

MEETING NOTES

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE (USAAV) COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 2000

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

State Capitol Building - Room 223

Present: Dr. James Mason, Bill Afeaki, Camille Anthony, Dan Becker, Colonel Merrill Carter, Representative Gary Cox, Gary Dalton, Ferris Groll proxy for Commissioner Craig Dearden, Patrick Fleming, Kristine Knowlton, Superintendent Steve Laing, Verne Larsen, Harold Morrill, Mary Phillips, Leon PoVey, Reed Richards and Diane Stuart

Excused: Dr. Meredith Alden, Rod Betit, Commissioner Camille Cain, Commissioner Craig Dearden, Senator Mont Evans, Jan Graham, Pete Haun, Jane Piercey, Scott Reed, JoAnn Seghini, and Karen and Sherm Watkins

Visitors: Lisa Wilkinson

Staff: Mary Lou Emerson and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Dr. Mason welcomed all present. *Leon PoVey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 1999 meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Stuart and was unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: 2000 Utah Legislative General Session

Verne Larsen provided a brief history of USAAV's input regarding the utilization of Utah's tobacco settlement funds for tobacco, alcohol and other drug programs. He reminded the Council members that the Executive Committee recommended a continuum of services to the Governor's Advisory Group, with a strong evaluation component. Verne explained that the Prevention Committee made a motion during their last meeting to support the continuum of services; however, they strongly recommended that one-third of the tobacco settlement money be earmarked specifically for tobacco prevention, cessation and control efforts. These funds could be used to create new programs as well as enhance successful programs that already exist. *Verne made a motion that the USAAV Council support the concept of the tobacco settlement funding being appropriated to support the continuum of services as recommended by the USAAV Council, and strongly recommend that one-third of the tobacco settlement funding be specifically appropriated for tobacco prevention and control. Reed Richards seconded the motion. Camille Anthony made a substitute motion to divide Verne's motion into two parts. Harold Morrill seconded the substitute motion and Gary Dalton called for the question. The motion to support the funding being utilized for a continuum of services passed with one negative vote. The motion to appropriate one-third of the funds for tobacco programs and the remaining two-thirds for the continuum was defeated with 8 voting in favor of the motion and nine voting against the motion.* Dr. Mason asked Verne to relay to the Prevention Committee that although the Council did not vote in favor of their recommendation, the Council did understand their argument.

Agenda Item: Tobacco Settlement Proposals

Rep. Gary Cox noted that the House is holding all bills related to the tobacco settlement funding until the money is actually received. *Gary Dalton made a motion to have USAAV Chairman James Mason send a letter to and meet with the Executive Appropriations Committee, in order to request that they fund the continuum of services recommended by the USAAV Council at an adequate level. Rep. Gary Cox seconded the motion.* Verne recommended that percentages be attached to the areas of the continuum as they were determined previously by the USAAV Executive Committee. Gary Dalton suggested that USAAV be involved with input as funding amounts change. *The motion passed favorably with one negative vote.*

Agenda Item: Review of Drug and Violence Legislation

Camille Anthony made a motion that the USAAV Executive Committee be authorized to take positions on proposed bills; then, if staff are not notified of a challenge to the position within seven calendar days, it will become the official position of the Council. Diane Stuart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mary Lou noted that positions taken by the USAAV Executive Committee will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.justice.state.ut.us>. Those without Internet access may phone Mary Lou at 538-1028 for updates after the weekly Friday meetings.

Gary Dalton made a motion that the Council adopt those positions that the Executive Committee has already taken. The motion was seconded by Col. Merrill Carter. Rep. Gary Cox made a substitute motion that the Council adopt those positions that the Executive Committee has already taken and also consider support of 2nd Sub. H.B. 176 - Weapons Restrictions for Mentally Ill Persons as well. Camille Anthony seconded the substitute motion which then passed unanimously.

Mary Phillips made a motion to support S.B. 47 - Driving Under the Influence Provisions. The motion was seconded by Verne Larsen. Harold Morrill made a substitute motion that this bill be referred to the Executive Committee for review at its Friday meeting. The substitute motion was seconded by Supt. Steve Laing and passed unanimously.

Col. Merrill Carter made a motion to encourage House Leadership to move forward on the tobacco settlement funding bills. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2000, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in Room 223 of the State Capitol Building.** Lunch will be provided.