

Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014

This meeting was held at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Room A234, 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317

Commissioners present: Iris Bell (left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.); Tony Biglan; Eric Bloch; Lane Borg; Heather Crow-Martinez; Judy Cushing; Tina Edlund (left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.); Tim Hartnett; Pete Kerns; Heidi Moawad; Steve Marks; Dennis McCarty; Fariborz Pakseresht; Ellen Rosenblum (joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.); Abby Sears by phone. Executive Director Daniel Ward and Sr. Assistant Attorney General Joanna TuckerDavis were also present. Commissioners-To-Be Jill Kelly and Chris Senz were also in attendance.

Call to Order, Introductions

Heather Crow-Martinez, ADPC Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes of November 2013

The Commission accepted the minutes of the November 2013 meeting without modification, on Motion by Tim Hartnett, seconded by Dennis McCarty.

Daniel Ward, ADPC Executive Director, introduced new Commissioners, Chris Senz and Jill Kelly, both present in the room, and Eric Nisley, who was unable to attend due to a trial.

Planning for the Future of the Commission

Commissioner Moawad explained that the Governor considers this Commission important. If the ADPC engages the Department heads, it can break down silos to improve care and move the state forward in drug and alcohol policy. She stressed that Commissioners' time is valuable. She urged the ADPC to consider a quarterly meeting schedule.

Commissioner Biglan discussed the goals of making schools and families more nurturing environments, the importance of ADPC developing a strong surveillance system to keep the state current on occurrence of problems and the effectiveness of interventions, the importance of communicating the latest research findings to help push the state toward employing more evidence based practices. He advocated for using the ADPC to make sure that schools provided evidence-based prevention programming and that family interventions become available to all who need them.

Commissioner Borg asked ADPC to consider for the state, regarding prevention and treatment, what is our product? What do we want to produce? And from there, can we identify and develop best practices. He advocated using this process to guide how the state spends prevention and treatment funds.

Commissioner Moawad agreed, saying that we need to get concrete about specifying the savings that can be and are produced by implementation of effective prevention and treatment programming.

Commissioner McCarty suggested that the Commission should be discontinued if members continue to be unable to achieve a quorum. He pointed out the AMH is already moving its spending to evidence based programs, and now the purchase of services is moving to the CCOs. It is unclear how the CCOs coordinate with ADPC, OYA, and other state stakeholders.

Vice Chair Hartnett responded that achieving a quorum is difficult because the meetings have been unappealing to members, lacking meaningful content. He asserted that this is not the time to tinker with membership, we should continue to require department head participation, not delegates; we just need to move ahead. He said the Commission needs to do two main things: Get its Budget Committee into action on the coming new biennium budget, and get commitments from the departments to fund the Commission similarly to the Criminal Justice Commission, so that the ADPC could have staff.

Commissioner Cushing urged the Commission to become more active in immediate policy issues. For example, she urged the Commission to advocate against further decriminalization of marijuana and to become active in preventing privatization of the state's liquor distribution system. She also urged the ADPC to "nudge" the CCOs into providing prevention services. She agreed with Tony Biglan about providing family interventions statewide, but asserted that a public prevention campaign is needed.

Commissioner McCarty urged the ADPC to proceed with its mandated work to improve the use of data within the state. He cited an example where a state data manager has blocked researcher access to the all-payers-all-claims database.

Commissioner Pakseresht spoke of the fact that ADPC's enabling legislation requires ADPC to accomplish certain goals for data access, which have not been met. He said the ADPC and staff should set clear goals for 12, 24, and 36 months, outcomes that would help ADPC to begin fulfilling these requirements.

Commissioner Bloch agreed that it is important that the Commission be successful. He noted that we have a supportive governor but a very poorly resourced Commission. He urged the Commission to commit to adequately resource the Commission and asserted that the Governor needs to make it so.

Commissioner Bell said that if the Governor is behind it, it can be done. She cited HB 4134 as evidence.

Commissioner Rosenblum echoed all, saying that she is committed to the success of the Commission, that she believes it is important and wants it to achieve its goals. She offered to be as supportive as she can. Then there was general discussion about defining what the Commission needs in the way of staffing, and the importance of being very clear and specific about it.

Commissioner Marks stated that the OLCC supports the Commission. He said that the OLCC spends a great deal of money on prevention services so he needs to know that its spending is going to the right kinds of things. He wants to position the OLCC to address prevention better; he needs the Commission to develop the data and analytics to help him do that.

Commissioners Hartnett and Borg asked for a staffing/funding plan to review at the next meeting. They suggested the Criminal Justice Commission and Washington State Institute of Public Policy as models. Tim Hartnett added that we'll need ground rules for Department heads to discuss their budgets.

Other Business

Dennis McCarty updated the Commission on the Drug Free Communities grant proposal that Lines for Life has been working on. It will be a project targeting prescription drug misuse. Dennis asked to have Tom Burns of OHA at a future meeting to discuss Oregon's new regulation of medical marijuana.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Hartnett, seconded by Commissioners Marks and Borg, Chair Crow-Martinez adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

The next meeting was set for April 24, 2014.