

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

Meeting Summary – December 9, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Deena Duncan, Lou La Monte, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian, Bennett Root, Jr., Monica Sanchez, Johng Ho Song, Denise Tom, Jerry G. Velasco, Wendie Warwick, Howard Winkler and G. Lola Worthington

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Cruz Baca, Joseph Essavi, Roger Gertmenian, Jihan Judeh and Sharon Shelton

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Jack Hadjinian

GUEST REGISTER: Francisco Reyes, Dr. Gary Tsai

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: CAOD December 2020 Agenda; CAOD Meeting Minutes 11.18.20 – Draft; Handout - 2020 CAOD Strategic Priorities - Draft; Handout - CAOD 2020 Annual Report – Draft; Handout - CAOD 2021 Proposed Calendar; Handout - CAOD Presentation (12-8-20)

Topic	Discussion/Finding	Recommendations, Action, Follow-up
1. Call to Order	First Chair Bennet W. Root, Jr., County of Los Angeles, to the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) Policy and Planning Committee convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.	
2. Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Root asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest.	
3. Motion to Excuse Absences	Quorum present. Chair Root asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioners Cruz Baca, Joseph Essavi, Roger Gertmenian, Jihan Judeh and Sharon Shelton from today's meeting.	Chair Root entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Lou La Monte seconded by Com. Jerry G. Velasco and approved. Motion was unanimously carried.

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4. Approval of Minutes	Chair Root asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting.	Chair Root entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Sharona R. Nazarian seconded by Com. Tony Bell and approved. Motion was unanimously carried.
5. Presentation	<p>Gary Tsai MD, FAPA, FASAM, Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) gave a presentation.</p> <p>Dr. Tsai gave an overview of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control budget highlighting their main local funding streams.</p> <p>The speaker went on to discuss the short and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on recovery and substance use disorder systems (SUD).</p> <p>Dr. Tsai then discussed vaccine prioritization for the SUD population and logistical challenges with the vaccination's distribution.</p> <p>He also discussed that SAPC has been communicating with Los Angeles County Mental Health department concerning integrated health facilities and SUD issues affecting those in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Dr. Tsai said the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs could partner with SAPC through to enhance the SUD system's visibility and the broader healthcare system's focus on SUD's. As well as, supporting initiatives and legislation that support strengthening both the quality and quantity of the SUD workforce.</p> <p>Commissioners inquired about COVID-19 educational outreach, CARES act funding, patient COVID-19 screening and COVID-19 dosing.</p>	
6. Annual Report	The Chair discussed the Annual Report. The Commissioners were informed that a color-coded draft of the 2020 Annual report was submitted to each of them as a handout for the meeting. Several Commissioners were assigned to work on portions of the Annual Report. However, Commissioners were informed if they have suggestions or revision for any part of the Annual Report to please submit the information to the commission liaison.	

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	The Commissioners also discussed CAOD 2020 Strategic Priorities in relation to the Annual Report.	
7. Nominating Committee	<p>It was determined that an oversight was made with the formation of ad-hoc Nominating Committee at the last meeting due to this an item concerning the Nominating Committee was added to the agenda per Civil Code §4930(d).</p> <p>The Commissioners proposed to add Juan Navarro and Jerry G. Velasco as members at large to the ad-hoc Nominating Committee in adherence with the CAOD bylaws.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee now consist of the following members:</p> <p>Cruz Baca - First District John Ho Song - Second District Sharona R. Nazarian - Third District Deena Duncan - Fourth District Tony Bell - Fifth District Juan Navarro - Member at Large Jerry G. Velasco - Member at Large</p>	<p>Chair Root made a motion which was seconded by Com. Sharona R. Nazarian and approved. Motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Chair Root made a motion which was seconded by Com. Sharona R. Nazarian and approved. Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
8. Calendar	The Commissioners received a proposed 2021 calendar as a handout for the meeting. They were informed that the meeting scheduled for January 13, 2021 will begin at 10:00 a.m. in order to accommodate the speaker.	
9. Chair Report	The Chair spoke to the Commissioners about the importance of speaking to their representatives concerning vacancies on commission.	
10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No comments.	
11. Public Comments	No Public Comment	
12. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Commission	Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.	

Next meeting date:
January 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.