

Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
Meeting Summary
April 14, 2010

Committee Members in Attendance

Tony Biglan
Claudia Black
John Costello
Heather Crow-Martinez (via phone)
Judy Cushing
Sarah Goforth (via phone)
Tim Hartnett
Erin Hubert

John Kroger
Laurie Monnes Anderson (via phone)
Ilisa Rooke-Ley
Randy Schoen
Cameron Smith
Bruce Goldberg
Timothy Thompson (via phone)
Carolyn Tomei (via phone)

OHA Staff in Attendance

Mary Ellen Glynn
Sharon Wong

AMH Staff in Attendance

Rick Cady
Richard Harris
Karen Wheeler

Presenters in Attendance

Chuck Hayes, Governor's Advisory Council on DUII

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting convened at 3:37pm by Chair John Kroger.

Approval of Minutes

Summary minutes of Commission meetings held on January 13, 2010, March 18, 2010, and April 8, 2010, were considered for approval.

Motion to approve: Tim Hartnett

Second: Dr. Bruce Goldberg

Motion carried unanimously

Chair's Report

John Kroger

Proposal to Create Permanent Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission

Chair Kroger thanked everyone, specifically, the Structure Subcommittee for their tremendous improvement to the draft proposal which was introduced at the March 18, 2010 Commission meeting. An amended proposal was adopted at the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting via conference call. There is support and agreement for a high-level director of the Commission. The proposal is the first step; now focus will be on more substantive treatment, prevention, and accountability systems.

A&D Policy Commission Report to the Governor

Chair Kroger advised that the report is due to the Governor May 1, 2010. A draft report will be circulated to Commission members the week of April 19, 2010.

Action item: Members review the draft and submit comments to Mary Ellen Glynn by April 26, 2010.

Legislative Package

Chair Kroger reported that Karen Trussel, CFO to the Attorney General; Claudia Black and Cameron Smith, Governor's office; and Mary Ellen Glynn, A&D Policy Commission Executive Director, will draft a budget and policy legislative package.

A&D Policy Commission Vice-chair Vacancy

Chair Kroger advised that the Commission will nominate and vote on a new Vice-chair when there is a full Commission present. Cameron Smith informed membership a nominee will be submitted to the Governor in early-May and to the Senate for confirmation by the end of May.

Commission on Children & Families and Oregon Liquor Control Commission

Chair Kroger reported that he and Mary Ellen Glynn will meet with these entities to incorporate them into the Commission's process as they were not included at the inception of the Commission. They will report back at the next full meeting.

Testimony at U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

Chair Kroger reported that Senator Wyden introduced federal legislation to adopt Oregon's pseudoephedrine control model and that he testified in support of the bill. (See AG Kroger's testimony attached, which was circulated to Commission membership the following day, April 15, 2010). Kentucky's model is also being considered. Membership discussion centered round the components of the two models noting that Kentucky uses an electronic tracking/reporting system. It was noted that Mississippi recently adopted Oregon's model. In response to Ilisa Rooke-Ley's question regarding what criteria the U.S. government uses to support the Kentucky model, Dr. Goldberg pointed out that under Oregon's model a prescription is needed and opponents believe this prevents vulnerable people from getting needed medicine. Chair Kroger noted that the number of meth labs has continued to drop in Oregon whereas Kentucky has seen a resurgence in lab seizures. Consensus was that Oregon's strategy is more effective.

Judy Cushing recommended that the Commission review both models. Chair Kroger advised the Commission to adopt Judy's recommendation. Richard Harris asked Judy to circulate the Kentucky model to membership.

Update on Federal Health Care Reform

Dr. Bruce Goldberg

Dr. Goldberg distributed and reviewed a document of his presentation. Reference attachment, "Federal Health Reform Overview & Considerations for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission."

In addition to his presentation, Dr. Goldberg advised there is a tremendous opportunity for states to look for prevention funding in the federal bill. If states are innovative and aggressive, especially politically and from an advocate's perspective, funding can be found. He recommended everyone look closely at the reforms and let OHA know if there is something that we should be concerned about. It will require large-scale management on the part of OHA to identify potentials for funding; he recommended this also be part of the work that is being done on the Commission.

Update on the Governor's Advisory Council on DUII

Chuck Hayes, Chair

Mr. Hayes gave an update of the Council's recent activities and their plans for the future. He stated that the Council definitely feels the A&D Policy Commission is one of their partners.

Mr. Hayes informed the Commission that more and more people are driving under the influence of drugs and drugs mixed with alcohol. Consequently, law enforcement officers, judicial representatives, emergency room physicians and others involved in this issue are receiving a lot more drug identification training.

The Council is primarily working on legislative concepts to close loopholes in the current laws. Mr. Hayes stated the Council needs help from the Commission on changing the DUII statute to identify what constitutes an intoxicant. The Council wants to include any impairing substance, i.e., prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and non-controlled substances. The length of time it takes some drugs to get on the "controlled substance list" is also a problem. Mr. Hayes stated the strongest argument against the statute comes from the pharmaceutical companies. The Council welcomes any suggestions the Commission has and any assistance that can be provided with creating and writing legislative concepts.

Recommendations from membership included: Focus on interaction of drugs with alcohol; emphasize education, especially regarding the affects of antidepressants and the interaction of alcohol and drugs; implement public awareness campaign to coincide with legislative session and passage of legislation; address impact of medical marijuana law.

Dr. Goldberg commended Mr. Hayes and the Council for their dedication, service and accomplishments and said they could count on the Commission to lend support. AG Kroger offered to meet with Mr. Hayes to discuss ways the Council and Commission can work together.

Subcommittee Reports

Prevention Subcommittee

Tony Biglan, Co-chair

Tony distributed and reviewed a copy of the subcommittee's report and presentation. Reference attachment, "Update on Prevention Efforts." Topics of the report included: Interventions by developmental phase; the importance of nurturing environments, with emphasis on the affects of stress; prevention programs of various settings and developmental phases from prenatal-infancy to emerging adulthood; the "kernel" method; policy briefs, noting the importance of access to free and/or affordable child care services.

Structure Subcommittee

Richard Harris, Co-chair

Richard reported that the subcommittee has had very good discussions and shared valuable information, especially during the last meeting pertaining to the proposal for a permanent A&D Policy Commission and director. He advised the focus of the next couple meetings will be on implementation. The subcommittee will follow-up with a policy proposal.

Treatment Subcommittee

Tim Hartnett, Co-chair

Tim reported the subcommittee has been on a fact-finding mission and has met with and/or received reports from OYA, AMH, DOC, CAF. Each area has strengths and weaknesses. Consensus is that treatment programs are not reaching everyone in need. Funding intricacies are a factor.

In studying surveys of treatment providers and OHSU research, three themes emerged: Movement to science based treatment; unique things doing in Oregon; preserving "programs of promise".

The subcommittee is looking at treatment and support that move with people. Taking an especially close look at integration and how to share treatment cases.

Treatment sensitive to needs of certain sub-populations is important. One rapidly growing sub-group is seniors.

Accountability Subcommittee

Mary Ellen Glynn, Executive Director, A&D Policy Commission

On behalf of co-chairs, Mary Ellen distributed and reviewed a draft written report. Reference attachment, "Accountability Committee Draft Report, April 14, 2010." Mary Ellen advised that the subcommittee is discussing and researching data systems before they make a recommendation. She referred membership to recommendation five of the written report, "The Accountability subcommittee would like input from the full commission as to the course of its discussions on funding allocations."

Chair Kroger invited members who would like to participate to contact Mary Ellen.

Next Steps on Subcommittees and Discussion

Chair Kroger

Chair Kroger announced that he has identified three additional subcommittees. Chair Kroger invited Commission members and those belonging to the larger working groups to volunteer. Those interested in serving were asked to advise Mary Ellen by completing a brief form which was distributed.

Workforce

Create small group of people to focus on issues around treatment and recovery, whereby, experts on the Commission provide information and data to people at OHA. Dr. Goldberg voiced his support. This group will have input in determining what the benefit package will look like. Tim Hartnett volunteered to help.

Public Outreach

Need to communicate to a larger group. This subcommittee will identify long-term public outreach needs (10 year plan) and identify short-term goals. Chair Kroger suggested that Erin Hubert would be a great Chair.

Funding

This group will begin later in summer after gather more facts. Will consist of more granular discussion regarding funding. For example, how to get more federal funding and how to get more dollars from the non-profit world. Chair Kroger advised that he will Chair this subcommittee.

Goals of Existing Subcommittees

Chair Kroger

Prevention

Continue on same direction. Identify:

- large menu of things to support
- structure of how community gets involved
- how pilot
- short- and long-term scopes

Accountability

Continue on same direction. Determine: what looks like and what can get for different price tag. "Cutlass or Cadillac" ala Mary Ellen.

Structure

Obtain more substance to questions identified; get this information in writing to include with policy package. Chair Kroger stated that he would like assistance from the Governor's office staff in creating the policy package. He informed membership he expects the Structure and Treatment subcommittees will merge.

Chair Kroger explained that he sees two delivery systems: One inside the criminal justice system; one not in the criminal justice system, which is healthcare. Need to get ready for 2014.

Member of audience commented that some states have treatment for people who are within the criminal justice system. Chair Kroger responded that if Max Williams and Judge Holcomb were present, they would agree with him in saying that huge strides are being made. He thanked her for her input and said what she identified was real important.

Next Meetings

Mary Ellen Glynn

Mary Ellen distributed a draft schedule of Commission meetings for the remainder of the year. It was noted the next meeting is May 10, 2010, and that due to summer vacations, there would not be a meeting in August.

Adjournment

Chair Kroger

Chair Kroger thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

For information on the A & D Policy Commission, contact Mary Ellen Glynn, Executive Director, A & D Policy Commission, 971-673-1674 or mary.e.glynn@state.or.us.