

**Methamphetamine Prevention Network  
Leadership Council Meeting  
Minutes  
July 9, 2008  
Marriott Santa Ynez Valley 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Members In attendance:**

Kenneth Bambrick (Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Task Force), Pat Brady (Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc), Supervisor Carbajal (First District Supervisor), Lois Craig (People Helping People), Georgina Duran-Conn (Santa Barbara County Probation), Kathy Gallagher (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department), Nancy Gottlieb (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services), Megan Baldwin for 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), Cindy Stevens (People Helping People).

**Guests:**

Eric Friedman (Assistant to Supervisor Carbajal), Dr. Harold Ginsberg (Retired Psychiatrist), Daniel Milei (Santa Barbara County General Services), Julie Miller (Santa Barbara County Risk Management), Freya Schultz (Santa Barbara County Social Services Department).

**Staff:**

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

**I. Welcome /Introductions / Participation**

- A. Supervisor Carbajal opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. by welcoming everyone. The Leadership Council members and guests introduced themselves.
- B. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Following introductions, a quorum was established.
- C. **Personal Meth Story:** Kathy Gallagher presented the story of "Renee," a former foster child in the Child Welfare Service system.

**II. Action Items**

- A. **Welcome and Approval of New Leadership Council Members:** Gary Dobbins is the only new Council member needing to be voted in, but he was not present. A suggestion was made to call or write Mr. Dobbins as a reminder. Staff call and send email reminders prior to each meeting.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2008:** Teresa Menchaca called for the approval of the May 14, 2008 minutes.

*Georgina Duran-Conn made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Carbajal and all were in favor.*

**III. Discussion & Informational Items**

- A. **O&E Task Force Report:** Susan Klein-Rothschild reported that the Taskforce has continued to meet and make progress on their action plans. A new committee, made up of department heads, County Counsel, the CEO's office and the HIPAA officer was formed to address some

of the challenges regarding the sharing of data. This issue is now at the CEO level. Kathy Gallagher asked what the status was at the CEO level and offered to follow up with Zandra Cholmondeley. Kathy also informed the Council that they are awaiting the start of the new County Counsel.

- B. Meth Free Individuals, Children & Families Task Force Report:** Lois Craig reported that their task force is still without representation from the Lompoc community and encouraged the Council to invite anyone that might be interested. She reported that Judge Flores will be doing his presentation on meth treatment issues this month to the other Superior Court Judges. The CWS training has been put on hold as CWS staff are currently trained in meth addiction. A demonstration project is being worked on to present to congresswoman Capps in an effort to utilize Title IV-E funding.
- C. Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Report:** Ken Bambrick reported on the DEC effort. Currently, staff of SBRNET has the duty of DEC Coordinator and they would like to boost that position. Regarding the sale of drug paraphernalia, a Compliance Information packet has been written and will be taken to the next CLEC meeting for approval. The ABC is involved in this and is gathering names and addresses of all licensed outlets for alcohol and will provide it to each jurisdiction who will add other retail outlets that are likely to sell drug paraphernalia. Kathy Gallagher suggested possibly putting the MPN logo on the letterhead. It is anticipated that these packets will be hand delivered to these establishments by law enforcement in each jurisdiction. Megan Baldwin suggested a proof of service notice that shows who was served and when for prosecuting purposes. It is also anticipated that CLEC would hold a press conference regarding this action and that the event will occur toward the end of October to coincide with Red Ribbon week and the time that the Meth Prevention Network will present their report to the Board of Supervisors.
- D. Finance Task Force Report:** Pat presented the brochure that is targeted for potential funders. Nancy Vasquez asked the Council to please supply her with any thoughts or feedback. The brochure will be used with foundations and in approaching cities for financial support. Supervisor Carbajal suggested sending a follow-up letter to the City Councils for liaisons and to get on a city meeting agenda. Kathy Gallagher said it is the charge of the Finance Task Force to approach the cities. Teresa Menchaca also suggested looking into federal funding. Supervisor Carbajal suggested contacting NACO and Eduardo Hernandez of CADCA.

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- E. Educated Communities & Professionals Task Force:** Lois Craig reported that 8,000 brochures have been distributed countywide. Dr. Carrick Adam has been educating the medical professionals in the community. Teresa Menchaca said Dr. Adam discovered that some of the health professionals were unaware of the affects of meth. Ken Bambrick responded that with a DEC coordinator, they could coordinate and team up on training efforts and also the gathering of information for data purposes. Megan Baldwin stated that Dr. Matt Cody at Marian Hospital is an expert on meth. Nancy Gottlieb reported on the media campaign's draft charter on "Meth – Not Even Once". Drew Sugars joined the Council meeting and spoke regarding the Sheriff's role in the media campaign. He estimates about 227 hours of staff time for him to create and edit the documentary. He suggests 3 or 4 users to tell their story, including a young person. There was discussion about the cost to do the documentary in Spanish. It was suggested that Univision might support this effort. Supervisor Carbajal, Nancy Gottlieb, and Kathy Gallagher will follow-up regarding funding. Daniel Milei offered the use of the County of Santa Barbara Channel 20 staff. Nancy Gottlieb talked to the director of AOD services in San Luis Obispo and they have shown interest. Supervisor Carbajal asked Nancy Gottlieb to please follow-up with San Luis Obispo. He also stated that

he will work on a budget for KEYT and COX Communication. Drew Sugars stated that he will be meeting with the North County stations.

**F. Discussion & Informational Items:**

1. Pat Saley gave a review of the Draft Outline of the Final Report to the Board of Supervisors and asked the members to provide review and provide feedback. All comments can be emailed to Nancy Vasquez.
2. Pat Saley presented having a Leadership Council meeting on Oct. 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to finalize the BOS Report. She will send out the revised dates by e-mail.
3. Pat announced that there is an upcoming conference on meth in Albuquerque, New Mexico and we have six people attending from the MPN. Kathy Gallagher suggested that a list of questions be put together on data, funding, HIPAA, etc. to take to the conference. Supervisor Carbajal asked if we could find funds for the attendees per diem.
4. Pat Saley shared the article on “It’s One Big Drug Test for LA”.
5. Teresa Menchaca gave an update on the \$1.3 million dollar grant that was awarded to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley from the Department of Education Federal Fund. This will be used for youth treatment, mentoring, substance abuse education and prevention, truancy, etc.

**IV. Public Comment**

Supervisor Carbajal asked for any public comment. Katie Smith offered a suggestion for the Board of Supervisors presentation.

**V. Next Steps & Adjournment:**

The next meeting of the Leadership Council will be September 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at The Marriott Santa Ynez Valley, 555 McMurray Road, Buellton. A draft report will be presented to the Leadership Council at the September 10, 2008 meeting with the final report being presented at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Leadership Council meeting. The final report will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors in early November, 2008. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.