

**MARION COUNTY
ALCOHOL & DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE
3886 Beverly Ave Bldg I, Suite 16
Salem, Oregon 97305**

**March 27, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jeff Puterbaugh, John Sauer, Lori Doede, Mat Barreiro, Ray Wilson, Dennis Gavin, Tim Murphy, Trish Davis, Wendy Holihan, Dana Kleis

Staff: Cary Moller, Jennifer Eskridge, Rod Calkins, Tami Goettsch, Teri Morgan, Scott Smith

Reported absences: Rod Calkins, Bob Thomas, Cari Fiske-Sessums

Guest:

Call to Order: Chair Ray Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Announcements:

- Quorum
- Debate – Recommendations to Commissioners regarding marijuana dispensaries
 - State has set forth regulations
 - Marion County opposed marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated counties
 - Will have moratorium – commissioner would like recommendations from the planning committee

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Approved

Application Review:

- **Application for Vacancies**
 - Applications review for Dana Kleis

- Ray Wilson made recommendation to commissioner for application approval
- Cathy Crocker to facilitate

Discussion:

➤ **Medical Marijuana Debate:**

- Need to have input to forward to commissioner
- County policy does not approve use of medical marijuana; Merinol is used.
 - Providers are concerned with marijuana dispensaries
 - Medical marijuana sometimes approved in terminal cases.
 - State may approve dispensaries but what about Federal?
 - How would this affect funding and how would dosages be controlled?
 - Is there a need for controlling dosages?
 - Differences of opinion on whether marijuana is a gateway drug.
 - Public Safety Committee to start holding meetings to discuss issue of dispensaries
- Discussion around resource allocation and community impact.
 - Are resources best used elsewhere?
- Group supported waiting before extending a recommendation to the Commissioner
 - This will allow more time to review policies
 - What will be the groups questions/recommendations be for the commissioner?
 - Is there any harm in waiting 150 more days?
 - Dispensaries have already become licensed but may not be in line with other business policies
- Motion made to allow 150 day moratorium to further discuss policies and regulations around medical marijuana dispensaries. Voted unanimous by group.

Presentation:

- Presentation on E-cigs to be brought to next meeting.

Presentation/Discussion:

➤ **Presentation on Heroin**

- Next month the group will receive a handout on how Vermont is dealing with this issue.

- Rise in Heroin and Opiate use in cities both large and small.
 - Bupernorphren now being abused.
 - Significant increase both locally and state-wide with Heroin addiction.
 - Heroin is readily available, plentiful and inexpensive.
 - Heroine was first developed as a pain reliever.
 - Deaths from Heroin overdoses are steadily increasing.
 - Usage is also increasing at juvenile level shown from positive Urine Analysis.
 - Heroin is more easily available now and that is the reason for the increase in usage of the drug.
- Mental Health facilities and other treatment facilities are working more closely together with assessments and links between mental health and drug usage
 - Drug use can exacerbate mental illness.
 - Unresolved mental health issues can lead to drug use.
- Discussion was held around solutions and what we can do as a committee to raise awareness regarding the Heroin problem

Discussion:

➤ **Prescription Drugs**

- Police Departments have drop boxes for prescription drugs and grants will allow for more boxes city and state-wide
- There will be 200 lock boxes handed out for families to secure prescription drugs at home; hopefully this summer.
 - Providing additional educational materials would be helpful.
 - Incentives for families that learn about and use the lock boxes to safely store prescription drugs may be helpful.
 - Follow up needed with a breakdown of who is abusing prescription drugs.
 - Conversation needed around preventative measures.
- Some communities are getting involved in discussions around healthy communities
 - Community leaders are getting involved in these discussions as well
 - These conversations are focusing on healthy communities as a whole and not just on drug use.

Discussion:

➤ **HAB**

- 187 water sources – they have regulatory policies.

- Environmental Health role/presentation
- Cary to provide minutes from material meeting regarding water quality issues if requested

Discussion:

- **Senior Forum**
 - No update

Discussion:

- **CCO Update**
 - No update

Agenda items for April 2014 LADPC Meeting:

- E-cig presentation
- Senior Forum

- ASIS review – target for May agenda
- Prevention & Healthy Communities – target for June agenda

Chair Ray Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Next meeting: April 24, 2014

*Meeting will continue to be at Beverly-building I Suite 16

Minutes by: Tanya Shackelford