

Criminal Justice Health Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2010

Present Supervisor Susan Adams, David Augustus, Ed Berberian, Don Carney, Bruce Gurganus, Eric Engelbart, Heather Ravani, James Sellers, Julie Van Winkle, Larry Meredith, Mike Daly, Michael Mesmer, Laura Kantorowski, Marsha Grant, Jose Varela, John Hamel, Kim Turner, Charles Cacciatore, Susannah Clark

Next Meeting RESCHEDULED TO JULY 21 DUE TO BUDGET HEARINGS: July 28
Note: the CJBH committee meets quarterly on the 4th Wednesday.

9:35 Meeting called to order by Chair Supervisor Adams

- I. **Welcome And Introduction**
- II. **Minutes of January 27, 2010 meeting approved**
- III. **Presentation**
- IV. **Updates**

Presentation on sexual abuse prevention program. Ed Berberian made a presentation on sexual abuse prevention, including showing the film “Irreversible Consequences”. Effective prevention programs, particularly for young people, can provide them with the tools to make good decisions that will keep them out of the criminal justice system and out of situations that could be emotionally and physically damaging for years of their lives. Stranger rape probably accounts for less than 10% of the sexual abuse that occurs; it is predominately acquaintance rape that is the problem, and therefore was the subject of the film that was made. The Jeannette Prandi Children’s Center put together the film, written by Dr. Michael Grogan and John Aliotti, targeting high school and middle school students. The story centers around a 14 year old girl and an 18 year old boy who start communicating by texting and as the texting gets more suggestive and flirtatious, expectations are raised as they go to a party together. Under the influence of alcohol, the girl agrees to go into a bedroom with the boy and although she says she is not ready for this, they have sex. Days later the girl shares with a friend that she did not want it to happen, but it happened. Rumors spread, a report made to the DA, charges filed, and the boy is found guilty of rape. The closing image is of him in the DA’s office thinking of all the ways his future has so dramatically changed.

The film “Irreversible Consequences” was shown to all the classes at San Marin High and was followed up by guided discussions, broken up by males and females. So far 950 students have seen it and 40 parents as well. Girls and boys have different reactions to the film, who is to “blame”, who is more responsible for what happened, and a new awareness of the kinds of consequences were experienced as a result of the decisions each of the people involved made. Questionnaires are filled out by the students after viewing the film and going through the guided discussion, and the results are being tabulated and analyzed.

Reactions to the film were that it was impactful and should be shown to all high school students in Marin, and in order to be truly preventative, to middle school students. There were some suggestions about how to get this more broadly available, however, Ed noted that the guided discussion and hand-outs are an essential part of the experience. Also, comments were offered that it would be important to reflect the use of other substances in the youth community such as marijuana and prescription drugs. This particular film reflects white middle class communities and values and may not be effective in some other more diverse environments. In those other communities, you need to tune in to the particular culture you are targeting. Could grant money be identified to provide a more culturally diverse version, possibly mobile phone companies? (The Milagro Foundation funded Irreversible Consequences)

Updates:

Jail reentry. Dave Augustus reported that they are looking at grant funding to keep this program going. The jail study is in its final phase and a report will be coming to the Board of Supervisors the end of May.

Pretrial release. Mike Daly. On May 27, Judge Haakensen will hold a meeting to discuss a pretrial release program. The focus on this program is to keep families together, employed, and at the same time keep the costs of the program down. Other counties, because they have bigger numbers and bigger problems, they are way ahead of Marin on this.

Family Violence Court. Kim Turner said that these matters will now be in Judge D’Opal’s court starting in June. Family Court and Juvenile Court commissioners and support staff are going to a conference in San Diego, looking at collaboration issues and successful cross-over model programs. They hope to use the momentum from this to increase collaborations and best practices here.

Marin County is a pilot court, bringing in the ability to look at protective orders across jurisdictions, under the California Courts Protective Registry. Currently Marin is one of four, the others Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and Orange. Hopefully 20 more counties will be on board by the end of this year, and within 2 years all 58 counties. This involves the Sheriff’s Departments and courts, dealing with domestic violence, civil harassment, workplace violence, criminal, all protective orders issued by the court. This will mean that a sheriff’s deputy can pull up on his screen in his squad car the actual order.

Domestic Violence Coordinative Council. Ed Berberian reported that the court is in a hiatus with DVCC until they see that the council represents all of the interests. The council is working on this and they need the court's support. Meetings have been set up to address the bylaws which will be brought back to the council in June. Hopefully they will be ready to bring to the next meeting of the CJBH. The goal is to be inclusive and the groups representing the batterers have been included in the discussion as to how to adequately include the divergent interests. Spectrum will be invited to re-join. A comment was made that fundamentally the council needs to know what its identity is, is it a MAWS organization or a true collaboration? Ed confirmed that this is a state guided council and MAWS broke the ground in many ways to get this together, and while they have their own approach and views, it is a council where all the interests are included and no dominant leader.

Homelessness issues. Julie Van Winkle reported that the McKinny Vento process is gearing up. The committee is also looking at the findings from the needs assessment. There is a coordinating committee on May 6 if anyone is interested. Susan Adams commended the faith based community on providing shelter through the winter months. The county is currently looking for options for a more permanent solution that would provide services for up to 100 people. Exploration is underway on a couple of different sites as well as looking at the financial aspects, looking at grant opportunities and finance option.

Youth Courts. Don Carney reported that they no longer have access to the court facilities, and are now holding court at Juvenile Hall, which is cutting the capacity of the program from 6 to 3 cases a week. At Juvenile Hall they can't hold court in the evening. The caseload is picking up again. A grant will be submitted to Kaiser for a \$20,000 grant to work with the DUI group (90% of the cases are alcohol and drug related.)

Adult and Drug Court are now combined in one court starting April 1, saving time, staff and resources. Roy Chernus is presiding over both calendars. They have started to take out of custody felonies directly to court reducing the arraignment appearance. They are trying to remove the barriers and streamline case management, monitoring and supervision. Court staff is meeting May 6 to look at funding issues around adult drug court and Prop 36 and STAR. Larry Meredith reported that they have written a grant request for federal funding for treatment to replace general fund reductions. Also, a note re a fundraiser for the Helen Vine Center, there will be a special screening of "Touching Home" with Ed Harris starring, at the Rafael Theatre on May 5 at 6:45.

STAR. Bruce Gurganus reported that Joel Fay has been reassigned to bicycle patrol, but he will still be able to see his clients on the streets, but he won't be active in the program as he was before. Regarding the \$200,000 DOJ grant, Bruce would like to put this on the next meeting's agenda. May 20 Drug Court graduation. Bruce, DJ and Larry are talking about adding mental health services at Coastal Health and other clinics in the County as a result of the Sutter grant at Marin Community Foundation.

Budget impacts. Jose said the Public Defender's Office is looking at trying to maintain the social worker in their office. They have interns that are interested but they will need a supervisor. It could be that the schools could even be providing supervisory role as well.

More budget workshops coming up in May and hearings in July.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Transition Age Youth (Heather Ravani)

Department of Justice \$200,000 grant for mental health services (Bruce Gurganus)

Report on Jail reentry program (submitted to BOS in late May) (Dave Augustus)

Dates of interest:

May 5-screening of Touching Home, fundraiser for The Helen Vine Center (DJ Pierce)

May 6-meeting of Court staff to discuss funding issues around Adult Drug Court and

May 6: Coordinating committee meeting around homelessness issues (Julie Van Winkle)

Prop 36 and STAR programs (Kim Turner)

May 27- Judge Haakensen meeting re pretrial release program (Kim Turner)

May 20-Drug Court graduation (Bruce Gurganus)

Notes by Susannah Clark

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