohol and Drug Task Force. He recognizes that meth is an epidemic and that the more

people who are arrested for drugs, the more they can get into the system. Educating children is important because they need support to stay clean.

Zandra Cholmondeley (County Executive Office—Principle Administrative Analyst) can pull together budget figures and determine how much money is available. She provides a measurement focus to a quantifiable problem – how many people are impacted, served, and what is the most cost/ effective outcome.

Kati Smith (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board— Chair) visits agencies if they receive ADP money, so brings knowledge of AOD treatment and prevention providers.

Tona Wakefield (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Member) provides the same resources as Kati and as a recovered addict offers different perspective.

Jayne Brechwald (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board— Prevention Chair) is also the Executive Director of American Lung Association. She understands that there is a different approach to meth than tobacco addiction. She brings many years of prevention expertise to the table.

Pearl Rapson (ADMHS – Prevention Office Assistant) is a recent graduate from UCSB— Psychology B.A. and brings an understanding of mental health issues. She supports ADP Prevention Office and has a good understanding of coalitions and providers county wide.

Lisa Gilbert (ADMHS—Prevention Coordinator) brings over 20 years of prevention expertise and social marketing expertise. She is currently finalizing a Strategic Planning Framework for County ADP that encompasses meth prevention. She helped to plan and organize the Meth Prevention Network Summit. She is also working with a media consultant, the Kearns Group, to develop a meth prevention outreach campaign (includes advertisements in Spanish).

Melissa Hoesterey (Department of Social Services – Operations Division Chief) brings substance abuse treatment skills and facilitation skills.

Review of Summit recommendations and identifying initial priorities, roles and responsibilities and structure and organization of Meth Leadership Council

A robust discussion ensued regarding the proposed structure and composition of the Meth Prevention Network and Leadership Council provided by the planning team that met in February 2007. The group failed to come to consensus on this issue. It was generally agreed that we need to make a definitive decision on the structure between this and the next Leadership Council meeting.

A vote of the participants was held to determine if the MLC members would be willing to have more than 21 members on the MLC, determined that the members were in favor of adding voting members to the MLC.

It was agreed that between this meeting and the next meeting an on-line voting of three proposals for the structure of the MLC would be accomplished. The vote will include only the attendees of the June 29, 2007 meeting. One of the proposals would be the proposal that was introduced at this meeting. The other two proposals would be structured to include varying suggestions that were covered during the meeting.

Shades of Agreement

Melissa introduced the handout of the Shades of Agreement. When voting, an agreed upon process of either consensus or majority rules, should be agreed upon. It still needs to be decided if majority rules, or if some other system will be put in place.

Next Steps and the Next Meeting

Supervisor Carbajal said that for the next meeting, we will review the action items from today's meeting. The next meeting will be held **August 10** from 8:30-12:30 at the Royal Scandinavian Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.