

ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 19, 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	Ann Purvis
Rick Gallagher	Kermit Channell	Robert A. Parker
Loren Ivener	Laura Shue	Rick Hart
Carol Roddy	DL Flowers	Deborah Caspall
David Guntharp	Rita Shepherd	Teresa Belew
Doug Newsom & Sherry Justice alts. for Major General William D. Wofford	Jim Short alt. for Tammy Harrell	Kim Davis alt. for Larry Jegley

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Bobby May	Chief Ronald Burks	J.G. Regnier
Chief Percy Wilburn	Wanda Williams	Kent Williams
Dennis Moore	Norith Ellison	
Judge Mary Ann Gunn		Megan Cuddy

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Lockett	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Gene Smith	State Drug Director's Office

VISITORS:

Doris Smith	Department of Finance & Administration
Sanford Tollette	Kiwanis Activities, Inc

**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, Kermit Channell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRECTIONS:

Judge Mary Ann Gunn introduced a draft of a proposed 'Resolution of the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council to the Coordinating Council. She explained the Resolution and asked the Council for their approval of the resolution.

After much discussion from members, Fran Flener entertained asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. A motion was made by Judge Mary Ann Gunn to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Teresa Belew. The motion carried with 7 members abstaining. (David Guntharp, Ann Purvis, Kermit Channell, Robert A. Parker, Rick Hart, Capt. John Morrow and Rick Gallagher). An omission was made in leaving Rick Gallagher's name off as voting (abstaining).

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:**

Ann Purvis reported that the Law Enforcement Committee did not meet.

- **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 did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: Distribution of Monthly Financial and Utilization Reports:

- **T&P Committee Report:** Joe M. Hill distributed the Summary Analysis of Funds Utilization Reports. He reported that there were no unusual activities. The treatment and prevention programs are spending their funds as expected.

A motion was made by Rick Gallagher and seconded by Deborah Caspall to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Law Enforcement Report:** Doris Smith distributed the Drug Law Enforcement Program FY 2008 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. She reported that there were no unusual activities and that everyone was spending their funds as expected.

A motion was made by Rita Shepherd and second by Carol Roddy 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) for the month of February 2009. He reported on the number of admissions for the month of February. He further stated that 904 people were admitted to treatment centers across the state for substance abuse treatment services. Alcohol and marijuana were the top drugs of choice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Department of Justice Office of Justice Assistance
“Information related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”**

Ann Purvis, of DF&A, distributed an “Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). She gave a brief overview and an update of the report:

“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. It is an unprecedented efforts to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglect challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation’s infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need. Additional information and updates on the Recovery Act can be found at: www.arkansas.recovery.gov.

- **Update Report on DASEP Program-Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Healthcare Systems, Inc.**

Joe M. Hill reported to the Council that **Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Healthcare System, Inc.**, was notified by letter that the DASEP Program was not recommended for further funding consideration for 2010 year continuation. He cited some of the problematic areas reported during T&P Committee Review. Robert A. Parker asked if services for the Pine Bluff area would be adversely affected by the removal of the program from Southeast Behavioral Health Services. Joe M. Hill stated that a new Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued after the 30-day appeal process expires. A new Provider will be selected through the competition RFP process.

New Business (cont.)

Fran Flener introduced Sanford Tollette, Director of Kiwanis Activities, Inc. /Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Tollette presented to the Council and visitors a brief program description of the Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp.

Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp has a long history of helping disadvantaged and at-risk. Since 1929 the camp, located on 82 acres near Ferndale, has provided a free summer residential camping program for 9 to 14 year olds. As societal problems affecting youth became more apparent, the camp added other programs to meet those needs, such as the comprehensive Alternative Classroom Experience for at-risk 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the Little Rock and Pulaski County Special Districts, which has operated since 1988. Pfeifer Camp also offers parenting workshops, teacher-training workshops; ropes course training, an annual Honor Camp, and a Counselor-in-Training program for 14 to 17 year olds.

The funding provided by the Council will be used to replicate a program called Behavioral Monitoring and Reinforcing Program, an intensive year long school mentoring program for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. They are currently replicating this program and serving 40 students. Of the approximately 300 graduates of the Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE) whom follow up is conducted on, the program select 40 additional students who continue to be at-risk for the camp staff to track academic, behavioral, and attendance success. The program utilizes a point and graphing system to help students see their own progress. Those who progress are able to participate in a pre-set event. Camp Staff will also communicate weekly with the parents, teachers, counselors or other necessary school personnel to determine the progress of the students.

He further stated that Pfeifer Camp is unique in that all of its programs are free to participants due in large part to the long-standing funding collaborative of the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Little Rock and the local school districts. Pfeifer Camp is one of the few Arkansas camps certified by the American Camp Association and the only one licensed as a residential child-care facility through the Department of Human Services.

Mr. Tollette elaborated on two special gentlemen that have gained much success from the Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp: (1) Malcolm-Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp AmeriCorps Member (2) Cedric McKenzie-Arkansas Foster Care System.

Kim Davis passed out a personal letter from Larry Jegley in support of the program for its long-standing success rate and impact on youth and their families. Other members acknowledged and applauded the program for its success as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Drug Director, Fran Flener announced that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting for April 16, 2009 will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the AR State Police Headquarters, #1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by DL Flowers to adjourn and seconded by Robert A. Parker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
*Denise Lockett***