

Minutes
Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Seventh Floor Training Room, Suite 775
Lincoln Building, 421 SW Oak Street, Portland, OR 97204

Present: Dr. Tony Biglan, Chair Heather Crow-Martinez, Sheriff Pat Garrett, Tim Hartnett, Dr. Dennis McCarty, Eric Nisley, Judge Eric Bloch. Present by phone: Nate Gaorian

Absent: Lane Borg (surgery), Dwight Holton, Jillian Kelly (wedding), Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Sen. Laurie Monnes-Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Commission Chair, Heather Crow-Martinez.

- I. Director Ward gave an update on membership changes. Two Commissioners are leaving us, one because of schedule conflicts, and one is moving out of state. Recruitment is underway.
- II. Committee Progress Reports
 - a. By-Laws – Comm. Eric Nisley and AAG Katharine Lozano reported that they have completed their work on By-Laws for the Commission. They gave an overview, explaining that the proposed By-Laws are simple, addressing primarily the terms of office and officer selection processes. They explained that other areas often covered in By-Laws are covered in Statute. By-Laws will be presented for ratification next meeting.
 - b. Prevention Committee – Comm. Tony Biglan and Director Daniel Ward reported they have met with Isabelle Barbour, of OHA’s Public Health Division. She is collaborating with ODE and the ADPC, as required by the recent cannabis legislation, to create a policy governing cannabis abuse prevention education in the schools.

Dr. Biglan made a compelling presentation about the cost-benefit of effective prevention programs. He discussed the features of a nurturing environment and identified specific methods and programs that can make schools and families more nurturing. He noted that two CCOs are funding and conducting prevention programming, but 14 CCOs are not.

Dr. Biglan noted that Oregon has set up sophisticated data systems for emergency medical services, for example, but has no system, no statewide database, to determine what prevention services are being provided. Though Oregon has been on the cutting edge of some healthcare transformation, he said, and the early Learning Hubs are an important development, nobody knows what prevention work is being done.

Chair Crow-Martinez noted that as the CCOs develop and phase out the old county-based MHO structures, there is also a need to restructure where prevention services are located. Dr. Biglan commented that Yamhill, one of the two CCOs conducting prevention, was set up by Yamhill County’s Public Health Department, so perhaps that origin makes a difference in their orientation.

Chair Crow-Martinez noted that there are workforce issues: for example, most Certified Prevention Specialists now employed by the counties are not professionals. She acknowledged that the U of O has begun training masters-level prevention people, but said the state’s universities otherwise haven’t been connecting with the state’s needs.

Commissioner Dennis McCarty proposed that the ADPC recommend moving the prevention block grant funds directly to the CCOs from the counties, to move the county prevention offices out of the way. He suggested that strategically, the ADPC should consider making proposals for changes that are unlikely, to provoke thought.

Dr. McCarty asked whether accountability for the prevention block grant had moved to Public Health in OHA's reorganization. He suggested that ADPC should work supportively with Jeff Ruscoe and make bold recommendations to help him in his work to improve the quality and availability of prevention services.

Commissioner Bloch strongly agreed with Dr. Biglan's assertion that we need a full inventory of prevention services in the state. Judge Bloch observed that he'd like to reverse-engineer the adults he sees in drug court, asserting that the more we allow state's prevention programming to be less transparent, the more we are acquiescing in producing adults with substance abuse problems.

Dr. McCarty asserted that despite the CCO system, Oregon mental health and substance abuse systems still operate separately. He stated his concern that insufficient numbers of people are getting treatment, and what they get is insufficient. He suggested that the ADPC should invite Dr. Katrina Hedburg, the State Epidemiologist, to meet with us.

Dr. McCarty moved that Director Ward and Dr. Biglan should continue their work to produce an inventory of prevention services, asking OHA for theirs, then ask Dr. Hedburg to meet with the Commission for discussion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Garrett, and passed by the Commission.

There was some discussion about statutory requirements that state departments cooperate with ADPC, ADPC's rule-making authority, other tactics and strategies.

- c. Strategic Planning Committee – Director Ward spoke briefly about the ADPC's strategic plan. Commissioner Nisley suggested that we should propose a budget to enable development of a strategic plan.
- III. Commissioner Hartnett spoke of the importance of improving Oregon's response to the opiate overdose epidemic. Dr. Biglan stated that he believes OHA is working on a policy related to the overdose prevention. Dr. McCarty reported that on his last review of the data, opiate use seemed to be decreasing, and the overdose rate was flat.
- IV. Logistics: dates and times for future meetings. Next meeting will be March 24.
Commissioners asked for future meetings to learn more about what OHA is doing regarding opioid overdose prevention, Commissioners also are interested in learning what OHA is doing in its reorganization regarding drug and alcohol prevention and treatment. And Commissioners are also interested in learning about the innovative pre-booking diversion program called LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) which has been operating there for the past five years.
- V. The Commission, at 3:14 p.m., moved to Executive Session to consider legal advice from Commission counsel as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(f).
- VI. The Executive Session concluded at 3:56 p.m. and the Meeting of the Commission was again called to order, then immediately adjourned by Chair Crow Martinez at 3:57 p.m.