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**STATE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE
MEETING MINUTES**

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**American Family Insurance Conference Center
6000 American Parkway Madison, WI 53783
Room A3141**

Members Present: Mark Seidl, Joyce O'Donnell, Representative John Townsend, Sandy Hardie, Greg Phillips, Duncan Shrouf, Michael Waupoose, Blinda Beason, Gary Sumnicht, John Easterday, Janet Nodorft, Scott Stokes, Coral Butson, Rebecca Wigg-Ninham,

Members Excused: Douglas Englebert, Linda Mayfield, Mary Rasmussen, Renee Chyba, Pamela Phillips,

Members Absent: Eileen Mallow

Ex-Officio Members Present: Linda Preysz, Larry Kleinsteiber

Ex-Officio Member Excused: Ray Luick

Ex-Officio Member Absent: Thomas Heffron, Roger Johnson, Randall Glysch, Colleen Baird or Jeff Scanlan.

Staff: Sue Gadacz, Lori Ludwig, Kate Johnson, Jerry Livings, Gail Nahwahquaw, Susan Endres, Kathy Thomas, Rachel Currans-Sheehan

Guests: Mark Campbell, Mike Bachhuber, Harold Gates, Dave Macmaster, Jill Kenehan-Krey, Jodi Lopez, Denise Johnson, Bill McCulley, Manny Scarbrough, Linda Pastor.

I. Introductions/Welcome/Agenda—Mark Seidl

At 9:15 A.M., due to weather difficulties, there was still not a quorum present. Kathy Thomas reported that SCAODA can still hold a meeting and ascertain "the opinion of the members." Mark Seidl called the meeting to order, thereafter. He introduced himself and asked the group to introduce themselves. Mr. Seidl welcomed Rebecca Wigg-Ninham, the newest member of SCAODA, representing the Governor's Law Enforcement Commission.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes—Mark Seidl

At 9:30 a.m. there wasn't a quorum. Approval of the minutes was held. Additional SCAODA members arrived by 9:45 and a quorum was achieved. Mr. Seidl asked for approval of the September 11, 2009 meeting minutes. **Joyce O'Donnell moved for approval of the minutes, Greg Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.**

III. Secretary Timberlake—Department Updates

John Easterday reported that unfortunately Secretary Timberlake was pulled in another direction this morning and was unable to attend. Dr. Easterday reported that Secretary Timberlake would attend either the March or June SCAODA meeting.

IV. Public Input/Synar Report Comments—Mark Seidl

There were no requests from the public to address the Council. Sue Gadacz reported that the public comment period for the Synar Report had closed because the report was due and submitted on December 30th, 2009. Tan Feiner, Coordinator for the Synar program, addressed the comments that she did receive, Ms Gadacz reported.

V. State Plan for Independent Living—Mike Bachhuber, Executive Director of Independent Living Council of Wisconsin

Mike Bachhuber was delayed by the weather, but was eventually able to attend and give a report. He distributed to the group a brochure titled "Independent Living: Centers, Coalition, Council of Wisconsin. Eight independent Living Centers' contact information were listed, as well as service and client information. The Independent Living Council, he reported is a Council appointed by the governor to work with disability groups and to promote independent living. His purpose in presenting to SCAODA is to gain input into the planning process and make SCAODA aware of its services. Broadly, the purpose of the Council is to promote consumer control, equal access, peer relationships and self-advocacy. The Independent Living Centers provide information, assistance and referral, skills training, advice, devices, whatever is needed. Services are for all ages and all disabilities. They are in the process of developing their next Plan to be finalized October 1, 2010. Traditionally, the Independent Living Council would address barriers, housing, long term care services, and access to employment. People with alcohol and drug abuse problems is a disability group the Independent Living Council and Centers try to serve. He wanted an opportunity to open dialogue with this group. Gail Nahwahquaw asked about the Independent Living Council's relationship with Independence First, an agency that needs funding for AA and NA deaf interpreting. Mr. Bachhuber indicated that the Independent Living Centers receive funding. Independence First is a provider. The Centers, he continued, try to include all disability groups, and will serve the deaf. They try to make services available in different formats and modalities. He mentioned CART, a real time transcription service. Ms Nahwahquaw asked if the Independent Living Council or Centers could fund Independence First. Mr. Bachhuber indicated that all the Centers provide referrals for interpreting services. He also reported that there are too few interpreters to meet the need; and too few funds to fund the interpreters. He indicated that the Independent Living Council would fund programs to develop more interpreters. In general, services required under the Americans with Disabilities Act are

covered. The Independent Living Council's role is to provide information to groups to make sure that happens. Manny Scarbrough asked for information from an individual's perspective. Mr. Bachhuber gave an example of a drunk driver facing eviction. A person from the Independent Living Center would be assigned to work with that person to identify the community resources available, such as treatment, the job center, homelessness prevention programs and counseling/skill training. Regarding the eviction issue, if there is a need for funding, a local church or service club may help. Mr. Bachhuber asked that if there were people present who provide direct service. If so, he would like to have their suggestions for issues to be included in their Plan. He stressed opening a dialog and working together. Sue Gadacz suggested that if we had a copy of the Independent Living Council's current Plan it would be helpful to distribute it to the Council and ask for feedback. Mr. Bachhuber agreed to e-mail the plan and the power point to state staff who could then distribute it. He continued that there are six areas in the current plan: Working with Department of Health Services (DHS) community services; Working with DHS Family Care; Transportation; Housing; Employment; and Emergency Management. Ms. O'Donnell asked if the Independent Living Council was involved in working with veterans. Mr. Bachhuber reported that they are getting more involved. There is a huge increase in disabled veterans in the last couple of years. The Independent Living Council and Centers are working with Vet Centers and continuing to develop their relationship.

VI. Report on CSAT Conference—"Strategic Planning for Providers to Improve Business Practices"—Kate Johnson, Dr. Steven Dakai, Norm Briggs, Sheila Weix

Mr. Seidl introduced Kate Johnson. Ms. Johnson reported that Norm Briggs was unable to attend today's meeting as was Dr. Steven Dakai. Ms. Johnson further reported that it was uncertain whether or not Ms. Sheila Weix would arrive, but at present she also was not in attendance. Ms. Johnson reported that the three individuals scheduled to report, that is, Dr. Dakai, Mr. Briggs, and Ms. Weix attended a CSAT (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) conference with Ms. Johnson in October of 2009. Ms. Johnson reported that Dr. Dakai attended the conference to represent the tribal communities' interests, Mr. Briggs represented women's specific treatment interests and Ms. Weix represented the Wisconsin Alcohol and Drug Treatment Providers Association. Ms. Johnson reported that during the conference, attendees were updated on recent federal health legislation, for example, electronic health care records and health care packages currently being debated. Ms. Johnson reported that there was a need expressed by the attendees for on-going communication among state and federal staff and providers. Specifically, Ms. Johnson reported, was a request to make clear implications for tribal communities. Ms. Johnson felt that it was unfortunate that none of the attendees could make today's SCAODA meeting as they had much more information to report. She requested that this agenda item be brought forth to next March's meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

Diversity Committee:

Mr. Waupoose reported that the Deaf/Deaf Blind/Hard of Hearing survey results have been reviewed and interpreted by Denise Johnson. Next steps include posting the correct answers to the survey on the SCAODA website. Mr. Waupoose also reported that the agency that Denise

Johnson works for, Independence First, has exhausted its state funding for interpreters for AA and NA meetings. In 2009, Independence First provided interpreters for 152 meetings. Now, in 2010 they cannot provide any interpreters for these meetings. This issue is of critical importance and the Diversity Committee will continue to address it. Coral Butson asked if this issue was a result of state funds being exhausted in 2009, and whether the grant had been renewed. Denise Johnson reported that the grant is renewed however there is not enough money allocated for interpreter service. It will remain an ongoing issue. Michael Waupoose reported that he continues to hear a lack of support for tribal communities from the Minority Counselor Training Institute (MCTI). The meetings with the MCTI program manager went well but follow-up could be better. It has been disappointing the way things have gone and trust is being eroded. Duncan Shroul asked Mr. Waupoose if the Minority Counseling Training Institute is funded through the Substance Abuse Block Grant. Sue Gadacz responded that it was. Mr. Shroul asked why the MCTI hasn't been more responsive? Ms. Gadacz reported that they were given action steps when the Bureau staff met with them. They were told that if the steps were not followed the contract would be put out on bid. Ms. Gadacz continued that the Bureau was trying to have deliverables built into the contract. There was a discussion about the importance of trust when working with tribal communities. Mr. Waupoose suggested evaluating the relationship over the long term that is, looking for improvements over a three- year time period, rather than a one-year time period. Blinda Beason attested to the challenges of relationship building within the eleven tribal communities. It isn't something that can occur in short order, based on her experience. Mr. Waupoose also reported on the Impaired Professionals Program (IPP) and the issue of how to re-integrate a drug & alcohol counselor back into the workforce after relapse. The Diversity Committee had invited the IPP Coordinator (from the Department of Regulation and Licensing) to meetings with little success, and this is the same outcome as reported by counselors trying to learn about the IPP. Coral Butson indicated that she would follow-up on behalf of the Diversity Committee. Mr. Waupoose indicated that the Diversity Committee has a commitment to meet in other communities and felt that all SCAODA Committees should do the same. The last Diversity Committee meeting was held at the Fox Valley Technical College during a diversity class.

Intervention and Treatment Committee:

Linda Preysz, Chairperson of the ITC Committee reported that the Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP) Sub-Committee has been formed. Ms. Preysz reported that during their first meeting, they were dealing with what their strategic planning options were. They talked about identifying pre-offenders. They are in a data gathering phase. Ms. Preysz reported that the Children and Youth Sub-Committee is also in the process of gathering data. It appears that at present there are about two treatment providers per every 100 children (in need). Information is being gathered on what kind of treatment is available and where, as well as expertise and timeframes. Kate Johnson reported that the group was looking at motorized recreational vehicles, since they were not included in the consequences of OWI legislation. Ms. Preysz then asked Dave Macmaster to report on WINTIP (Wisconsin Nicotine Treatment Integration Program). Mr. Macmaster distributed two documents to the group: 1) "WiNTiP 2009 Achievements," and 2) WINTIP 2010 Integration Formula." He reported that in Wisconsin during 2009, 3500 people with substance abuse disorders died from nicotine disorders. He reported that people in substance

abuse treatment without referral to nicotine dependence treatment, will die faster from the nicotine disorder than from the substance for which they entered treatment. Mr. Macmaster also reported that he was able to attend and present at the Bureau's Conference in October. He indicated that 80% of the conference attendees reported that there is a willingness to address this problem. There are barriers, however. There has been no recognition that nicotine treatment should be a part of our practice. New York State has a policy that every substance abuse treatment program must be tobacco free and include treatment planning for tobacco withdrawal. They have developed a course with credit for substance abuse counselors that provides them with the skills and knowledge they need. That course is in the public domain and WINTIP is working to make it accessible to Wisconsin substance abuse counselors. Mr. Macmaster then reported that budget cuts in WINTIP have made it difficult to plan. However, the WINTIP Advisory Committee has agreed to continue. Ms. Preysz then reported that the Intervention and Treatment Committee has begun to look at developing its strategic plan for 2010-2014. She voiced continued support for WINTIP; a counselor-level focus; and inclusion of older adults as preliminary planning. She also reported that the Department of Workforce Development is hosting a Summit with the Department of Corrections in February for two days. The focus will be on the issues ex-offenders face including AOD issues. There will be an emphasis on collaboration with regional teams being formed. They are looking for community partners. The Annie Casey Foundation is providing financial support for the conference and a Coordinator. Please contact Linda Preysz for more information if you are interested. She also announced that the Mental Health Center of Dane County has teamed with United Way to present information for special needs kids and end of life decisions, including forming special needs trusts. The presentation will be January 20, 2010, at United Way at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Scarbrough asked Ms. Preysz that since she mentioned old individuals, is she planning to look at other disparities, are they looking at other groups? Ms. Preysz indicated in the affirmative. Diversity issues, she explained should not be after the fact. They should be part of the plan. Mr. Seidl questioned Ms. Preysz on the DWD Summit and indicated that it is critical that counties receive the information about the Summit. Ms. Preysz agreed to forward the information to Mr. Seidl.

Planning and Funding Committee:

Joyce O'Donnell reported on the Planning and Funding Committee first of three motions: the motion dealing with the Brighter Futures Program. **Ms. O'Donnell made a motion to support moving the Brighter futures Initiatives (BFI) program back to the Department of Health Services (DHS) from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in order to bring administration of the program (BFI), including program funds and staff (1 FTE) under the Single State Agency (SSA) for Substance Abuse and Prevention Programming, thus significantly reducing the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) deficiency currently threatening the approval of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grant (SAPTBG) 2010 application. Greg Phillips seconded the motion.** The discussion was initiated by Sue Gadacz. She recognized Mark Campbell, Director of the Bureau of Safety and Well Being, Division of Safety and Permanence, in the DCF, attending today's meeting. Ms. Gadacz then explained that the DCF used to be a Division within the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). Brighter Futures was housed within the DHFS in the Division of Children and Families. In July of 2008, the DHFS split into two separate departments; the DHS and the DCF. The Brighter Futures Program, remained in the former Division, now Department of Children

and Families. Prior to the organizational split, both Divisions (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Children and Families) counted General Purpose Revenue towards MOE. SAPTBG laws only allow the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to claim the state funds flowing through DMHSAS. Because the state funds appropriated to BFI went to DCF, DMHSAS can no longer claim a little over \$800,000 of these GPR funds. For the last year and a half DMHSAS has tried to come up with a way to claim these funds towards the SAPTBG MOE. One problem is that all of state revenue is rolled into one big bundle, and it would be difficult to break out \$800,000 amount. However, there is support from both Departments to achieve resolution. A legislative fix has been considered, but it would not be addressed until the next biennium. DMHSAS has applied for an extraordinary economic conditions MOE waiver. There has been Division Administrator to Division Administrator communication, but still no resolution. Ms. Gadacz reported that Lou Oppor and she met with DCF recently. At the conclusion of that meeting, there was an agreement to ask accountants to determine how to manage the funds. Willingness exists, but there is still no resolution. Mark Campbell reported that DCF does not want to lose BFI. He continued that the accountants there (at DCF) say they can do the funds transfer without too much trouble. John Easterday reported that Wisconsin is not the only state with MOE difficulties. When the new SAMHSA Administrator (Pamela Hyde) begins her appointment, perhaps there will be a way for the MOE difficulties to be addressed nationally. Ms. Gadacz agreed that the problem is in regards to financing not programming. A 20% shortfall to the MOE for the SAPTBG is significant. Larry Kleinsteiber asked if the proposed action was necessary. Ms. O'Donnell expressed that because of the uncertainty of the situation, Planning and Funding does not want the issue lost. If things can work out the action would not be necessary. However 2012 is too late to wait for legislative action. Ms. Gadacz reported that the two Departments have agreed to work this out. There is also collaboration between the two Departments on other programs as well. Representative Townsend asked if DMHSAS was spending less money on the MOE. Ms. Gadacz responded that DMHSAS has to go by the federal definition. Now that the funds are going to DCF, DMHSAS cannot claim those dollars. Representative Townsend suggested that if legislative action is needed, DMHSAS should act quickly now. The legislative cycle is over in May. John Easterday responded that his preference would be to repair the situation administratively. There was a discussion about the status of the motion and whether it should be withdrawn, postponed or voted on. Ms. O'Donnell decided to withdraw the motion with the understanding that a letter of resolution be written and attached at the next SCAODA meeting. She felt that a 20% reduction to the SAPTBG MOE was a significant reduction resulting in a significant impact on the agency. A reduction of that sort would put funding for many substance abuse services in jeopardy. She also does not want to see this issue lost, especially if a piece of legislation is needed. **Mark Seidl agreed to the withdrawal of the motion with the understanding of the letter of resolution to be attached.**

The second motion introduced by Joyce O'Donnell on behalf of the Planning and Funding Committee was a motion that the maintenance of the 2008 funding level for tobacco prevention programming is crucial to the state at this time to support efforts to make Wisconsin a smoke-free state. Programs such as the quit line, WINTIP, and other tobacco prevention programs are negatively effected and are at risk due to planned reductions. Therefore, the Planning and Funding Committee moves to support the Division of Public Health in its efforts to obtain federal funds through the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act (ARRA-stimulus funds), the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative. Duncan ShROUT seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Mark Seidl called for a vote. All were in favor, with two abstaining. **The motion passed.**

The third motion introduced by Planning and Funding was a **motion to recommend SCAODA support AB 547.** Ms. O'Donnell reported that at a teleconference between the four Chairpersons of the SCAODA Committees, a discussion of this motion took place. She reported that there were concerns from the other Chairpersons that the legislation regarding first time offenders was too punitive. Ms. O'Donnell argued that the purpose of the bill was to strengthen the OWI legislation on first offenders. She felt that the authors of the bill, Senator Darling and Representatives Krusick and Ott, were known for the support of strong OWI legislation. Ms. O'Donnell felt that the Planning and Funding passed a motion in support of this bill and it was her responsibility to present it to the Council. **Duncan ShROUT seconded the motion.** Discussion included comments from Linda Preysz and Michael Waupoose concerning the punitive nature of the bill, in that it requires jail time for first offense OWI when a family member may need to go to work to provide for their family instead of doing mandatory jail time. Consider for example a single parent who is poor. This bill would provide a significant burden and there is no allowance for release for critical functions. Ms. O'Donnell felt that the authors of this bill wanted to come in with strong stuff. Mr. ShROUT pointed out that research has shown over and over that the first offense means that the offender has driven drunk 40-80 times prior to being arrested. What is our responsibility, Mr. ShROUT asked, knowing that first offenders have done this many, many times before. Ms. Preysz indicated that the Intervention and Treatment Committee would say, prevention, intervention and outreach would have a bigger impact. Mr. Waupoose added that he believes that OWI offenders should have consequences. He also believes that jail would not be the remedy. Treatment and working with the offenders does offer a realistic solution. Consider the example of a poor single mom. Where would the children go? There are no exceptions to mandatory. Is it reasonable to say amendments would happen? That is a big if. Representative Townsend made two points: 1) Sometimes legislation is introduced to show constituents that they are effectively dealing with a problem. 2) Police officers have lots of latitude to arrest. If legislation says "mandatory jail time" there will be unintended consequences given this latitude. **The Chairman called for a vote. There were 3 ayes, 4 nays and 4 abstaining. The motion failed.**

Ms. O'Donnell made a final comment recognizing that the Journal Sentinel was recognized by the Department of Transportation with a special award. The journal Sentinel did a valuable service. Janet Nodorft recognized the series published through Gannet and the Appleton Post Crescent as good work, too.

Prevention Committee:

Kathy Thomas reported that Scott Stokes was unable to attend today due to weather and driving concerns. Ms. Thomas distributed a handout to the group titled, "January 8, 2010 Prevention Committee Updates." Ms. Thomas reported that prevention is taking on something new in Wisconsin. From the Public Forum held during the Prevention Conference, last June, "Wisconsin has the highest rates in the nation for current drinking among high school students; current underage drinking; current drinking among adults, binge drinking among adults, chronic,

heavy drinking among adults and oxycontin use in the past month. In the past, prevention efforts have focused on after school programs. However, the environment here in Wisconsin is unique. There was an example in the news this morning of a Mom who held a birthday party in West Bend for her teenage daughter and gave the kids champagne and Mike's hard lemonade. Ms. Thomas reported another example of the culture that promotes unhealthy alcohol use, a Judge in one Wisconsin community who throws out OWI cases from his Court and will not find the person guilty. It is clear that we need to change the culture in Wisconsin. In order to change the environment we need to change policies, knowledge and attitudes. She then talked about the things that the Prevention Committee is doing to change the environment in Wisconsin as it relates to unhealthy alcohol use.

1. The Prevention Committee has formed a Sub-Committee, the "Alcohol, Culture and Environment" (ACE) Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee is comprised of members from the law enforcement community, health systems, judicial representatives, the Department of Transportation and the Division of Public Health. (from the handout), "They have recently completed their review of Wisconsin alcohol law and policies and (have) drafted a report to the State Council with over 50 recommendations to state and local policy makers on reducing unhealthy alcohol use. This report will be presented to the SPF SIG Prevention Committee at their January 21st meeting and then forwarded to the full State Council at their March 2010 meeting."

2. The SPF SIG Prevention Committee is establishing a new Sub-Committee titled "Other Drugs of Abuse." (from the handout), "This Sub-Committee will examine the prevalence of Wisconsin's prescription and opiate drug abuse and provide prevention recommendations to the full State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse." This Sub-Committee is seeking a Tribal representative and should be up and running in about one month.

3. "The Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign is getting underway for implementation April-June 2010." This environmental campaign originated from Ohio. It is a collaboration between DHS, DOT, DPI, DCF, UW Extension and UW. It focuses on parental responsibilities. About 100 communities implemented the Parents Who Host campaign last year. It was very successful.

4. "A Law Enforcement Meeting is being planned to take place in March 2010. Law Enforcement personnel from SPF SIG Communities will be invited to participate. Several Law Enforcement Personnel from across Wisconsin have been participating in the planning of this event...The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to law enforcement agencies working within SPF SIG grant areas." (from handout)

Gary Sumnicht added that it has been found that with "Parents Who Host" communities, law enforcement involvement makes the program much more effective. Kathy Thomas added that environmental strategies whether in large cities or smaller communities, changing the environment in Wisconsin is not easy when \$250,000 of beer is sold at one football game. Joyce O'Donnell commented that regarding changing the culture, the Planning and Funding Committee has been contacting the Milwaukee Brewers regarding the "Tavern of the Game," an activity that allows the name of a tavern to be drawn randomly for prizes including 40 tickets to the game. Ms. O'Donnell indicated that she would be advocating for a "Treatment Facility of

the Game.” She will continue that conversation. Linda Preysz announced that the Co-Chair of the Intoxicated Driver Program Sub-Committee is also on the ACE Committee for coordination.

VIII. Update County Infra-Structure Study—Mark Seidl

Mark Seidl asked John Easterday to report on the status of the County Infra-Structure Study. John Easterday agreed and provided the group with a website address to access information from the Summit held on December 4, 2009, including a finalized study. The website is:

<http://www.UWSP.edu/conted/conferences/MHSAsummit>

Mr. Easterday reported that in terms of follow-up from the Summit, the next step is a meeting with DHS Secretary Timberlake to identify what changes should be made in the system regarding funding for public mental health and substance abuse systems. The goal for the next phase or stage 2 is to put together recommendations for the next biennial budget. Mr. Easterday indicated that there will be a method for soliciting further input. They are discussing strategies such as soliciting input from stakeholders; expanding members on the steering committee; and holding forums across the state. Mr. Easterday reported that if requests are developed for DOA or others, that information would be necessary by April. Mr. Scarbrough asked if something would be going out from the DHS. Mr. Easterday referred him to the web site. He reported that a summary of the report would also be available. Mr. Easterday continued that the Summit was well attended; there were good and interesting discussions and reports from the break out sessions will be included in the summary.

IX. Public Forum Reports

Prevention Conference:

Kathy Thomas reported that there were four primary areas covered at the Prevention Conference Public Forum. Two areas discussed at today’s meeting were: 1. The Beer Tax. and 2. Prescription drugs of abuse by young people. At this point the group engaged in a discussion of the availability of data supporting the claim that young people are abusing prescription drugs. Much of the data available are anecdotal. Several SCAODA members and staff reported situations in individual counties of overdose or hospitalization. Disposal of prescription drugs is also an issue. Gary Sumnicht reported that the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey reported last year that prescription drug abuse is growing in Wisconsin. Greg Phillips reported that the level of purity in heroin used to be 2-4%. Now, the level of purity in heroin is 60-90% pure. He reported that youth are smoking it or nasally inhaling the drug rather than using needles. Ms. Thomas reminded the group that the “Other Drugs of Abuse” Sub-Committee is forming to gather statistics and write a report. She asked for those interested in being on that Sub-Committee to let herself, Lou Oppor or Sue Gadacz know.

Tribal Conference:

Michael Waupoose reported findings from the Tribal Public Forum during his Committee Report. He also reminded the group that the report is attached to the meeting packet.

Bureau Conference:

Joyce O'Donnell reported that the Bureau Conference was held in Appleton. The report from the Public Forum is in the meeting packet. Issues raised were funding for services, counselor accreditation and services for children. Ms. O'Donnell felt that it was a good Public Forum and thanked state staff Sue Gadacz, Kate Johnson, Joyce Allen and Lori Ludwig for attending and addressing questions.

X. Update SCAODA 2010-2014 Four Year Strategic Planning—Joyce O'Donnell

Joyce O'Donnell reported that the Strategic Planning Committee had its first meeting on November 20th. Genesis has been hosting the meetings. The next meeting is January 28, 2010 9:30 to 2:30. She referenced a document titled, "SCAODA Planning Formally Beginning November 2009, Objective Qualities and Givens" in the meeting packet. Sue Gadacz pointed out that the document reflects that the Committee's objective is "to have a meaningful effort with useful dialogue and the creation of an effective plan". Qualities of the plan agreed upon include: "Grounded in accurate knowledge, emergent public concerns, attuned to special populations, includes legislatively mandated requirements and that the plan be clear, concise, easily understood, can lead to meaningful measurement, is committee-friendly, and drives the work of the council and its committees." Givens of the process include thinking and work on AODA issues that are state-wide, crossing governmental departments, agencies, systems and acknowledgement that Wisconsin's problems with AODA issues exceed those of most states and acknowledgement of Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 emerging public health plan, among others.

XI. Access to Recovery III—John Easterday

John Easterday reported on the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service's (DMHSAS') history in securing federal grants from CSAT(Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) for Access to Recovery (ATR) I and II. Each were 3-year programs that were highly competitive. Currently there is an Access to Recovery III grant application to which DMHSAS is applying. He reported that both the Bush and Obama administrations have been supporters of ATR. The announcement regarding the grant application came out on January 4, 2010 and is due March 10, 2010. Dr. Easterday reported that the ATR application used to be through the Governor's Office, now the SSA (Single State Authority) or Tribes may apply. One issue being scrutinized for those states that have participated in earlier ATR projects is the mandatory follow-up of participants six-months following program participation. The project mandates that a certain set of information be collected at the beginning of and following program participation. The set of information is labeled "GPRA" and stands for Government Performance and Results Act. The "GPRA compliance rate" is the percentage of participants for whom prior to and 6-month following program participation datasets are complete. Wisconsin had a 65% GPRA compliance rate. Dr. Easterday reported that it will be tough to get ATR III because the federal staff are looking for those projects with an 80% or better GPRA compliance rate. He reported that while Wisconsin did better than most states, two or three other states achieved 80% GPRA compliance rates. The plan for ATR III is to focus on Milwaukee County, proposing to expand to counties in southeast Wisconsin. Waukesha and Ozaukee are interested. Dr. Easterday plans to send out letters outlining ATR III requirements to all the south east counties and solicit their interest. The number of grants being let out has increased over the years. For ATR I, only twelve grants were funded at about \$22 million dollars each. ATR II funded 20 grants with

approximately fourteen million dollars for all three years. ATR III will be for 30 or more communities at 2-4 million dollars each for four years. Each time the number of awards increases, the amount of money available decreases. Manny Scarbrough asked if nicotine dependence treatment is part of ATR. He reported that almost 100% of the people who drink also smoke. Duncan Shroul reported that people seek services for alcohol problems even if they enter treatment for other drugs (cocaine mainly).

XII. Legislative Update—Rachel Currans-Sheehan

Ms. Currans-Sheehan introduced herself as the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Health Services. She will be updating the group on three pieces of legislation today:

1) Passage of the OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) legislation. Key components of the bill are that the 4th offense is now a felony; ignition interlock devices can now be court ordered for second offenders; it extends sentencing options to any county for certain second and third offenders such that the period of imprisonment for an OWI offense may be reduced if the violator successfully completes a period of probation that includes alcohol and other drug treatment; and a first offender will be charged with a misdemeanor if there is a child under 16 in the car. Ms. Currans-Sheehan reported that funding for the new provisions was a legislative compromise and additional fees will be assessed on offenders.

2) Introduction of the Medical Marijuana legislation. Ms. Currans-Sheehan reported that this is the third time this type of legislation has been introduced. It was introduced by Senator Erpenbach, and Representative Pocan. A Public Hearing was held. Basically, the Public Hearing took a look at what other states have done, the effects on DHS and fees for use. The bill would license compassion centers. The fiscal impact is a factor. The Department of Justice raised issues about enforcement. It was a long hearing with lots up for discussion. Basically those who support the bill are doing so through the compassion argument. We will have to wait and see what happens with this bill.

3) Mental Health Parity bill. The federal legislation held those employers with 51 or more employees responsible for mental health and substance abuse treatment services at the same level that their health plans provided for medical services. The Wisconsin bill is looking at those employers with less than 51 employees; and looking at parity provisions. Mental health and substance abuse services should be no more restrictive than medical surgical benefits. The bill doesn't effect the Medicaid program which already covers those services. Public hearings were held in November. Currently forums are being held across the state.

Ms. Currans-Sheehan advised the group that this spring they should expect to see the following: Because of the economy, legislative initiatives mostly on jobs; a legislative initiative to curb STDs through the health youth act legislation. This legislation would seek to expedite partner therapy through antibiotic prescriptions for sex partners without a Dr.'s visit; HIV statutes currently mandate written informed consent for testing. It has been found that written consents may be a barrier to testing. The bill would remove the written consent requirement and seek only verbal consent. It has been found that states who remove this barrier see an increase in testing; Badger Care Plus Basic insurance coverage for persons on the wait list for the Core plan

(childless adults). People on the wait list will be able to buy into health care access while waiting to access the Core plan.

Manny Scarbrough asked about an article in the Capitol Times on a health care bill. The article referenced physicians writing prescriptions for sex partners. Mr. Scarbrough asked if the bill addresses concerns that females are more at risk. He indicated that there were a disproportionate number of Latinos and African Americans who have contracted STDs. Ms. Currans-Sheehan responded that those two concerns were the impetus to the bill's creation. The bill will allow physicians who serve those populations to use this mechanism. She indicated that strategies are still being addressed. Mr. Scarbrough cautioned that it won't work unless you go to the women in the disparate populations—women, Latinos and Blacks. Ms. Currans-Sheehan pointed out that this is just a small sliver of the steps in Public Health to decrease STDs and increase healthy birth outcomes. This is one small intervention to help.

Representative Townsend initiated a discussion on Medical Marijuana. He felt that the Council should pay close attention to this bill because of major ramifications. He reported that 13 states have now passed medical marijuana laws. The bill that is currently in front of the legislature proposes that an individual can grow up to 12 plants. Individuals can receive medical marijuana through a physician's recommendation, not a prescription. It does not go through licensed pharmacists. Representative Townsend reported that he received information from a constituent physician, Darold A. Treffert, M.D., Fond du Lac, on this topic and asked the group if they would like to see the information. There was general agreement and Representative Townsend then asked Lori Ludwig to distribute the information. Representative Townsend thought that SCAODA should go on the record one way or another. Mark Seidl requested that medical marijuana be placed as an item on the agenda for SCAODA's March meeting. He felt that both sides of the issue should be presented. Joyce O'Donnell pointed out that SCAODA has dealt with this issue many times. Mr. Seidl felt that it was critical that as a group we take a position on the proposed legislation. SCAODA needs to hear both sides of the argument. Greg Phillips wanted to point out to the group that in his experience, growers of medical marijuana do not always use high grade plants; sometimes the medical marijuana is switched with Mexican for use. This is just one fact to be aware of. Also, he reported that there are 471 known carcinogens in marijuana, that medical marijuana results in five times the normal "high"; there are other avenues to receive the benefits of the drug; and there is a prescription drug, dronabinol, which contains the same active ingredient as marijuana.

Agenda Items for March 5th Meeting—Sue Gadacz

Sue Gadacz listed the following as possible agenda items for the March 5th meeting: 1) Report on the Strategic Planning Process; 2) ACE (Alcohol, Culture and the Environment Sub-Committee) Report, including an update of the YRBS data; 3) Brighter Futures—Update of flow of state funds; 4) WAAODA Conference (Dave Macmaster); 5) Healthy Wisconsin Plan update; 6) Including Department of Children and Families as Member (Mark Campbell).

Announcements—Sue Gadacz

Ms. Gadacz announced as a reminder, that the March 5th meeting is a full day meeting. Lunch will be provided. She also announced that the Alliance for Recovery Advocates (AFRA) grant is being let out from the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. \$50,000 will be available to coordinate activities for Recovery Month and link to the national movement. The grant application will be issued January 26, 2010. Ms. Gadacz announced that the prevention and treatment portions of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) have been approved. We are just waiting for the approval of the Synar portion of the SAPTBG.

John Easterday reminded the group that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) used to be part of SCAODA (prior to the division of DHFS into DCF and DHS). Mr. Easterday asked what it would take to have DCF become a member of the Council.

Joyce O'Donnell asked if the message about SCAODA's three empty legislative appointments are being forwarded. John Easterday reported that discussions are underway.

Adjournment: Greg Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Waupoose seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at American Family Insurance Conference Center, Room A3151.

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March 5, 2010	9:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 11, 2010	9:30 am - 3:30 pm
September 10, 2010	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
December 10, 2010	9:30 am – 3:30 pm

