

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
April 10, 2024**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Deena Duncan Alicia Garoupa, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Charles Robbins, Ruben Rodriguez, Avia Rosen, Jerry G. Velasco, and G. Lola Worthington

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Amanda Cowan, Edward Elizalde, Jozef Essavi, Christina Gonzales, Bennett Root, Jr., Johng Ho Song, and Howard Winkler

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: N/A

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson, SAPC and Jae Canas, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and University of California, Los Angeles Partnership for Wellbeing

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April 10, 2024 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs March 2024 Minutes – Draft; Education and Prevention January 2024 Meeting Minutes – Draft; PowerPoint Presentation: Youth Opioid Response

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Tony Bell, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 12:37 P.M. Chair Tony Bell asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests. Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No public comment.
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absences	Commissioners Amanda Cowan, Edward Elizalde, Jozef Essavi, Christina Gonzales, Bennett Root, Jr., and Johng Ho Song have asked to be excused from the April 2024 meeting. Commissioner Bruce Boardman and Lou LaMonte are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449. Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Tonya McKenzie. Motion was unanimously carried.

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4. Action on Meeting Minutes for March 2024 meeting	<p>Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Deena Duncan.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes for March 13, 2024.</p>
5. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) on treatment and prevention program initiatives	<p>Michelle Gibson, MPH, Deputy Bureau Director for Treatment Services of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) mentioned about a recent meeting with Dr. Tsai and Chair Bell in regards to the interests and priorities of the Commission. Michelle asked the commissioners if there were any topic areas that they would like to focus on to provide specific updates. Some of the topics brought up included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposition 1: Commissioners would like to be informed of what SAPC would like to achieve with this and want to help where they can. SAPC is partnering up with Department of Mental Health through Mental Health Services Act funding. Engaged with developing a residential withdrawal management at LA General Hospital formerly LAC+USC. • Youth Prevention Treatment – Partnering up with schools, LACOE and LAUSD. Not being able to get people treatment, what are the current barriers and disconnect. Is there a cohesiveness between SAPC, police departments on implementing programs with schools to work with youth? • Commissioner Velasco suggested to meet with school superintendents and potential role Commissioners can assist with. • State and federal legislations and the County efforts, ordinances, motions, and initiatives • This year, the Commission will be focusing mainly on youth.
6. Speaker: Jae Canas, MPH, Youth Opioid Response	<p>Jae Canas, MPH, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and University of California, Los Angeles Partnership for Wellbeing presented on the Youth Opioid Response. Some of the topics discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Los Angeles County Youth Opioid Response work is a combined effort of DHS, DMH, DPH-SAPC, DCFS, Probation, and the Office of Child Protection funded by a State grant. • Youth Engagement – Engage, Educate, and Elevate • Youth Recruitment • Youth Program – Activities, Check-ins, Energy Infusers • Facilitator Characteristics • Youth Data Gathered – Youth, Substance Use, Programming • Learnings • Future Directions
7. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed Strategic Priority 2 and the goals that Commissioner Garoupa had re-wrote and came up with and will remain a working document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal 1: Prevention/SUD Education ▪ Goal 2: Intervention/Increased Access to SUD Care for Youth • AI-Impics Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date is set for September 14, 2024 at the Harbor City College ○ KTLA Street Team is one of the sponsors

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is still looking to get more sponsors and celebrity to be face of event ● Meetings at the Hall of Admin (HOA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Bell reserved a room at the HOA, the Civil Brand Commission Room, Suite 372 from May – November 2024; December’s meeting will be that the hearing room for the Board of Supervisors ○ Chair Bell entertained a motion to hold the meetings from May – December 2024 at the HOA which was moved to approve by Commissioner Lou La Monte and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman. The motion was unanimously carried to approve pending if parking passes would be available to the commissioners. ○ Commissioner Duncan recommended an amendment to have it held every other month.
8. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Next meeting date:

May 8, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

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