

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (CAOD)**

**Meeting Minute Summary
December 13, 2023**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Bruce Boardman, Deena Duncan, Alicia Garoupa, Christina Gonzales, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, John Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, Howard Winkler, and G. Lola Worthington

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Rebecca Birotte, Jozef Essavi, Bennett Root, Jr.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Jeremiah Hart

GUEST REGISTER: Cherene Cexil and Antonne Moore

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs December 2023 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs November 2023 Minutes – Draft; Handout – 49 Million Americans Reported Substance Use Disorder in 2022

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	<p>Chair Deena Duncan, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest. Chair Duncan also asked the new commissioners from District 3, Avia Rosen and Charles Robbins to provide a brief background about themselves.</p> <p>Quorum present.</p>
2. Public Comments	No public comment.
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absences	<p>Commissioners Rebecca Birotte, Jozef Essavi, and Bennett Root, Jr. have asked to be excused from November meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Lou La Monte, Mark Mendoza, Jr., and Avia Rosen are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Vice Chair Anthony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Tonya McKenzie.</p>

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	Motion was unanimously carried.
4. Action on Meeting Minutes for November 2023 meeting	<p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion to remove Commissioner G. Lola Worthington's name from excused absence to move it to present, which was approved by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Velasco.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
5. Speaker: Cherene Cexil, Section Manager for Equitable Access and Promotion Section, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	<p>Cherene Cexil, Equitable Access and Promotion Section for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Campaign Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Partnered with an agency called Rescue • Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Metro rail kiosks ◦ Bus kings – ads on the side of the bus ◦ Radio/audio streaming ◦ Out of home billboards ◦ Influencers • Press Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ National Opioid Awareness Day - September 21 • Fentanylfrontline.com has a link to where you can access naloxone throughout Los Angeles County – pharmacies • Commissioner Lou LaMonte commented that the ad campaigns were sensational and job well done. • Commissioner Tonya McKenzie asked if any statistics were used to decide how much coverage were implemented in the different SPAs – research were conducted at the areas with the most increased overdose death rates, ED visits, and hospitalizations. • Commissioner Bruce Boardman asked if the County is eligible to do PSAs – Cherene will need to do some research • Commissioner Jerry G. Velasco commented that if SAPC distributed the ad campaigns to the Commissioners, they could take them to their own city and share them on their own cable station. Cherene will speak to leadership on this suggestion. • Commissioner Tonya McKenzie asked if SAPC gets the information from the Beach Cities. Cherene informed the commission that it's shared throughout Los Angeles County. No, the Beach Cities are not excluded. • Commissioner Amanda Cowan commented that LAODprevention.org is available that informs you of where you can obtain access to naloxone.

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6. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) on treatment and prevention program initiatives	<p>Antonne Moore, Branch Chief Strategic Network and Development for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control provided updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fentanyl Campaign is the largest campaign SAPC has done. • Martin Luther King Behavioral Health Center – Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outpatient services, residential services, residential withdrawal management services and Sobering Centers have opened ▪ Sobering center are seeing an uptick of people gaining access to the facility and SAPC has supported • Tuition Incentive Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opportunity for people who want to become SUD counselors ▪ Anticipating 144 participants to complete the course in the next few weeks ▪ SAPC is using Tarzana Treatment Center College as the educational center and looking to expand services • Substance Abuse Services Helpline (SASH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On July 1, 2022, SAPC took over the operations of SASH ▪ Abandonment rate is at 7% ▪ Hired five SUD counselors and two clinician intending to hire more and expand
7. Action on Dissolution of Adhoc Committee	<p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Velasco.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
8. Discussion concerning Commission Committee - Reports from the Policy and Planning and the AI-Impics Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI-Impics Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates since the last meeting • Education and Prevention Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Alicia Garoupa provided the following updates from the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speaker from Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles School Police Department presented on the diversion program and the gaps they face.
9. Administrative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dean Nakanishi met with his district health deputy (2nd) and discussed how he would like their district to play a role and be in sync with the commission. She would be willing to come speak

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Interest	<p>at a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Duncan and Vice Chair Bell came up with two strategic priorities which will be discussed at the next meeting.
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Next meeting date:

January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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