

MEETING MINUTES

Committee	UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Date	Tuesday, June 23, 2009
Time	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location	University of Utah Olpin Union Building, Crimson View Bistro – 4th Floor
Members Present	Harold Morrill, Judy Kasten Bell, Heather Borski, Louis Callister, Lisa-Michele Church, Santiago Cortez, Commissioner Bill Cox, Commissioner Lance Davenport, Ron Gordon, Nori Huntsman (for Craig Burr), Judge Michael Kwan, Verne Larsen, Rebecca Nelson (for Forrest Cuch), Mark Payne, Craig PoVey, Scott Reed, Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Jeff Smart
Members Excused	Dr. Gary Jorgensen, Gaby Anderson, Dan Becker, Dr. Karen Buchi, Senator Chris Buttars, Colonel Merrill Carter, Fotu Katoa, Terry Russo, Chief Paul Tittensor, Kirk Torgensen, Anna Kay Waddoups, Karen and Sherm Watkins
Guests	Casey Hill, Brent Kelsey, Denise Leavitt, Dr. Chris Mitchell
Staff	Mary Lou Emerson, Monica Taylor
Agenda Item	Call to Order and Introductions
Notes	<p>Harold Morrill called the meeting to order. He reported USAAV's Prevention Committee leadership is nationally renowned. Co-Chair Craig PoVey has been elected president of the National Prevention Network and Verne Larsen has been elected chair of the National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities. Congratulations, Craig and Verne!</p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Lance Davenport made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Santiago Cortez and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	SFY 2010 Modified DORA Implementation
Notes	<p><u>Report on Meetings with President Waddoups, Speaker Clark and Senator Buttars</u></p> <p>Lisa-Michele Church reported she met with Senate President Michael Waddoups, House Speaker David Clark, and Senator Chris Buttars to discuss the distinction between the original DORA criteria and the new DORA criteria being used in Bear River (Cache County) and Southwest Utah (Iron and Washington Counties). She met with President Waddoups first and he was very complimentary of the modified DORA plan and told her the agencies had done a good job of making very limited resources go a long way. He was not concerned with the fact that the modified implementation plan deviated somewhat from the original DORA. Speaker Clark appreciated being updated on the implementation plan. When Lisa-Michele met with Senator Buttars he was very interested in all of the details. He was also very complimentary and Lisa-Michele told him they would provide him with regular update reports.</p> <p><u>Approve Revisions to DORA Implementation Guidelines</u></p> <p>Harold Morrill reviewed the proposed revisions to the DORA Implementation Guidelines included in the meeting materials and asked the Council for a motion to approve them.</p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Bill Cox made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the DORA Implementation Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mayor JoAnn Seghini and passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Approve Local Substance Abuse Authority DORA Plans</u></p> <p>Mary Lou Emerson reviewed the DORA SFY 2010 Plan. The plan included the six Local Substance Abuse Authority areas for DORA implementation, the estimated number of</p>

	<p>treatment slots, the amount of funding each area will receive, and the number of DORA AP&P agents assigned to each area. She explained each Local Authority was required to submit an implementation plan and the plans were reviewed by a committee.</p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Bill Cox made a motion to approve the six Local Substance Abuse Authority plans for SFY 2010 DORA implementation. The motion was seconded by Lou Callister and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	Update on DORA Pilot Study
Notes	<p>Dr. Chris Mitchell reported few results have changed since the November 2008 report. The main change is that approximately 85% of the offenders in the pilot and comparison groups have now completed probation, compared to 70% in the previous report. She also reported the DORA and Davis County comparison groups had higher rates of successful completion of probation than the Salt Lake County comparison group. Rates of post-supervision recidivism increased for all groups; however, the DORA and Davis County comparison groups had fewer new drug crime arrests than the Salt Lake County comparison group, although overall arrest rates were not different. Chris noted Audrey Hickert from the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center will give a more detailed presentation on the Pilot Study at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies on Thursday morning.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee Reports
Notes	<p><u>Anti-Violence and Justice</u> Scott Reed reported the Committee continues to ponder the anti-violence issue and how it relates to the Council, and noted they still haven't identified what their scope will be. Scott said one issue lingering for some time now is whether or not an objective, science-based procedure should be developed for scheduling controlled substances in Utah. A workgroup will be formed to explore this issue.</p> <p><u>DUI</u> Mary Lou Emerson reported the Committee received a presentation from an ignition interlock provider from Colorado, including suggestions about how to more effectively utilize this technology in Utah. The Committee will devote its next meeting to a discussion of interlock and other potential ways of improving Utah's response to DUI.</p> <p><u>Drug-Exposed Newborns</u> Lisa-Michele Church expressed appreciation to all of the agencies for their support. She reported they have had great success since Representative Ronda Menlove passed a bill in the 2008 Legislative Session requiring distribution of information to women about the dangers of drug use during pregnancy (<i>H.B. 38 – Education and Outreach Regarding Substances Harmful During Pregnancy</i>). They received funding from the Department of Health and have published an informational brochure that is being distributed to all relevant agencies. Another issue the Committee is working on is training doctors throughout the state regarding screening for substance abuse. Finally, new Division of Child and Family Services practice guidelines require prioritization of services for drug endangered children. Mary Lou Emerson reported the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice has recently approved additional funding for the Alcohol and Pregnancy Don't Mix Campaign, as well as funding for a statewide newborn substance abuse prevalence study.</p> <p><u>Prevention/UPAC</u> Verne Larsen reported the Committee met last week and Andrea Harris from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention was in attendance. Andrea was in Utah for a site visit with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health on prevention efforts, including the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive (SPF-SIG) grant. Verne said Ms. Harris was quite impressed with Utah's prevention efforts. Craig PoVey noted the site review went very well and they are waiting for the final report, which will be distributed to USAAV and UPAC.</p>

	<p>The Committee also received a presentation on prescription drugs and drug overdose deaths in Utah by Erin Johnson from the Department of Health. Finally, the Committee discussed the development of “talking points” that all agencies could use when responding to questions regarding prevention.</p> <p><u>Public Health</u> Commissioner Bill Cox reported the Committee has not met since the Legislative Session. He said he has had several conversations with Gary Edwards (Salt Lake Valley Health Department) and Gary House (Weber/Morgan Health Department) regarding the new decontamination guidelines, as well as about the legislation that permits property owners to do their own clean-up. The Committee will discuss these issues at their next meeting.</p> <p><u>Treatment</u> Harold Morrill reported the Committee meets on a monthly basis and has good attendance. Issues they are looking at include: continuation of state funding for treatment programs, making sure substance abuse and mental health benefits are included in the health reform package, and the implications of S.B. 81 (Illegal Immigration) for providing substance abuse services. A lawsuit regarding S.B. 81 is scheduled to be filed today and this will delay implementation.</p> <p>Harold said another issue the Committee is reviewing is the Utah law requiring suspension of the driver’s license for violations of the Controlled Substance Act. Casey Hill, Executive Director of the Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA), reported he has been approached by treatment providers in the Ogden area and in the Salt Lake area who said they have had a number of clients negatively affected by this law. Utah statute requires a six-month driver license suspension for any drug offense, regardless of whether the offense involves a motor vehicle or driving. The Utah law was enacted in response to Congressional action in the early 1990’s that directed states to require license suspension in order to not lose federal highway funds. Casey said the loss of the driver’s license can serve as a barrier to recovering persons trying to access treatment and hold down a job. The Council discussed this issue and Judge Michael Kwan asked if they had considered license reinstatement as a “carrot” to keep people engaged in treatment. He said they could avoid the federal problem by leaving the statute as is, but could add an amendment stating if a person is in substance abuse treatment or successfully completes treatment, the driver license will be reinstated. The Treatment Committee and the Anti-Violence and Justice Committee will continue to review this issue and will report back to the Council at the next meeting.</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	Council members were reminded of upcoming conferences, including the 5 th Utah Drug Endangered Children Conference on August 5-6, 2009 and the 2009 Sowing the Seeds of Recovery Conference on August 18-22, 2009. Judy Kasten Bell distributed brochures about the 18 th Annual Utah Domestic Violence Council Conference scheduled for September 15-17, 2009.
Next Meeting	Tuesday, August 25, 2009 – 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. – State Capitol Complex Senate Building, Copper Room (1st Floor)

Note: Copies of meeting materials are available upon request by contacting Mary Lou Emerson, USAAV Council Director, at (801) 538-1921 or memerson@utah.gov.