

MEETING NOTES

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 25, 2001
State Office Building - Room 4112

Present: Bill Afeaki, Camille Anthony, Dan Becker, Dick Melton, Louis Callister, Camille Cain, Colonel Merrill Carter, Mike Chabries, Blake Chard, Pat Fleming, Bob Flowers, Steve Laing, Verne Larsen, Rep. McCartney, Harold Morrill, Leon PoVey, Scott Reed, JoAnn Seghini, Lloyd Selleneit, Mark Shurleff, Diane Stuart, Jack Tanner and Christine Watters
Excused: Karen and Sherm Watkins
Visitors: Gary Cox, Mary Lou Emerson and Mike Haddon
Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Leon PoVey welcomed all present. *Harold Morrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2001 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick Melton and unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: Recognition of Members

Representative Gary Cox was honored for his contributions while he was a member of the USAAV Council. He was very proactive and involved with substance abuse issues. Vice Chair Diane Stuart was recognized for her dedicated efforts, as well.

Agenda Item: Report of Drug Court Study

Mike Haddon, CCJJ Director of Research, gave an overview of the handout, "Salt Lake County Drug Court Outcome Evaluation." The report compares a group of graduates from the Salt Lake County Drug Court with a group of similar offenders who did not participate in the Drug Court program. By looking at subsequent criminal activity, this report sheds some light on the impact the Salt Lake County Drug Court had on its participants when compared to similar offenders who were not involved in the program. Mike reviewed the key findings from the report, what was actually examined within the analysis and the data sources. *A motion was made by Dan Becker to accept this report and its findings which was seconded by Lou Callister. The motion was unanimously approved. Blake Chard made a motion that the research extend another 18 months by the research staff in order to gain a more expansive look at the drug court results. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: Amendments to the USAAV Statute and Bylaws

House Bill 41 will address amendments to the USAAV statute and bylaws. Leon outlined what the changes would include if the bill is passed during the 2002 Legislative Session. A charge was given to the Executive Committee to follow through with whatever action needs to be taken to ensure passage of HB 41. *A motion was made by Harold Morrill to support the legislation. Dan Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11 favorable votes and one opposed.* Discussion followed regarding the fiscal notes attached for drug courts. *Harold Morrill made a motion to allocate money in the drug court bill equal to last year's amount, and to send a letter of support for this to the Governor from the Council. The motion was seconded and passed favorably with ten votes. There were two that abstained from voting on the motion.*

Agenda Item: SICA Grant Steering Committee Concerns

Verne Larsen addressed the concern of the Prevention Committee as to how to proceed with the retreat that has been proposed. A lengthy discussion followed with the Council determining that a retreat would not be appropriate at this time. For a number of reasons, it was felt that an ad hoc SICA Advisory Committee should be created rather than the Prevention Committee performing this function. *Camille Anthony made a motion that the State Board of Substance Abuse within the State Division of Substance Abuse take over as the ad hoc SICA Advisory Committee, and that a USAAV representative be appointed to this committee. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and was unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: DUI Council Report and Legislative Proposals

Mary Lou Emerson, Deputy Director of the Division of Substance Abuse, reviewed the priority issues and potential legislative recommendations from the Governor's Council on DUI. *A motion was made by Harold Morrill to support the DUI report and include the legislative recommendations in it to USAAV's legislative priority list. The motion was seconded by Dick Melton and was unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: Draft Club Drug Summit Report and Recommendations

Scott Reed, Chair of the Justice Committee, reported that the Club Drug Summit held last month on August 10th was an overwhelming success. There was a standing room only audience of approximately 170 people to hear the presentations. Scott reviewed the recommendations, broken down into four workgroup categories, that were generated by policymakers at the Club Drug Summit. Scott noted that all recommendations would be distributed to the appropriate entities to be implemented if they received the Council's support. *A motion was made by Dan Becker to accept the Summit recommendations and to move forward with their distribution to the appropriate agencies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Legislative Priorities for 2001 Annual Report

Leon reviewed the legislative priorities to be included in USAAV's 2001 Annual Report. The Council agreed that the following should be included: Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination, Initiative B - Forfeiture Reform, the Governor's DUI Council legislative recommendations, HHS Interim Tobacco Subcommittee, changes to the USAAV statute and UBIN BCI Background Checks. Marvin Dodge will create the report.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2001 from noon - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.*

*Please note that this meeting was cancelled later.