

# ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

**DATE:** JUNE 18, 2009  
**LOCATION:** ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
 #1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fran Flener	Joe M. Hill	Chief Ronald Burks
Rick Gallagher	DL Flowers	Robert A. Parker
Norith Ellison	Laura Shue	Rick Hart
Carol Roddy	Rita Shepherd	Chief Percy Wilburn
David Guntharp	Deborah Caspall	Teresa Belew
Laura Bailey	Megan Cuddy	
Don Mabry alt. for Major General William D. Wofford	Jim Short alt. for Tammy Harrell	Larry Jegley

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sheriff Bobby May	Wanda Williams	J.G. Regnier
Dennis Moore	Loren Ivener	Ann Purvis
Judge Mary Ann Gunn		

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Denise Luckett	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Gene Smith	Office of the Drug Director
Steve Varady	Office of the Drug Director

**VISITORS:**

Harold Clayton	Department of Finance & Administration
Bishop Woosley	Attorney General's Office
Jo Thompson	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Dorothy Payne	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Marlo Lowe	Department of Community Corrections

**DRUG DIRECTOR, FRAN FLENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:10 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed for review. After a review of the minutes, Carol Roddy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (DBHS) DIRECTOR:**

Fran Flener, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council introduced David Laffoon to the Coordinating Council members. Mr. Laffoon assumed his role as director in February 2009. Mr. Laffoon is a veteran in hospital administration, serving nearly three decades. He has served on both the boards of the Arkansas Hospital Association and the Arkansas Board of Health for more than twenty years. He has vast experience in health systems, particularly in the areas of clinical operations and quality improvement. He combines that with a history of public service and advocacy for people with mental health.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE:**

Fran Flener, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council introduced Steve Varady to the Coordinating Council members. Steve is the new Program Manager of the State Drug Director's Office. He comes to us from the Criminal Justice Institute.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:**

*Chief Ronald Burks reported that the Law Enforcement Committee met on June 18, 2009 to review 19 applications for the Drug Task Forces Grant Funding. Enclosed are the following Drug Task Forces Applicants:*

### ARRA 2009 JAG DRUG TASK FORCES

APPLICANT NAME	FEDERAL AWARD AMOUNT	COUNTIES SERVE/ POPULATION	CONTACT PERSON IN CHARGE MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE # FAX # E-MAIL ADDRESS
16 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DRUG TASK FORCE	151,945.32	Independence, Izard, Fulton, Stone and Cleburne Counties Population-100,000	Don McSpadden Prosecutor P.O. Box 4544 Batesville, AR 72503-5605	P: (870) 793-3622 F: (870) 793-8825 <a href="mailto:Dtm16pa@yahoo.com">Dtm16pa@yahoo.com</a>
11 <sup>th</sup> WEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT	137,523.21	Jefferson, Lincoln, Arkansas Popluation-111,218	Stevan B. Dalrymple Prosecutor P.O. Box 9090 Pine Bluff, AR 71611	P: (870) 541-5387 F: (870) 536-3613 <a href="mailto:lindab@Jeffpa.com">lindab@Jeffpa.com</a>
20 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DRUG CRIME TASK FORCE	171,084.80	Faulkner, Van Buren, Searcy Population- 131,446	Marcus Vaden Prosecutor P.O. Box 550 Conway, AR 72033	P: (501) 329-8723 F: (501) 450-7607 <a href="mailto:Marcus.vaden@faulknercounty.org">Marcus.vaden@faulknercounty.org</a>
18 <sup>TH</sup> EAST JUDICIAL PROSECUTOR	98,061.32	Garland Population-88,068	Steve Oliver 501 Ouachita Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901	P: (501) 282-1908 F: (501) 262-5717 <a href="mailto:suzivaughn@msn.com">suzivaughn@msn.com</a>
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 18 <sup>TH</sup> -WEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT	100,922.65	Polk , Montgomery Counties Population-32,000	Tim L. Williamson Prosecutor P.O. Box 1010 Mount Ida, AR 71957	P:(870) 867-4145 F: (870) 867-2286 <a href="mailto:Prosecutor18w@alltel.blackberry.com">Prosecutor18w@alltel.blackberry.com</a>
10 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	157,808.39	Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew Counties Popluation-85,000	Thomas D. Deen Prosecutor P.O. Box 590 Monticello, AR 71657-0590	P: (870) 460-0900 F: (870) 460-0221 <a href="mailto:Mpdnarc1903@yahoo.com">Mpdnarc1903@yahoo.com</a>
9 <sup>TH</sup> EAST/GROUP 6 NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT	192,580.00	Grant, Hot Springs, Clark Counties Population-75,000	Blake Batson Prosecutor 101 North Rose Street Sheridan, AR 72150	P: (870) 917-2150 F: (870) 917-2153 <a href="mailto:Group6@windstream.net">Group6@windstream.net</a>
3 <sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	113,549.55	Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp Counties Population-70,000	Henry H. Boyce Prosecutor 208 Main Street, Ste. 31 Newport, AR 72112	P: (870) 523-6761 F: (870) 523-7430 <a href="mailto:Williams_JC3@yahoo.com">Williams_JC3@yahoo.com</a>
CITY OF TEXARKANA/BI-STATE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE	148,265.00	Miller, Bowie Counties Population-200,000	Harold Boldt City Manager P.O. Box 1885 Texarkana, AR 71854	P: (903) 198-3153 F: (903) 798-3409 <a href="mailto:endsley@txkusa.org">endsley@txkusa.org</a>
14 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE	145,378.19	Boone, Baxter, Marion, Newton Counties Population-104,068	Ronald P. Kincade Prosecutor P.O. Box 1383 Harrison, AR 72602-1383	P: (870)425-8454 F: (870) 741-1874 <a href="mailto:Jpark132@gmail.com">Jpark132@gmail.com</a>
15 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE	114,980.00	Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell Counties Population-82,000	Tom Tatum Prosecutor P.O. Box 1599 Danville, AR 72833	P: (479) 495-4559 F: (479) 495-4561 <a href="mailto:15thdtf@arkwest.com">15thdtf@arkwest.com</a>
SOUTH CENTRAL DRUG TASK FORCE/9 <sup>TH</sup> WEST	157,655.17	Sevier, Little River, Pike, Howard, Nevada, Lafayette, Hempstead Counties Population-97,098	Bryan Chesshir Prosecutor P.O. Box 985 DeQueen, AR 71832	P: (870) 642-8965 F: (870) 642-8965 <a href="mailto:Scdtf1@yahoo.com">Scdtf1@yahoo.com</a>
2 <sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE	114,101.47	Craighead, Mississippi, Clay, Poinsett, Greene Counties Population-250,000	Mike Walden Prosecutor P.O. Box 539 Jonesboro, AR 72403	P: (870) 932-4355 F: (870) 932-4114 <a href="mailto:ceasterling@jonesboro.org">ceasterling@jonesboro.org</a>
CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, AR	164,306.00	Washington, Madison Counties Population-225,000	Lioneld Jordan Mayor 100-A West Rock St.	P: (479) 587-3581 F: (479) 587-3570 <a href="mailto:jcohea@cl.fayetteville.ar.us">jcohea@cl.fayetteville.ar.us</a>
13 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE	175,636.25	Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union Population-123,547	Robin J. Carroll Prosecutor 135 Jackson SW Camden, AR 71701	P: (870) 836-0906 F: (870) 836-3769 <a href="mailto:mikericedea@hotmail.com">mikericedea@hotmail.com</a>
1 <sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE	144,004.53	Monroe, Cross, Woodruff, Phillips, Lee , St. Francis/Popluation-107,000	Fletcher Long Jr. Prosecutor 113 South Main St. Clarendon, AR 72029	P: (870) 747-5411 F: (870) 747-5460 <a href="mailto:Ljulian9407@centurytel.net">Ljulian9407@centurytel.net</a>
12 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	163,596.30	Sebastian, Crawford Population-150,000	Daniel Shue Prosecutor 901 South B Street, Suite 209 Fort Smith, AR	P: (479) 783-8976 F: (479) 784-1513 <a href="mailto:Dshue@co.sebastian.ar.us">Dshue@co.sebastian.ar.us</a>
SEARCY POLICE DEPARTMENT/CENTRAL ARKANSAS MJTF	94,038.40	White, Lonoke, Prairie Counties Popluation-148,298	Belinda Laforce Mayor 101 North Gum St Searcy, AR 72145	P: (501) 268-3531 F: (501) 279-1023 <a href="mailto:rpearson@cityofsearcy.org">rpearson@cityofsearcy.org</a>
5 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT	155,959.98	Pope, Johnson, Franklin Counties Population-80,000	David Gibbons Prosecutor P.O. Box 1307 Russellville, AR 72811	P: (479) 968-6258 F: (479) 967-6607 <a href="mailto:Dtf5th@suddenlinkmail.com">Dtf5th@suddenlinkmail.com</a>
		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED</b>		
<b>ARRA 2009 JAG</b>	<b>2,701,369.53</b>			

Chief Ronald Burks stated that the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) recommended funding for all the 19 applicants except for the Searcy Police Department. The Committee recommended their funding remain the same as FY2008 amount.

A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert A. Parker to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Policy and Procedure Committee Report:**

Rick Gallagher reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee did not meet.

- **Treatment and Prevention Committee Report:**

Joe M. Hill reported that the T&P Committee met on June 18, 2009 and recommended the following programs for approval.

**APPROVAL OF ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURTS:** Jo Thompson, Data Management Director, OADAP a gave brief overview of the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment for Juvenile Drug Court-Scope of Service: **The Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention requested proposals from facilities interested in providing comprehensive adolescent substance abuse treatment in conjunction with 10 juvenile drug court programs. Successful applicants will be key members of juvenile drug court teams and are responsible for providing a continuum of services. The services are outpatient services, residential substance services, coordination of mental health services and case management.**

**ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURTS**

PROGRAM	JUDICIAL DISTRICT	AMOUNT	GRAND TOTAL
South Arkansas Youth Services	13 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita , Union Counties)	\$50,000.00	
Counseling Clinic, Inc.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial District (Saline County)	\$50,000.00	
Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care System	11 <sup>th</sup> West Judicial District (Jefferson and Lonoke Counties)	\$50,000.00	
Day Spring Behavioral Health Services, -Alternative Opportunities, Inc.	10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew Counties)	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
	18 <sup>th</sup> East Judicial District (Garland County)	\$50,000.00	
Counseling Associates	20 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren Counties)	\$50,000.00	
Youth Bridge	4 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Madison County)	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
	19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District(Benton County)	\$50,000.00	
Health Resources of Arkansas	1 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, Woodruff Counties)	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
	16 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone Counties)	\$50,000.00	

**Total Funding For Program = \$500,000 from Arkansas Department of Health Tobacco Cessation Program**

*A motion was made by Joe M. Hill to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Deborah Caspall to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously. **Rita Shepherd abstained from voting.***

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

• **T&P Committee Report:**

Joe M. Hill distributed copies of the monthly Funds Utilization Report. He reported that there were no unusual activities. Treatment and prevention programs are spending their funds as expected.

*A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks and seconded by Chief Percy Wilburn to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.*

• **Law Enforcement Report:**

Harold Clayton distributed the FY 2008 Drug Law Enforcement Program Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. He reported that there were no unusual activities and that programs were spending their funds as expected.

*A motion was made by Rick Hart and seconded by Megan Cuddy to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

Joe M. Hill distributed the Monthly Substance Abuse Treatment Statistics (Funded Providers) Report for the months of January-April 2009. He reported that the numbers of treatment admissions are as follows:

MONTH	TREATMENT ADMISSIONS
JANUARY	903
FEBRUARY	904
MARCH	885
APRIL	944

Alcohol and marijuana were the top drugs of choice.

Numerous questions were raised that several of the treatment programs were not showing number of clients served as other programs were. Joe told the Committee that he would report back to the council next month.

*A motion was made by Norith Ellison and seconded by Robert A. Parker to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chairman Fran Flener reported that she received an email regarding the Legislative Audit findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. This report included a Supplemental Letter Finding concerning the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council. This finding stated that a review of board members' attendance revealed that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council had members with unexcused excessive absences. The recommendation was that the Council monitors board members to ensure that their attendance requirements are met. Fran informed the Council that the Policy and Procedure Committee would meet and review this issue.
  
- Chairman Fran Flener announced that she had been selected to serve on the Executive Board of the Gulf Coast HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) along with Chief Ronald Burks who is currently a member. The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program enhances and coordinates drug control efforts among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The program provides agencies with coordination, equipment, technology, and additional resources to combat drug trafficking and its harmful consequences in critical regions of the United States.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Drug Director, Fran Flener announced that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting for July 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at 1:00 p.m. 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 Rick Hart. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
*Denise Luckett***