

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

Meeting Summary – August 14, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Deena Duncan, Lou La Monte, Jihan Mockridge, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian (Chair), Mordechai Polityko, Bennett Root, Monica Sanchez, Denise Tom, Jerry G. Velasco, Howard Winkler and G. Lola Worthington (via conference call)

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Jozef Essavi, Roger Gertmenian, Sharon Papa, Sharon Shelton, Johng Song, Wendie Warwick and Kynna Wright

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control; Cindy Harding, Department of Public Health; Francisco Reyes, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control; Christina Vane-Perez, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Meeting Agenda; June Meeting Minutes; Addressing Youth Access to All Tobacco Products Presentation; CAOD Bylaws

Topic	Discussion/Finding	Recommendations, Action, Follow-up
Call to Order	Chair Nazarian, County of Los Angeles, to the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.; a quorum was present.	
Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Nazarian asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests. Chair Nazarian introduced Jerry G. Velasco, newly appointed Commissioner to the First District.	

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Motion to Excuse Absences	Chair Nazarian asked for a motion to excuse the absences of Commissioners Jozef Essavi, Roger Gertmenian, Sharon Papa, Sharon Shelton, John Song, Wendie Warwick and Kynna Wright.	Chair Nazarian entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Winkler, seconded by Com. Root and approved. Motion was unanimously carried.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the June 12, 2019 Meeting.	<p>Correction to the June meeting minutes – Com. Worthington’s absence on June 12, 2019 was excused.</p> <p>Chair Nazarian entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. La Monte, seconded by Com. Root and approved. Motion was carried with one abstention.</p>

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<p>Presentation: Addressing Youth Access to All Tobacco Products</p> <p>Presenter: Tonya Gorham Gallow, MSW Program Director, Tobacco Control and Prevention Program, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health</p>	<p>The Tobacco Control and Prevention Program is here to share new data on youth e-cigarette and tobacco use, provide a brief overview of the existing Tobacco Retail License Program and an update on policy efforts to strengthen the County's Tobacco Retail License Program.</p> <p>The current County Tobacco Retail License (TRL) was adopted in 2007 to discourage the purchase and use of tobacco products by minors and protect children from being lured into illegal activity through the misconduct of adults. The current TRL does not regulate the sale of electronic smoking devices (i.e. e-cigarettes, e-hookah and vapes) or vape shops.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance to strengthen to County's TRL will require a license to sell vape/e-cigarette devices, prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products (including those containing menthol), require minimum pack size for little cigars and cigarillos and require a business license for tobacco/vape only retailers.</p> <p>If a retailer is caught selling tobacco to a minor, they face a 30-day suspension for their first violation.</p> <p>Question and Answer Period:</p> <p>Question from Com. La Monte – Regarding pharmacies not selling tobacco, would this also apply to a pharmacy located within a supermarket? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – Yes, it would include supermarkets.</p> <p>Question from Com. Root – How much illegal sales are going on? Any data on unlicensed stores? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – We don't have those numbers. The majority of tobacco retailers are licensed through the state and</p>	<p>Com. La Monte recommends adding this topic to the September 11, 2019 meeting agenda.</p>

	<p>then either through the city or county, depending on their local jurisdiction.</p> <p>Question from Com. Sanchez – How many cities in Los Angeles have tobacco retail licenses? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – About 47, but the number is changing rapidly.</p> <p>Question from Com. Sanchez – Is there a fine or fee imposed with a license violation? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – Generally the suspension hurts the retailer more than the fee, but the fee is part of the provision.</p> <p>Statement from Com. Velasco – Surprised that retailers aren't facing steeper fines and are given multiple chances to violate the law; feels the City of Los Angeles is stricter than the County.</p> <p>Question from Com. Tom – It is important to hear what the youth opinion is. What can be done on the front end to prevent youth from using these products? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – We are looking at a messaging campaign directed toward youth similar to the Bigger Choices campaign.</p> <p>Question from Com. Root – has anyone looked into additives that would make flavors unappealing? Per Ms. Gorham Gallow – Would have to explore this but would think it would have to be an FDA regulation.</p>	
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<p>Presentation: AI-Impics</p> <p>Presenters: Cherene Cexil, Senior Marketing Analyst, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control and Donna Dawkins, HOPICS</p>	<p>AI-Impics will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Harbor College. Last year's event had over 3500 people in attendance. Volunteers are needed for this year.</p>	
<p>Discussion and Action – Commission Bylaws</p>	<p>Chair Nazarian reviewed changes made to Bylaws based on discussion at June 12, 2019 CAOD meeting.</p>	<p>Chair Nazarian entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Polityko, seconded by Com. Tom and approved. Motion was carried with one abstention.</p>
<p>Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)</p>	<p>Michelle Gibson, Chief, Strategic and Network Development Branch of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), provided an update.</p> <p>Commission was provided a report titled “Update on Substance Use Disorders and Other Related Board Correspondence.” This report will be provided monthly from now on.</p> <p>Highlights from report – Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroups and Student Well-being Centers.</p> <p>Per Ms. Gibson, there were three questions which weren't answered by the Health Deputies during the June meeting.</p> <p>Question 1 - How is the Board of Supervisors (BOS) supporting/promoting bridges between SUD and Mental Health?</p> <p>SAPC is in the process of developing Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) rates for individuals with co-occurring mental health conditions who need</p>	

residential treatment. This includes communications with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) on how best to implement this service. DPH/SAPC, DMH, Probation, and other County Departments, community-based organizations, and the public are meeting regularly to implement a Board of Supervisors directed plan known as the Alternatives to Incarceration Committee to improve services and outcomes for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) conditions to prevent initial arrest and through the pre- and post-conviction continuum.

Question 2 - Where will the cannabis taxes go? Drug prevention, education, etc.? Are there safeguards to see that these taxes are not diverted to other areas?

SAPC's Community and Youth Engagement Chief within the Prevention Services Branch will be participating on a conference call in the near future, we should have more information on this soon.

Question 3 - What is the plan to improve the SUD system of care for youth which is currently geared toward adults?

SAPC is expanding prevention services through directly operated services including the Student Wellbeing Centers which will be located in 50 high schools throughout the County and seven Connecting to Opportunities for Recovery and Engagement (CORE) Centers within Public Health Centers and the Wellness Center at LAC+USC Medical Center, in addition to new partnerships with the Department of Parks and Recreation and County Libraries. SAPC continues to partner with Youth SUD Network Providers through regular meetings and will begin policy-oriented discussions to better understand how to address youth needs within the DMC framework at upcoming meetings. Youth SUD Network Providers and others also participate in regular meetings facilitated by the California Community Foundation to address this topic and other program sustainability matters. The

	SUD Treatment Provider Manual also addresses youth specific services and requirements.	
Chair's Report	Per Chair Nazarian, Dr. Ferrer will be presenting to the Commission in November. She has asked what specific topics and questions we would like covered. Please give this some thought and we will collect this information next month.	
Committee Reports	No Comment	
Comments from Commissioners	No Comment	
Public Comments	No Comment	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.	

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, A-9 East Ground Floor G-2 Conference Room, in Alhambra.
Committees will meet at 12 noon at the same location.**