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AGENDA: 2/6/01

January 30, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission for calendar year 2000. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairman to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION

January 18, 2001

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
70 1 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission 2000 Annual Report**

Dear Board Members:

As required by Section 2.38.170 of the County code, attached is the 2000 Annual Report of the Santa Cruz County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission looks forward to working with your Board and the Health Services Agency during 2001 to further improve and expand drug and alcohol-related services and awareness.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Merrithew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Merrithew, Chairperson  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

Attachment

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

### Role of the Commission

To advise the Board of Supervisors and the Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator on alcohol and drug abuse issues through participation in the planning process, development of the goals and policies of the County Alcohol and Drug Program, education of the public about alcohol and drug abuse problems and services, advocacy on alcohol and drug-related legislative issues, review of alcohol and drug services provided by the County to ensure quality, and review of the procedures used to ensure citizen involvement in alcohol and drug abuse program policies and procedures.

### Meeting Dates, Time and Location

Second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at rotating locations in North, South and Mid-County.

### Commission Structure

Each Supervisor appoints two members who represent the Supervisor's district. During 2000, the Chairperson was Michael Merrithew and the Vice Chairperson was Jeff Roth until Mr. Roth's resignation. Diane Benson was the Secretary. Other commissioners are listed on the attached attendance roster.

### Commission Staff

The Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program provides staff support to the Commission, including preparation of meeting minutes and some correspondence.

### Attendance

See attached roster.

### Accomplishments – 2000

- The Commission was represented on the Youth Alcohol Access Policy Panel and provided input on recommendations to the panel.
- The Commission provided input to the Children and Families First Commission regarding priorities for alcohol and drug services to benefit children age 0 to 5 and their families.
- The Commission was represented on a committee to interview candidates for the position of Executive Director of Fenix Services.

- The Commission responded to a report of the Grand Jury regarding alcohol and drug services for youth and the Commission's role in planning for such services.

#### Future Goals

- Continue to improve relationships with the Board of Supervisors.
- Review and make recommendations on the implementation of Proposition 36.
- Maintain a relationship with the Children and Families First Commission and continue to support funding to help parents and children ages 0 through 5 affected by drug and alcohol abuse.
- Continue support for Tyler House, the adolescent residential treatment program for non-court wards, and seek another residential treatment house for teens age 14 to 17.
- Work with providers to develop an emergency detention facility for youth offenders in order to alleviate problems at Juvenile Hall.
- Monitor contract service providers for:
  1. Culturally appropriate services.
  2. Availability of services for the dually diagnosed.
  3. Availability of competent services for all age groups.
  4. Better collection of data through the DAS system.
  5. Yearly reviews and COLAs for staff in the provider's therapeutic community.
  6. Establishing night hours for some services.
  7. Looking at the possibility of additional locations for some services (i.e., South county, Mid County or North county).
- Review the consolidation of substance abuse and mental health administration services to assess the projected results from the merger.
- Work with County staff to develop a better understanding of funding, funding mechanisms and allocations.

#### Recommendations

- The Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors continue to advocate for substance abuse prevention and treatment services for all the diverse populations living in Santa Cruz County.
- The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors continue to make timely appointments to fill vacant seats and schedule time for a quarterly meeting with their district commissioners.



The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors implement a Juvenile Drug Court.

## 2000 ADAC ATTENDANCE

Members:	Jan00	Feb 00	Mar00	April 00	May00	June00	Jul 00	Aug 00	Sept 00	Oct 00	Nov 00	Dec 00
Diane Benson	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	P
Jarrell LeGate	P	Resigned										→
Jeff Roth	E	P	P	P	P	Resigned						→
Valerie Corral	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	A	Resigned	→
Steven Vargas	----	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Ivan Foote	P	P	E	P	P	Resigned						→
PJ. Warner	P	E	P	E	Leave of	Absence			→	P	P	E
Art Ventura	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P
Michael Merrithew	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Tom McClellan	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	E
Don Hutchison	E	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	P

**KEY**

**P = Present**

**A = Unexcused Absence**

**E = Excused Absence**

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