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Minutes *USAAV Council Meeting*

DATE: March 10, 2004
TIME: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Room 223
State Capitol Bldg.

Present: Dan Becker, Susan Burke, Lou Callister, Victoria Delheimer, Col. Scott Duncan, Gary Jorgensen, Michael Kwan, Verne Larsen, Ed McConkie, Diane Ngatuvai, Dick Melton, Harold Morrill, Jack Tanner, Kirk Torgensen and Anna Kay Waddoups

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Gary Jorgensen introduced Judge Michael Kwan who is newly appointed to the USAAV Council. Judge Kwan presides over the Taylorsville City District Court. Introductions followed. Gary noted the hard work and diligent efforts of the USAAV Director, Susan Burke, during the legislative session, as well as the Executive Committee.

Brandon Hatch was considered as a substance abuse prevention representative for the Council. Verne Larsen recommended Brandon as a positive addition to the Council.

Action: *A motion was made by Harold Morrill and seconded by Dick Melton to accept Brandon Hatch's application. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Larry Peterson's name was considered as well as member of the Council representing justice issues. He is well credentialed and has much expertise.

Action: *A motion was made by Harold Morrill and seconded by Verne Larsen to have Larry Peterson join the Council. The motion was unanimously approved.*

II. Joint Leadership Update

Lou Callister explained that the Joint Leadership Committee is meeting to coordinate the leadership of the Community Advocacy Group, the Utah Addiction Center and the USAAV Council; three organizations with the mutual interest of reducing and preventing substance abuse. He noted that two CD disks/videos are completed featuring Dr. Crookston and Dr. Hanson. Susan is preparing a packet to obtain education credits for those individuals desiring them. Six different professions will offer credit. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, April 5th.

III. Committee Reports

▪ **Anti-Violence:** Susan acknowledged the behind the scenes involvement of Sherm Watkins for the forfeiture bill. This was the committee's priority bill for the year. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was included in the meeting packet outlining the requirements for the State Crime Prevention Grants (\$210,000 available) and the State Gang Mini-Grants (\$80,000). The RFP's have a deadline of Monday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. The Anti-Violence Committee members will review the grant applications and give recommendations for funding.

▪ **Criminal Justice:** Kirk Torgensen reported on the legislative session. Forfeiture was a roller coaster ride but Kirk noted that Senator Buttars didn't waiver; the criticism seemed to embolden him. He felt that the lesson learned was that those educated about the issue would do the right thing. The anti-forfeiture group is trying to collect 76,000 signatures to get it on the November ballot. Kirk and Senator Buttars will be giving a presentation on the Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA) at the Centers for Disease Control annual meeting. Another success from the legislative session this year was the Drug Lab Clean Up Bill. Much credit was given to the Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Environmental Quality for stepping up their efforts in order to see this bill come to fruition.

▪ **DUI Committee**

Anna Kay Waddoups outlined the DUI Committee's achievements during the session. Senate Bill 20, "DUI Amendments" was their priority bill. This bill will allow a plea in abeyance for certain DUI offenses if they enter a treatment incentive program. The law will sunset in two years unless reauthorized by the Legislature. CCJJ will study the issue. HB 128S2, "Amendments to DUI" was changed significantly from the original version but did pass. CCJJ will send out a survey on the Ignition Interlock Study. The intent is to understand how the implementation of ignition interlock devices can be improved.

▪ **Substance Abuse Services**

Co-chair Harold Morrill noted the committee priorities for the coming year include the Drug Offender Reform Act and Drug Courts Expansion and Funding. The committee will research the issue of criminal justice system population taking 70% of treatment slots. A presentation given on the outcomes of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) shows that the program is effective in lowering recidivism rates. Unfortunately, federal RSAT funds end this year.

Co-chair Verne Larsen requested \$2,500 from the USAAV Council to support the Salt Lake Stinger's Prevention Day to be held April 27th at the Franklin Covey baseball field. They are estimating 10,000 5th and 6th graders statewide attending the game and various programs that day.

Action: A motion was made by Harold Morrill and seconded by Dick Melton to allocate \$2,500 towards this effort. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Director's Report

Susan reviewed the USAAV related bills for the 2004 legislative session.

Action Taken: The following bills were recommended as "Must Pass:"

- SB 175S2, Protection of Private Lawfully Obtained Property
- HB 123S1, Drug Lab Clean Up and Disclosure
- HB 128S2, Amendments to Operating Under the Influence
- SB 20S1, Driving Under the Influence Amendments

- *HB 260, Tobacco Fund Allocation Amendments*
- *HB 330, Allocation of Tobacco Fund Amendments*

The following bills were recommended to the Governor as “Review Veto.” With these motions the USAAV Council is not suggesting an outright veto, but rather, that the Governor review the bill carefully and consider vetoing it:

- *HB 202S1, “Mail Order Tobacco Sales Amendments”*
- *SB 219, “Amendments to Justice Court Operations” passed with one dissenting vote.*

Susan asked for input as to how the process could be streamlined next year during the session. Anna Kay noted that printing out USAAV’s position on bills is helpful to the legislators, but listing it on the Internet is not as useful. Legislators don’t access it because of time constraints.

The possibility of committee restructuring was broached. Susan encouraged each committee to focus priorities for the coming year. In relation to the Substance Abuse Services Committee it was noted that the Utah Prevention Advisory Council (UPAC) is currently running through the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Rather than duplicate efforts the prevention issues would go through UPAC unless something needed to come back to USAAV.

Criminal Justice will be involved with the DORA push for next year. The Sentencing Commission, law enforcement and probation officers will also be involved. It was suggested that research be done to determine how other states have funded their drug reforms.

The Anti-Violence Committee will be working as a peer review panel with the grants. Gary Jorgensen suggested that this body might focus on gangs and the drug problem. Susan encouraged feedback from the council members regarding re-structuring.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on **Wednesday, May 12th from noon – 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided.