Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2010 - 7:45 a.m.

**Board of Governors Meeting**

Chair: **Dr. Tammy Tucker**  
Vice Chair: **Lt. Colonel Tim Gillette**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Anita Fain Taylor**

**Present:** Judge Marcia Beach, Ms. Karen Beam, Mr. Paul Daly, Pastor Anthony Davis, Ms. Margaret Decambre, Ms. Anita Fain Taylor, Mr. Paul Faulk, Dr. David Fawcett, Mr. David Freedman, Mr. Larry Gierer, Lt. Colonel Tim Gillette, Mr. Jim Hall, Mr. Bernie Kemp, Dr. Brenda Lavar, Sgt. Lisa McElhaney, Dr. Rudy Morel, Mr. Charles B. Morton Jr., Mr. Patrick Chalmers representing Mr. Amalio Nieves, Mr. Ralph Page, Dr. Carmine J. Pecoraro Jr., Dr. Joshua Perper, Ms. Cynthia Peterson, Judge Gisele Pollack, Captain Carmen Puentes-Croye, Mr. Larry Rein, Dr. Sam Subramani, Dr. Tammy Tucker, and Ms. Norma Wagner.

**Absent & Excused:** Judge Susan Aramony, Ms. Maureen Barrett, Dr. Rhonda Bohs, Mr. Alfred Campbell, Mr. David Choate, Ms. Ann Murray, Ms. Christina L. Spudeas, and Dr. Teri Stockman.

**Staff:** Ms. Pat Castillo, Ms. Shahara Jaghoo, Mr. Chris Checke, and Ms. Angela Ventura.

**Guests:** Ms. Donna Robinson, Mr. Patrick Chalmers, and Mr. Frank Gurucharri.

**Summary of Topics Discussed/Actions Taken:**

**Agenda Item #1 Welcome & Self-Introductions**

Dr. Tammy Tucker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for self-introductions.

**Agenda Item #2 Chair, Dr. Tammy Tucker: Opening Remarks**

Dr. Tucker asked for a round of applause for Ms. Pat Castillo, who has accepted the leadership of the Commission on a permanent basis.

**Agenda Item #3 Approval of January Minutes**

Dr. Tucker asked for a motion to accept the minutes. The minutes were moved by Ms. Cynthia Peterson, seconded by Mr. Larry Gierer, and approved by unanimous vote.
Agenda Item #4 National Institute on Drug Abuse’s Community Epidemiology Workgroup’s Meeting – Mr. Jim Hall
Mr. Jim Hall reported some of the key findings of the last National Epidemiology meeting: decrease of cocaine consumption nationwide due in part to low purity levels; increase of opiate use fueled by the prescription drug phenomenon; increase of marijuana use among adolescents, and confusion in terms of public policy on the issue; new chemistry producing drugs that are highly hallucinogenic that haven’t been scheduled; and new trafficking organizations on the Internet era.

Sgt. McElhaney emphasized the need to bridge the information sharing since the target population for the new drugs, mentioned by Mr. Hall, is teenagers. Communities, schools, and law enforcement agencies need to share information in order to tackle the issue, or it would remain as a non-controlled/non-concern type of approach.

Agenda Item #5 “The Story of a Grassroots Coalition at Work” – Ms. Anita Fain Taylor, City Manager, City of Lauderdale Lakes. Chair, North West Broward Community Coalition
Ms. Anita Fain Taylor presented on the work done by the North West Broward Community Coalition, which includes the cities of Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, North Lauderdale, and Oakland Park. Their common belief is that strong families build strong communities, one family at a time. Through the strategic process, coalition members identified the issue of flavored tobacco use among youth ages 14 to 18. There is no Surgeon General warning on flavored tobacco. The coalition developed the “Flavafool,” a social marketing campaign with the message: “Don’t let the Flava Fool You.”

Among the coalition’s success stories, Ms. Fain Taylor mentioned: Family Day, Charity Softball Tournament, Extreme Makeover Beautification Project, and the cleanup of the Achievement Rehabilitation Center. The Coalition will apply for the Drug Free Communities Support Grant, to address flavored tobacco and marijuana in the community.

Agenda Item #6 Task Force Reports

a. Task Force to Address Underage Drinking: Mr. Larry Gierer
Mr. Larry Gierer informed about the two pronged Safe Prom Initiative: (1) a media campaign in partnership with CBS4, Univision, Clear Channel, and Haitian Radio; and (2) an information session for parents at Cypress Bay High School. In regards to the Promoting Retailers Education Program (PREP) Mr. Gierer informed that a train-the-trainers workshop will be held here in Broward on February 19.

Captain Carmen Puentes-Croye informed that members of the task force attended the Safer Festival Training on January 22. The participants conducted an environmental assessment of the Kiss Country Chili Cook-off which was held in the city of Pembroke Pines on January 24. A follow-up report on both of these events will be written.

Sgt. Lisa McElhaney informed that funding from King Pharmaceuticals for the Prescription Drug Abuse Toolkit is 99% secured. In regards to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, PDMP, Sgt. McElhaney informed that the PDMP Implementation Task Force will have a meeting on February 18 in Tallahassee. One of the topics of the meeting will be the development of the Direct Support Organization (DSO) aimed at securing a broad range of funding. A DSO website has been set-up.
The last meeting of the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which have been working on the development of regulations of pain management clinics, will be held in Tallahassee on February 20.

Sgt. McElhaney informed about Christine Sawyer’s interview about the Drug Taking Back Program in Broward County, which will be aired by Comcast. Sgt. McElhaney extended an invitation to the board members to participating in the next Prescription Drug Task Force meeting that will be held on February 25 at 8:00 a.m., at United Way.

Ms. Anita Fain Taylor informed that Sheriff Al Lamberti asked city managers to pass moratoriums on pain clinics to prevent illegal operations. Mr. Larry Gierer suggested the drafting of talking points. Ms. Anita will coordinate efforts to inform different cities. Judge Marcia Beach emphasized the importance to secure the funding for the implementation of the PDMP planned for December 2010. Until the PDMP gets legislative support it will be in jeopardy due to lack of funding. Ms. Pat Castillo suggested bringing the issue up at the Behavioral Health Day on March 25th in Tallahassee.

c. Emerging Issues Task Group: Dr. David Fawcett
Dr. Fawcett informed that the Emerging Issues Task Force is developing a web based community surveillance information exchange aimed at providing information to the community and getting feedback. This task group, still in its formative stages, is focusing on marijuana. Dr. Fawcett invited the board members to the next task force meeting which will be held at United Way on February 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #7 Vice-President Report
Ms. Pat Castillo informed that Mr. Bruce Grant, Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, is planning a visit to South Florida. Hopefully the visit can be scheduled to coincide with the next board meeting. Ms. Castillo provided the board members with information about an early legislative victory: the House Government Accountability Act Council announced that the Office of Drug Control would remain in the Office of the Governor; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation would be retained; DCF Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health would remain; and the Florida Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Council responsibilities are being transferred from DCF to ODC. Ms. Castillo pointed out that these are great news since prevention coalitions will have a louder voice in the State.

Ms. Castillo informed about the Florida Coalition Alliance, a new 501 (c) 3 entity, created last year, aimed at being the voice of coalitions across the State. Ms. Castillo is being considered to be the Chairperson. Ms. Castillo informed that Ms. Doris Carroll is no longer the Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition. Volunteers from the Hanley Center are overseeing the coalition on an interim basis, and the Commission and The Miami Coalition have offered their support during the transition/start-up.

Ms. Castillo expressed how proud and honored she is to have been offered the position as Vice President of the Commission. Ms. Castillo expressed her appreciation for the board members, the community at large, and the staff. During the first 100 days of her tenure, Ms. Castillo will be meeting board members to dialoguing about their perspective of the Commission. Lt. Colonel Tim Gillette, on behalf of the board members, expressed how glad they were with her appointment.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.