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ADPA News

♦ APDA recently won an enhancement grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This grant will improve treatment services for clients in the Co-Occurring Disorders Court Program (CODCP) in Los Angeles County (LAC). This court, founded in April 2007, is a collaboration with the Court, Probation Department, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, and the Sheriff's Department. The court serves clients sentenced to drug treatment under Proposition 36 who also have severe mental health problems. The enhancement grant will provide residential services at the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center in Acton. Clients will be non-violent felony drug offenders with substance abuse disorder and persistent mental illness who are homeless or risk homelessness, and who have had frequent criminal justice system and emergency services contacts. The grant will increase access to CODCP services, including continuing community treatment services that will support transitions from

residential to outpatient treatment. Additionally, the enhancement grant will allow for an increase in the number clients served by CODCP annually.

♦ On April 24th, the Boyle Heights Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community hosted a meeting with SAMHSA's Mark Weber for a discussion on health care reform and issues of mental health and substance abuse. The event drew a diverse group of health and social service representatives to share ideas for strengthening health access and care. Topics discussed included the funding of chronic health conditions, including treatment and prevention of alcohol and drug addiction; the role of the pharmaceutical industry in health reform; and the expansion of state initiatives, such as California's Prop. 63. SAMHSA has created an online resource for exchanging ideas about shaping America's health system as it affects mental health and substance abuse program services. To post your ideas, [click here](#).

♦ ADPA regularly gathers data on its programs, clients, and services in order to inform funding, requests for proposals, and services provided, and to gauge performance. LAC alcohol

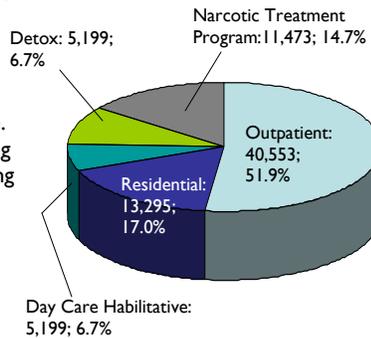
high-profile community collaboration projects, such as Project 50 and the Leavey Center, which provide and expand homeless services. In addition, he serves as the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Coordinator for LAC, where he works with 46 contracted DUI programs and sits on the State DUI Advisory Work Group. Prior to coming to ADPA, Tony was the executive director for a drug and alcohol program in Pasadena and has worked in this field for the past 15 years.

♦ **Jackalyn Moultrie** was promoted to the Adult Services and Program Development Section. Her responsibilities include managing and coordinating services for Los Angeles Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment Programs and the Probation Department's Adult Day Reporting Center projects.

Prior to this assignment, Jackie was the Commission Assistant for the Commission on Alcoholism for more than 10 years. She has been employed with Los Angeles County for over 25 years.

and other drug (AOD) programs offer a variety of treatment modalities. This chart indicates the types of treatment utilized during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

ADPA Total Participants by Treatment Type FY '07-'08



Commissions' Corner

Over 3,000 individuals and more than 50 community-based alcohol and drug service agencies will take part in the 36th Annual AI-Impics—a competitive celebration of wellness and sobriety. Established in 1973, the AI-Impics is an all-day event that will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at El Camino College Compton Center.

The event program consists of games for all age groups, competitive track and field, including 50- and 100-yard dashes, a 440-yard run, and a 440-yard relay. Other events include volleyball, basketball, weightlifting, entertainment and social games for children and teens.

In the spirit of the international Olympics, the AI-Impics opening ceremonies include a colorful parade of game participants displaying their sponsored agencies' banners.

In addition to honoring those in recovery, the AI-Impics also celebrates the hardworking community of providers and volunteers. Many partners work yearlong to make this event a success. Without them, the AI-Impics would not run nor grow as much as it has each year. Recovery is a difficult circumstance

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SAVE THE DATE!

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- ♦ **May 5-6:** [Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations \(CADA\) Public Policy Conference](#); Sacramento
- ♦ **May 15:** [Los Angeles County Annual Drug Court Conference](#); California Endowment, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. [Registration](#)
- ♦ **May 16:** [36th Annual Los Angeles AI-Impics](#); El Camino College Compton Center
- ♦ **May 18-19:** [Peer Advocate Smoking Cessation Training](#); ADPA Conference Rm. G, Alhambra.
- ♦ **June 10-13:** [National Association of Drug Court Professionals \(NADCP\) 15th Annual Training Conference](#); Anaheim
- ♦ **June 12:** [ADPA/UCLA/PSATTC Lecture Series, Effective Treatments for Problem Gambling and Smoking](#); Alhambra Auditorium. [Registration](#)

and one that is worthy of favorable recognition in Los Angeles County. Individuals work hard to stay in recovery. The AI-Impics is an event that recognizes this personal hard work. Let the Games Begin!

—Lola Worthington, Chair, Commission on Alcoholism

ADPA Staff Changes

♦ **Timothy Duenas** was recently appointed as the Director of the Community Planning and Program Evaluation Division for ADPA. This Division is responsible for the Annual Review of Adult Participants Report, the LACES project, Performance-Based Pilot Project, Department of Public Health program performance initiatives, epidemiology and related surveillance projects, strategic planning, grant proposals, and competitive solicitations. Tim previously managed prevention, youth, and criminal justice programs, such as Drug Courts, and has over 19 years of experience at ADPA.

♦ **Tony Hill** was appointed as ADPA's Head Contract Program Auditor. Tony supervises a team of Senior Contract Program Auditors and is responsible for the monitoring and compliance of over 650 contracts. He represents ADPA on



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The ADPA Bulletin is an electronic publication aimed at informing ADPA's network of contracted alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, and recovery service providers of relevant AOD news at the local, state, and federal levels.

To submit stories, suggestions, or comments, please write to Alexandra Bruehl at abruehl@ph.lacounty.gov

ADPA Collaborative Projects

◆ The Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (PSATTC) received a grant from the California Endowment for a project to further the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment's (NIATx) process improvement-oriented aims via collaborative relationships among AOD treatment agencies. This statewide project divides California into five regional collaboratives. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Programs, Helpline Youth Counseling, and Phoenix Houses of California are representing Los Angeles in the **Southern California Collaborative**. Agencies involved in the project will use the ACTION campaign's resources to make small changes to improve client engagement and retention. PSATTC will host monthly conference calls where participants can share their experiences and receive technical assistance. For further information, please go to the [ACTION campaign](#) and [NIATx](#).

◆ ADPA collaborated with USC, UCLA-ISAP/PSATTC, Prototypes, the Claremont Graduate University School of Community and Global Health, and Promotoras to present **"Health Effects of Alcohol: What Your Patients and Clients Need to Know"** on April 3, 2009. Speakers included Drs. Michel Mendler, Sammy

Research News

◆ The **ADPA Vivitrol Demonstration Project** was designed to show the effectiveness of Vivitrol in combination with psychosocial treatment approaches. Effectiveness of the project was measured by improvements in engagement and retention in treatment and relapse reduction among clients with histories of chronic alcohol problems and difficulties with craving. Vivitrol works by blocking the euphoria associated with alcohol use. Prototypes, Tarzana Treatment Center, and Behavioral Health Services participated in the project, which found that Vivitrol was effective in controlling crav-

ing and had few sides effects. [For more information about the project, please click here.](#)

◆ The Marin Institute reported on the **Annual Catastrophe of Alcohol in California: Los Angeles County**. According to their research, deaths and incidents related to alcohol use and abuse cost Los Angeles \$10.8 billion annually. The below chart outlines these costs.

Problem	Deaths	Incidents	Total Costs
Illness	1,370	13,558	\$5.4 billion
Traffic (DUI)	193	51,665	\$2.0 billion
Other Injury	507	10,924	\$1.0 billion
Crime	227	166,118	\$2.4 billion
Total	2,297	242,265	\$10.8 billion

Saab, Stephen Pandol, and Barbara Mason. Attendees learned about alcohol use and liver disease, obesity, pancreatic disease, hepatitis, and about medications to treat alcoholism. To view slides from these presentations, please click here to visit [ADPA's Lecture Series page](#).

◆ The **Seventh Annual Conference on Co-Occurring Disorders (COD)** took place on March 31-April 1 at the Long Beach Convention Center. Speakers and attendees came together to discuss the high prevalence of COD among individuals who abuse substances and how to best provide services for them. Integrating treatment services that are generally handled separately—such as substance abuse and mental health treatment and assistance in housing, education, and parenting—was seen as paramount for providing effective care. Transformational, systemic change must be collaborative and employ a common language.

◆ The **Dependent Youth Substance Abuse Treatment Project** is a collaborative project among the LAC Dependency Court, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and ADPA and 14 of its youth-specific contract agencies. Judge Michael Nash initiated this project in February 2007 to establish a procedure to identify dependent youth with possible sub-

stance abuse issues, and provide a voluntary systematic process for referral, assessment, and treatment services.

The project expanded from three courtrooms to seven in July 2008, and to all 20 dependency courtrooms in March 2009. As the project expands Countywide, ADPA and its youth treatment contract agencies continue to seek ways to improve implementation, collaboration, and ultimately access to services for dependent youth and are soliciting suggestions from providers to this end. Continually addressing process improvement and collaboration across agencies will further advance the project's goal of achieving the well-being of dependent youth and minimizing their chance of cross-over to the delinquency system.

◆ ADPA is teaming up with the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Office of Tobacco Control** to provide trainings in peer-led smoking cessation. Aimed at individuals with mental illness and/or substance use issues, this program trains peer counselors or consumers who themselves have quit smoking to increase awareness through targeted education, link consumers to treatment services, and

Important Legislation

AB 1019 (Beall): This bill would establish the Alcohol-Related Services (ARS) Program and Fund to help pay for some of the social and medical costs of alcohol. Alcohol wholesalers would be required to pay a 10 cents per drink fee. This money would be placed in the ARS Fund to pay for five groups of services: 1) Treatment and Recovery; 2) Emergency Room and Trauma; 3) Hospitalization and Rehabilitation; 4) Criminal Justice and Enforcement; and 5) Prevention, Education, and Research.

AB 217 (Beall): AB 217 establishes the Medi-Cal Alcohol and Drug Screening and Brief Intervention Services Program, which would provide voluntary and confidential screening, brief intervention and referral and to treatment (SBIRT) for pregnant women or women of childbearing age on Medi-Cal. This bill is contingent on the availability of federal funds for the program and local governments would be responsible for providing, documenting, and reporting all SBIRT services.

SB 707 (DeSaulnier): This bill seeks to establish statewide guidelines for licensure, registration, and certification requirements, and fees for alcohol and other drug counselors. If passed, this bill would take effect on January 1, 2011.

California Statewide Special Election

On May 19, Californians will vote on several propositions aimed at balancing the state budget. Of great importance to the AOD community is **Proposition IE**, which will redirect Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to the General Fund, thereby taking a total of \$460 million away from MHSA funds. This could have important effects on COD clients in the form of a loss of available services. MHSA funds also pay for services that promote interagency collaboration; Proposition IE may therefore hinder efforts to provide integrated treatment for those suffering from COD.

advocate on the peers' behalf. [To learn more and register, please click here.](#)