

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
May 8, 2024**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Amanda Cowan, Edward Elizalde, Jozef Essavi, Alicia Garoupa, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Charles Robbins, Ruben Rodriguez, Avia Rosen, John Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Deena Duncan, Bennett Root, Jr., Howard Winkler, and G. Lola Worthington

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: N/A

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson, SAPC and William Gould, SAPC

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May 8, 2024 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April 2024 Minutes – Draft; PowerPoint Presentation: Reaching the 95% (R95) Overview; Policy and Legislative Updates May 2024; 21st Annual Leadership Conference – LA County on the World Stage Flyer

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 12:36 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 Deena Duncan, Bennett Root, Jr., Howard Winkler, and G. Lola Worthington have asked to be excused from the May 2024 meeting. Commissioner Amanda Cowan, Lou LaMonte, and Charles Robbins are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449. Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jozef Essavi and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro. Motion was unanimously carried.
4. Action on Meeting Minutes for April	Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tonya McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Christina Gonzales.

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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) provided an overview of reaching the 95% (R95) to the commission. Some of the topics shared included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of people who need treatment, don't want or don't access it • Taking a different approach to address substance use disorders • Connect to those that need treatment services, but aren't ready • R95 Initiatives – Capacity Building Efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New referral partnerships – find more agency to refer to treatment program ○ New field-based services sites – go to locations where people prefer to get services ○ Lowering the bar for admissions – encourage patients to come to program ○ Raising bar for discharges – discourage patients from leaving ○ Leveraging engagement policy ○ Evaluating service design – ensure environment is inviting ○ Customer walk-throughs – admission process as a patient ○ Bi-directional referrals – work with harm reduction providers • R95 Admission Policy • Admission Recovery Goals – Abstinence and Non-Abstinence • R95 Discharge Policy • R95 Initiatives – Incentives • Commissioner Christina Gonzales commended Michelle on the presentation as it was clear and concise. She also asked if agencies that couldn't participate in the R95 initiative this year would be able to participate next year. Michelle responded yes. • Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Jr. also commended that the presentation was easy to understand and applaud the work that SAPC is doing. • Commissioner Bruce Boardman praised Michelle on the presentation specifically the breakdown of the 5%. He would like to see the breakdown of what the 5%'s actual numbers are and work with SAPC on strategies to help the 4% participants. • Commissioner Alicia Garoupa commented if there was public awareness similar to the fentanyl frontline work that may reach out to the audience. Michelle mentioned that Antonne Moore's team works on the public media campaigns and can share details • Commissioner Dean Nakanishi commented that AADAP leveraged the R95 funds to attempt to do outreach in the API community and solicited event to 2,000 people and only 4 people showed up. Will be strategizing and revamp the event. • Add Chair Bell onto the listserv and requested to get updates from Antonne Moore's team on marketing projects they're working on • Commissioner Lou La Monte commented that it is great to see progress and the effort of SAPC.

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<p>6. Discussion on updates for Policy and Planning Legislatives</p>	<p>William Gould, Policy and Strategic Initiatives Section, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control provided updates on the following bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB915 – Drug education: opioid overdose training program – naloxone for school campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 1, 2023 – in committee: held under submission • AB2711 – Suspensions and expulsions: controlled substances: tobacco, alcohol, plans and protocols – school would establish a plan for students to be referred to substance use community-based services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 30, 2024 – Re-referred to Com. on APPR • AB941 – Controlled substances: psychedelic-assisted therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 4, 2024 – from committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend and re-refer to Com. on Health. Read 2nd time and amended. • SB1012 – Regulated Psychedelic – assisted Therapy Act and Substances Control Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 8, 2024 – Placed on APPR suspense file • AB1510 – Fighting Fentanyl Bond Act of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 13, 2023 – Read second time and amended • AB1842 – Health care coverage: Medication-assisted treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 29, 2024 – In Senate. Read first time. • AB2651 – Alcohol drug counselors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 16, 2024 – From committee: Re-refer to Com. on APPR (Ayes 17 and Noes 0) • AB2893 – The Shared Recovery Housing Residence Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 24, 2024 – From committee: Re-refer to Com. on APPR (Ayes 14. Noes 0) • AB3195 – Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bill is dead and not moving along. • SB495 – Alcoholic beverages: deliveries: off-sale retail licenses and consumer delivery service permits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 8, 2023 – Referred to Assembly Com. on Governmental Organization • SB969 – Alcoholic beverages: entertainment zones: consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 28, 2024 – Set for hearing March 12 • SB21 – Controlled substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 2, 2024 – Read second time and amended • SB1502 – Controlled substances: xylazine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 26, 2024 – Set for hearing on May 6, 2024 <p>Chair Tony Bell asked for volunteers to put together an Adhoc Committee to look into AB2651 and other future bills the commission may take a stand on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Bruce Boardman and Commissioner Juan Navarro volunteered <p>Bill will distribute a fact sheet for AB2651 and asked the commission if they had specific questions to this bill.</p>

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7. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly appointed Commissioner Chief Edward Elizalde was asked to introduce himself. • AI-Impics Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flyer will be distributed for the event if any person/organization wishes to participate ○ The committee is looking for sponsorships from organizations in the community • The Board of Supervisors invited the commission to the 2024 Leadership Conference – LA County on the World Stage on June 20, 2024. Chair Tony Bell asked for volunteers. Attendee would include Chair Tony Bell, Commissioner Tonya McKenzie, and Commissioner Christina Gonzales.
8. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

Next meeting date:
 June 12, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.
 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 500 W. Temple Avenue, Sybil Brand Commission Room, Suite 372
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