

## MINUTES

### UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

Governor's Board Room, State Capitol Building

Present: Camille Anthony, Richard Melton proxy for Rod Betit, Camille Cain, Louis Callister, Mike Findeis proxy for Mike Chabries, Blake Chard, Pat Fleming, Francis Valerga proxy for Bob Flowers, Harold Morrill, Mark Payne, Mary Phillips, Leon PoVey, JoAnn Seghini, Mark Shurtleff, Diane Stuart, Karen Watkins and Sherm Watkins

Excused: Bill Afeaki, Dan Becker, Merrill Carter, Sharon Daurelle, Steve Laing, Verne Larsen, Ty McCartney and Scott Reed

Visitors: Mary Lou Dent, Stacy Eddings, Mary Lou Emerson, Gary and Michelle Heward , Bruce Parsons, Michelle Staley and Jack Tanner

Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuvai

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#### **Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Leon PoVey welcomed all present and introductions were made. Leon introduced Louis Callister, the newest member of the Council. Lou expressed his desire to make a positive contribution to the Council. *There was a motion by Harold Morrill to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2001 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Fleming and was unanimously approved.*

#### **Agenda Item: Recognition of Past USAAV Committee Members**

Leon presented plaques to Kevin Youngberg, former co-chair of the Methamphetamine Workgroup as well as Gary Heward, co-chair of the Methamphetamine Workgroup and USAAV Justice Committee. They were recognized for their dedication and service to the Council. Both individuals were vital in bringing the methamphetamine issue to the forefront and promoting legislation.

#### **Agenda Item: State Incentive Cooperative Agreement Budget Items**

Bruce Parsons addressed the Council regarding the budget items involved with the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA). He is interested in determining where the substance abuse prevention money resides, how it is dedicated and where it goes with the intent of documenting how much prevention money actually exists in the state of Utah. He requested that each department head identify the contact person within their agency that has access to this knowledge.

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### **Agenda Item: Individual Committee Reports**

*Prevention Committee:* Leon excused Verne Larsen, Prevention Committee Chair, who is in Washington, D.C. receiving an award for the Prevention Dimension program which was recognized as a scientifically based prevention program. Marvin Dodge reported that the Prevention Committee met the last week of April. Michelle Staley, SICA Project Coordinator, outlined what has developed thus far with the SICA grant. There have been site visits, conference presentations and community needs assessments. The first six months have been spent disseminating information and networking with the local communities. Twelve out of the thirteen local authorities have submitted plans for their programming and are developing community action plans.

*Treatment Committee:* Harold Morrill noted that the Treatment Committee has accepted the assignment to evaluate Drug Courts in Utah. The committee, along with researchers from the Division of Substance Abuse and the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, proposes to create a descriptive catalog of all drug courts, conduct an analysis of recidivism resulting from Felony Drug Court participation, develop a cost/benefit model with the assistance of the Economics Department at the University of Utah and begin a statewide effort to monitor the effectiveness of operating drug courts through the current RFP process.

*Justice Committee:* Marv reported that the Justice Committee will meet throughout the summer to work on the Methamphetamine Clean-Up Bill. Rep. Lamont Tyler continues to be a key player in the effort to get this passed through the legislature. Initiative B will be on the agenda as well, the forfeiture bill that was passed by voters last fall has tied the hands of law enforcement and effectively eliminated forfeitures statewide. The committee will look at possible modifications to the new forfeiture law to make it workable for the law enforcement community. Mark Shurtleff reported that the question over whether Initiative B meets constitutional scrutiny has been submitted to the Supreme Court and is still pending. The Attorney General's office is working with law enforcement agencies statewide to keep a database showing how much money is being lost.

*Judiciary Committee:* Scott Reed chairs the Judiciary Committee and the Club Drug Workgroup. Marvin noted that a year ago he met with the Drug Task Force Commanders statewide and only Salt Lake DEA Metro was dealing with club drugs and raves, etc. He met again with this group in April and found that 9 of the 16 task forces statewide are now dealing with this issue. It has quickly become a major drug issue for youth in this state. A discussion followed as to what club drugs include, the negative effects and misinformation that exists. The Club Drug Workgroup is made up of various entities, including members from each of the USAAV committees. The workgroup has been broken into the following four subcommittees to research the issue: law enforcement, education, sexual assault/prevention and treatment. A Club Drug Summit is planned for Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the E-Center and Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Junior High. The Friday session will be geared towards professionals (law enforcement, treatment providers, etc.) and policymakers. The recommendations generated from this session will be discussed at the Saturday session, which will focus on the education of school personnel, communities, religious leaders and parents. Registrations will be sent out by the end of the month.

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**Agenda Item: Senate Bill 302**

Camille Anthony explained that Senator Hatch is sponsoring Senate Bill 302, "Drug Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2001." The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) is endorsing the bill. Camille recommended writing a letter in support of the bill to Senator Hatch and the other Utah delegates. Lou Callister noted that offering incentives to drug companies to research drugs that could help with cocaine addiction might be a positive suggestion. After reviewing the bill Pat Fleming suggested that three issues be incorporated into the letter of support: 1) Make sure funding that comes in is a short-term three year grant with a longer term commitment - put into base, block grant funding; 2) too heavy on punitive part and 3) need for advocacy. These items would require an amendment to the bill. *Camille Anthony made a motion that a letter be sent to Senator Hatch and other Utah delegates in support of Senate Bill 302 incorporating appropriate recommendations within the next two weeks. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**Agenda Item: Proxy Voting, Designees, and Committee Membership**

Leon directed attention to the handout "Policies and Procedures of the USAAV Council." He explained that the Council itself has been designated by state law. Currently, it is not allowed in writing to have designees appointed or have them count towards a quorum. Harold Morrill suggested that the first choice would be to have the person appointed attend if at all possible. Camille Anthony added that this decision impacts CCJJ staff and their workload directly. She recommended designing an e-mail questionnaire requesting feedback on the issue. Camille would like to see the people contributing to the Council; and would like to see the Council be able to have the flexibility to design the most productive committees without having to be out of compliance with Utah law on membership. Diane Stuart recommended a statutory change to reflect the will of the Council members. *Camille Cain made a motion that a questionnaire survey designed by CCJJ be sent out to Council members electronically. Based on the feedback received from the survey, the Council will make an informed decision at the next full Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Stuart and unanimously approved.* Leon will attend each committee meeting to address this issue.

**Agenda Item: Annual Report and Policy Issues**

A charge was issued to all USAAV committees to draft proposals for policy and/or legislative issues to be included in USAAV's annual report. Draft legislation is being required from state agencies by September 1<sup>st</sup> this year in anticipation of an unusual session due to the 2001 Olympics.

Camille explained that the Annual Reports now consist of a one page, concise format which fulfills the official statutory duty to report annually to the legislature. Time spent on the written report has been diminished because one-on-one discussions or invitations to present at legislative groups seem to be a much more effective way of getting across a message to legislators. CCJJ is creating a quarterly newsletter that will include information and articles from all CCJJ agencies, including USAAV. CCJJ has hired an advertising firm that is developing a new logo, employee information brochure, etc. to promote its causes. The brochures will be brought to the next full Council meeting in July.

There was discussion regarding the funding formula for alcohol offenses enforcement. Marvin explained that when the beer tax was put into place by the legislature local communities could receive up to \$4.3 million; however, over the years the dollar value has decreased to approximately \$2.6. The DUI Council is looking at how to present this to the legislature in order to convince them that the money is being used appropriately and funding needs to be raised to the original \$4.3 million appropriation.

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**Agenda Item: Other Business**

Camille reported that during the Legislative Interim Day next week the entire law enforcement legislative committee is dedicated to the meth issue. CCJJ will supply the Meth Fact Sheet for this meeting.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on **Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from noon - 2:00 p.m. in room 4112 of the State Office Building.** The State Office Building is located directly north of the State Capitol Building. Lunch will be provided.