

**ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DATE:**                    **SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

**LOCATION:**                **ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
#1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>			
Fran Flener	Chief Ronald Burks	Doris Smith	Norith Ellison
Jim Allen	Laura Shue	Tammy Harrell	Charlotte Denton
Kari Powers	Dennis Emerson	Judge Joe Griffin	Chief Everett Cox
Sheriff Marty Moss	Rob Covington	John Wiles	Katrina Cavaness
Kent Williams alt. Laura Bailey	Robert A. Parker alt. Wendy Kelley	Dan Roberts alt. David Eberhard	Maj. Mitch Long alt. Col Marcus Hatley
Jennifer Gallaher alt. Dr. Laurence Miller	Teresa Belew		
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>			
Jonathan Ross	Vivian Ozura	Edna Morgan	Amanda Gibson
Richard Gallagher	Kermit Channel		
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>			
Denise Lockett	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention		
Diana Wilson	DF&A		
Sonny Scott	DF&A		
Steve Varady	Drug Director's Office		
Jo Ann Warren	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention		
Pat Brannin	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention		

**STATE DRUG DIRECTOR FRAN FLENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the **August 18, 2011** meeting were distributed for review. After a review of the minutes, Chief Ronald Burks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Norith Ellison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Treatment and Prevention Committee Report:**  
Fran Flener reported that the T&P Committee did not meet.
- **Policy and Procedure Committee Report:**  
Fran Flener reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee did not meet.
- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:**  
Chief Ronald Burks reported that the Law Enforcement Committee did not meet.

**OLD BUSINESS - Distribution of Monthly Financial and Utilization Reports:**

➤ **Monthly Financial Status Report: No Report**

➤ **Monthly Substance Abuse Treatment Statistics Report:**

Denise Luckett distributed the Monthly Substance Abuse Treatment Statistics Report for the month of July, 2011. She reported the following information:

<b>Annual Admissions</b>	<b>Treatment Admissions</b>	<b>Waiting List</b>
	<b>916</b>	<b>246</b>

Alcohol and Marijuana were the top drugs of choice.

➤ **Monthly Gambling Status Report:**

Denise Luckett distributed the Monthly Gambling Report for the month of July 2011. She reported the following information: Arkansas Fiscal Year (AFY11-12)

	<b>JULY 2011 Totals</b>	<b>Totals from JULY 2011</b>
<b>Intakes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Hang-ups</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Casino</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Lottery</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Wrong#</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>682</b>

*A motion was made by Charlotte Denton and seconded by John Wiles to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.*

➤ **Law Enforcement Report:**

Doris Smith distributed the Drug Law Enforcement Program, FY2010 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. She reported that there were no unusual activities and programs were spending their funds as expected.

1. Drug Law Enforcement Program-FY 2010 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary:

<b>Federal Total</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
	<b>2,747,941.15</b>	<b>2,616,670.04</b>	<b>131,271.11</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
	<b>516,146.08</b>	<b>474,544.86</b>	<b>41,601.22</b>	<b>91.9%</b>

2. Drug Law Enforcement Program-FY 2011 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary:

<b>Federal Total</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
	<b>2,746,521.87</b>	<b>178,391.24</b>	<b>2,568,130.63</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
	<b>507,385.10</b>	<b>30,757.57</b>	<b>476,627.53</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

3. Drug Law Enforcement Program ARRA 2009 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary (JRA)

<b>Federal Total</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
	<b>491,007.09</b>	<b>454,685.53</b>	<b>36,321.56</b>	<b>92.9%</b>

4. Drug Law Enforcement Program ARRA 2009 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary (JRL)

Federal Total	Award	Expenditures	Balance	% Usage
	<b>1,251,672.64</b>	<b>1,012,241.66</b>	<b>239,430.98</b>	<b>80.9%</b>

5. Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund, Drug Crime Fee Assessment Fund

Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund	TAF0100 Federal	\$315,790.97
Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund	TAF0000 State	\$143,138.27
Drug Crime Fee Assessment Fund	SEP0000	\$2,592,423.93

6. Drug Crime Assessment Fee

FY2008 Total	\$303,346.41	FY2009 Total	\$586,939.19
Cumulative	\$303,870.21	Cumulative	\$890,809.40
FY2010 Total	\$742,060.11	FY2011 Total	\$823,384.17
Cumulative	\$1,632,869.51	Cumulative	\$2,456,253.68
FY2012 Total	\$136,170.25		
Cumulative	\$2,456,253.68		

***A motion was made by Rob Covington and seconded by Chief Everett Cox to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fran Flener, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council introduced Jennifer Gallaher to the Coordinating Council members. Mrs. Gallaher assumed her role as Director of Division Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) on October 1, 2011. Ms. Gallaher has served as an independent behavioral health consultant and Director of Substance Abuse Treatment Services for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

As a consultant with DHS over the past two years, Jennifer successfully assisted our substance abuse treatment providers as they worked to build capacity and receive national CARF accreditation. At her own treatment center, Jennifer used an integrated approach so that clients with both mental health and substance abuse issues could receive coordinated care. DBHS also is moving toward an integrated model of care for behavioral health services.

During Jennifer's career in Oklahoma state government, she was responsible for an \$80 million budget, monitoring more than 80 treatment programs for contract compliance, and providing clinical technical assistance to treatment providers. She also assisted in implementing integrated behavioral health services and worked closely with the treatment providers and contractors to promote the use of evidence-based treatment practices.

- Fran Flener, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council introduced Paul Meason to the Coordinating Council members. Mr. Meason is the director of South Arkansas Substance Abuse Inc., located in El Dorado, Arkansas. His agency offers the following treatment services: residential/outpatient, partial day treatment and detoxification. Paul presented to the Council a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Smarter Sentencing Program Using Evidence Based Practices and Programs and Empirically Validated Risk/Needs Assessments".

The Smarter Sentencing Program is funded through a \$750,000 contract from the Bureau of Justice. This program focuses on helping clients avoid jail time, and offers support services for clients various needs such as drug tests, housing, mental health, medical care and other issues. This program has been introduced as an alternative method of helping those who may have had unfortunate circumstances that led them to committing a

crime. The main goal of the Smarter Sentencing Program is to make the public safer and reduce the prison recidivism rate by 25 percent. The Council members acknowledged his efforts and applauded his success in working in the field.

- Jennifer Gallaher, DBHS director distributed to the Council a Planning Document for: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Priorities-Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2013 “DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS”. She gave a brief overview of the Planning Document:

Over the past 20 years, national efforts to address the prevention and treatment needs of individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders have been steadily gaining momentum. A growing body of research has documented the high prevalence of individuals with co-occurring disorders, their difficulty in accessing appropriate treatment in separate substance abuse and mental health systems, and the challenges to recovery when one disorder or the other is left unrecognized and untreated. Longstanding systemic barriers which characterize many mental health and substance abuse systems---including separate administrative structures, differing client eligibility criteria, varying professional credentials, and multiple and fragmented funding streams---have all been identified as standing in the way of effectively addressing the treatment needs of Arkansas suffering from behavioral health issues.

The leadership of Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) is now in the position to begin to address the barriers and issues related to these systemic barriers. The priorities outlined below will assist DBHS in improving not only clinical processes, but also much needed internal processes to ensure a more credible role within the behavioral health system and set the stage for quality prevention and treatment across the funded system.

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant represents a significant Federal contribution to the States’ substance abuse prevention and treatment service budget. The Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. §§300x-21-66] authorizes the SAPT Block Grant and specifics requirements attached to the use of these funds. The SAPT Block Grant funds are annually authorized under separate appropriation by Congress. The Public Health Service Act designates the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as the entities responsible for administering the SAPT Block Grant program.

- Pat Brannin, prevention services Project Analyst, gave brief update on the State Prevention Enhancement Policy Consortium. This policy will provide oversight of the SPE grant and assist in developing a comprehensive plan to support communities to implement a sound prevention infrastructure. She distributed to the Council a letter requesting each member to put on their letterhead and email or fax to (501) 686-9396 by October 31, 2011.

- September 2011 marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual **National Recovery Month**. National Recovery Month observances is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT)

The 2011 theme, “**Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone,**” places emphasis upon help and hope not only for individuals receiving recovery services and in recovery, but also for families, loved ones, and friends. Many of the OADAP Funded Providers participated in the National Recovery Month around the State.

OADAP encouraged all its funded providers to hold some type of activity to celebrate **National Recovery Month**.

The OADAP Funded Providers that participated in this year’s **National Recovery Month** were as follows: Quapaw House, Inc., Better Community Developers, Inc., Western AR Counseling & Guidance Center, and HRA/Wilbur D. Mills Center.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Fran Flener announced that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting for October 20, 2011 will be at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the AR State Police Headquarters, #1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks to adjourn and seconded by Charlotte Denton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
*Denise Luckett***