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**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (KCASAAB)**

**MEETING**

**November 10, 2011**

**KCASAAB Members Present:** Jim Benbow, Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Pat Godfrey, Mary Ann LaFazia, Esther Osborne, Robyn Smith, Sarah Swenson

**KCASAAB Members Absent:** Mike Elsner, Roger Goodman, Gina Grappone, (excused);  
Ruvyn Munden (unexcused)

**Guests Present:** Ardi Bury, Molly Carney, Therese Grant, Laura Hinton, Ron Jackson, Kevin Kincaid, Pat Knox, Peggy Papsdorf, Al Sweeten, Kristin Vitalich,

**Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) Staff Present:** Keri Acker-Peltier, Bryan Baird, Sean Davis, Jaci Oseguera, Jim Vollendroff, Jenna Wolfstone-Hay

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Board Chair Jim Benbow convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 11:35 a.m. The meeting was held at Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue, Seattle, conference room 123.

**I. Welcome and Introductions ~ Jim Benbow**

Jim welcomed everyone and introductions were made by each person in attendance. A quorum was present.

**II. Review / Approval of Minutes ~ Jim Benbow**

Minutes were approved by consensus, no revisions.

**III. Prevention Update ~ Sharon Toquinto**

King County has been participating in the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) Cohort 1 and we now have the first two of the required six communities for this biennium. The coalitions and communities are:

- Central Seattle Drug Free Communities Coalition, where the focus is on Garfield High School and Washington Middle School as well as the surrounding community
- Vashon Alliance to Reduce Substance Abuse, where the focus is on Vashon Island High School and McMurray Middle School as well as the surrounding community

Both of these communities were selected based on community need as demonstrated by numerous data indicators; level of readiness; the schools administrators' interest and agreement to participate; and, the Coalition membership interest and agreement to participate.

We must select at least two more communities by March 31, 2012. We have not decided at this time if we will issue a Request for Proposal for the additional communities or if we will use the same selection method that we used for our current two communities. We will make that decision by early next year and then inform you.

At this time we intend to continue to contract with your agency for prevention services January 1 through June 30, 2012. At the end of that time period, the prevention system as it has existed for several years will be discontinued and King County will move wholly to the Prevention Redesign system.

More information is available here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/SubstanceAbuse/Boards/AdministrativeBoard/Materials.aspx>. If you have any further questions, contact Sharon Toquinto at [sharon.toquinto@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sharon.toquinto@kingcounty.gov).

#### **IV. A/D Coordinator's Report ~ *Jim Vollendroff***

Jim spoke to the following points:

##### **a. Budget Update**

The proposed substance abuse reductions are quite significant, and would essentially eliminate all adult substance abuse funding for non PPW clients. King County would lose approximately \$15 million in substance abuse, non-Medicaid funding. Jim shared the Governor's proposed budget, just over \$30 million in reductions, is better than the DCHS budget of over \$73 million in reductions. The budget forecast is scheduled to be released November 17. This translates to the following adult programs (pregnant / parenting programs, and youth programs left unaffected), being eliminated:

- 2,200 opiate clients in methadone treatment would be placed in administrative detox; all would be discharged from treatment
- 4,000 individuals in outpatient treatment would cease and all would be discharged from treatment
- Involuntary commitment services discontinued
- Recovery Centers of King County serves about 3,300 admissions each year: this 40-year King County program would lose funding and be closed

- 154 residential beds eliminated in King County. These beds are from a combination of long-term recovery house and residential treatment programs.

Currently, there are a number of proposals on the table. MHCADSD estimates an \$8.5 million impact to King County as opposed to nearly \$15 million. Of that, the Gov budget is calling for a \$14.5 million reduction to outpatient and Detox services. For King County, this translates to approximately a \$4.2 million reduction. A substance abuse delivery system, that was once the envy of the nation, is on the brink of destruction. This crisis would destroy the substance abuse system as we know it today, and is all the more reason for a large showing of individuals at the Legislative Forum.

Other reductions include:

- The elimination of Disability Lifeline and ADATSA is an approximate \$1.5 million cut to King County, impacting 4,500 clients who will not receive services.
- There will also be a Detox limitation of two visits per calendar year, saving on average, statewide \$1.9 million. Also, the limitation of chemical dependency assessments to two per year would save \$188,000 statewide. A solution Jim would propose would be to look at MIDD, non-Medicaid funds. However, these funds are for outpatient, would require approval from the MIDD Oversight Committee, and ask for supplantation. The two Detox sessions would be paid with state dollars, the rest funded from MIDD supplantation.
- The loss of long-term and recovery house services, impacting Seattle Indian Health Board, Seadrunar, Genesis House.
- Elimination of community mobile association programs statewide.

**b. [Legislative Priorities](#)**

It was suggested by Joan Clement that it may be helpful if the boards endorse or publically support this revenue package. Also, have a member from each board go to the legislative forum and take a stand for it.

Linda Brown shared the MHAB members collectively crafted and passed the following motion at their November 8th meeting:

"Additional revenues are crucial to preserve essential mental health and chemical dependency services. The King County Mental Health Advisory Board and the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) will support reasonable measures to raise additional revenues to do so."

This motion was moved and adopted, as by KCASAAB members.

Jim Vollendroff suggested meeting with board member and state representative, Roger Goodman, to find potential avenues to increase revenue.

c. Other

Position papers were distributed to members that will be disseminated at the Legislative Forum that provide information on:

- Preserve funding for substance abuse prevention/treatment and community organizing programs
- Alcohol tax increase dedicated to fund substance abuse prevention and treatment programs

These can be found online here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/SubstanceAbuse/Boards/AdministrativeBoard/Materials.aspx>.

d. Introduction of Keri Acker-Peltier, New MHCADSD staff member/SBIRT grant update

Jim introduced and welcomed Keri, who is the new Project Program Manager III to coordinate and implement the WASBIRT-PCI Program: a five-year, \$8 million grant, the state of Washington applied for in partnership with King County to pilot this grant. King County is starting with three separate organizations in six clinics: Sea-Mar, Neighborcare, and public health clinics with a plan to roll out to all community health clinics within King County within the five years of the grant. Initially, the hiring of FTE's to perform screening and move to fee for service model in the future.

- **WASBIRT-PCI goals**
  - Include SBIRT services in community health care settings
  - Promote behavioral health and primary care integration
  - Incorporate Health Information Technology (HIT) into screening and referral processes
  - Increase referrals to and coordination with chemical dependency providers
  - Implement fee-for-service reimbursement for SBIRT
- **Project implementation**
  - **Administration of project:** Washington State Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery and King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division
  - **Providers of SBIRT services:** Seattle and King County Public Health Department and network of community health clinics (including federally qualified health centers)
  - **Electronic screening:** Add SBIRT to Mental Health Integrated Tracking System (MHITS)
  - **Evaluation:** Use administrative data to analyze outcomes and cost offsets

The county is primarily responsible for working with the community health clinics and the state at the local level to implement this project. This grant begins January 2012.

## V. Old Business

### [MIDD Update](#)

Linda Brown reported the MIDD OC invited John Gerberding, *Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney*, to discuss County email accounts, rather than using board member's personal email accounts, as a risk management strategy when conducting board and commission business. Jim Vollendroff suggested inviting Mr. Gerberding to speak at a future KCASAAB meeting.

The Crisis Diversion Facility (CDF) strategy is waiting for the judge's decision regarding the land use petition, delaying the opening of the CDF. The Mobile Crisis Team, a component of the CDF strategy, has started on November 1 on a pilot project basis. The Mobile Crisis Team is working with the King County Sheriff's office, Metro Transit Police, Sound Transit Police, and the City of Seattle East Precinct as well as the Kent Fire Department.

Dwight Dively, Office of Management and Budget Director, gave a 2012 budget update at the MIDD meeting that included the following:

- Supplantation will decrease to 30% in 2012
- Changes in the 2011 – 2012 budget differences overall is less than 1%.
- Overall budget is \$56.8 million for the MIDD
- Estimated sales tax revenue is \$45.9 million
- 2013 projected to have a \$2 million shortfall for the MIDD.

## VI. New Business

### [Nomination of Dr. Therese Grant](#)

Mary Ann LaFazia motioned and Pat Godfrey seconded to nominate Dr. Grant as a board nominee. The vote passed unanimously.

## VII. Agency and Other Concerns

The 15th Annual Legislative Forum is Thursday, November 17, 2011. This event is at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, 1245 10th Avenue East in Seattle, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Recording Secretary

Attested by:

Jim Benbow  
Board Chair