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BUDGET CUTS – The Good, The Bad and the Ugly by Deborah Cima

Like many counties, San Bernardino County relies heavily on the DCP, CDCI and Dependency CDCI grants to support their 9 adult drug courts and two dependency drug courts. The total amount cut from the San Bernardino drug court programs was \$227,000.00. That included the match requirements from the grants. In order to sustain operations in the courts we had to look closely at many factors, including such things as client fee revenue collection, drug Medi-Cal billing, and treatment resources in the community and client capacity. After many long exhausting meetings with our partners it was concluded that we would reduce the numbers of clients in our largest drug court by 55 participants (from 167 to 112), reduce the number of days in treatment from 5 days a week to three, and become much more flexible on length of time in treatment. That is, we used to have a 12 month-long treatment protocol, no matter how well somebody progressed in the program. We added flexibility to the length of phases and now, if someone has six months sobriety, meets their treatment goals and has a full time schedule of employment and or school, we will let them graduate earlier than before. This will allow us to open up more treatment slots and will help motivate participants to complete their treatment goals sooner. We also had to change providers in one of our programs in the high desert. Although there are less intensive treatment protocols, the number of drug tests and court appearances stay the same. It is a hybrid drug court and we are looking forward to the evaluation of these changes. These changes did not come easy and many opposed the treatment (cont page 4)

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - by Judge Stephen Manley

Dear Colleagues:

This June we celebrate 20 years of Drug Courts at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) 15TH Annual Conference here in our own State of California.

The Conference includes a special “California Track” in lieu of our CADCP Annual Conference. This Track will present important workshops, including: * new approaches to access Proposition 63 funding for substance abusers with co-occurring disorders, and mental health or behavioral health courts; * all you need to know about a very effective new model in Dependency Drug Courts – the “Pre-Filing Dependency Drug Court”; *an all day workshop relevant to Proposition 36 presented by the ADP; and other timely presentations.

We can be proud of the tremendous gains made through these years as we have seen drug courts grow to the largest number in the Country, while introducing an entirely new concept in the California Courts, “Collaborative Justice” –leading to several new and highly successful court programs based on the Drug Court Model. CADCP has openly encouraged this transformation, and will continue to do so.

I hope you make every effort to attend the Annual Conference. This is a tremendous opportunity to learn of successful programs across the Nation, to receive education on what research and science has taught us for use in our present programs, and to experience new opportunities to be creative and innovative. (cont page 3)

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NADCP 15th Annual Training Conference *Celebrating Twenty Years of Drug Court * Anaheim, CA, June 10-13*

The NADCP 15th Annual Training Conference is your opportunity to network with thousands of drug court professionals from across the nation. This year’s conference includes 28 Skills Building Sessions; 23 Tracks with up to six sessions each; 10 Concurrent General Sessions; and Opening and Closing Sessions you won’t forget!!

NADCP is partnering with CADCP on this year’s program!! In lieu of having a CADCP Conference this year, we are working together to include the following in the NADCP Conference:
Wednesday, June 10-- Skills Building Sessions for Proposition 36 Courts
Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13 -- A California Issues Track –*details, page 4.*
Friday, June 12 — A Plenary Session on The California Mental Health System

These tracks and sessions are in addition to the over 150 individual sessions offered throughout the conference!!

The first ever *Mental Health Court/Co-Occurring Disorders Forum* June 14, features 6 Tracks of 4 sessions each, offering the best information on treatment, case management, and supervision for those with co-occurring disorders.

To register and for more information, visit www.NADCP.org

<p>California Drug Court Cost Analysis Project: An Opportunity for Program Self-Evaluation</p> <p>by Jane E. Pfeifer, Justice Development & Training Francine Byrne, Administrative Office of the Courts Dr. Shannon M. Carey, NPC Research Mark Waller, NPC Research</p> <p>In 2000, the Judicial Council of California initiated a comprehensive study to examine the costs and benefits of its drug court programs and to identify cost-effective practices for such courts throughout the state. Adjudicating offenders through the nine drug courts chosen for the first phases of the study resulted in significant savings for the California criminal justice system.</p> <p>While other studies have shown that drug courts reduced drug use and criminal behavior, few of them have examined financial costs and benefits on a statewide level, until now. On launching this study, the Judicial Council recognized the need to compile definitive information about the fiscal impact of these innovative programs, so that courts can make better informed policy decisions.</p> <p>The <i>outcome</i> cost-benefit analysis focused on recidivism, including re-arrests, new court cases, jail/prison/probation time served, and victimization costs arising from property crimes or crimes against the person over a four year period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome benefits (savings) varied widely among sites, ranging from about \$3,200 to <i>over \$15,000 saved per participant.</i> • Average savings from positive outcomes (including savings due to less victimization) = \$11,000 per participant. 	<p>Additionally, drug court participants had low recidivism rates. Average re-arrests rates of study participants over four years were¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug court graduates- 17% • All drug court participants- 29% • Comparison group- 41% <p><i>"We were extremely pleased with the DC-CSET. We conducted the evaluation on three of our drug courts and not only was the cost/savings report very helpful to us, but the process of gathering the information to enter into the tool allowed us to examine our programs too."</i></p> <p><i>--Deborah Cima, Treatment Court Coordinator, San Bernardino County</i></p> <p>In early 2008 the statewide launch began, which is part of the third and final phase of the California Drug Court Cost Analysis Project. As a part of this statewide launch, a web-based tool was created by NPC Research in collaboration with the AOC. This tool, called the Drug Court Cost Self-Evaluation Tool (DC-CSET), can be used by drug courts statewide to help determine their own costs</p> <p>The tool is designed to allow each drug court in the state to gather information to evaluate drug court program costs and benefits. Results from the study can be used to advocate for local, state and federal funding and to identify cost effective court practices. The DC-CSET can help answer questions such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the total criminal justice system costs invested in drug court? 2. What are the costs for each agency that invests in drug court? 3. What are the cost-benefits associated with drug court? 4. What are the benefits for each agency? 5. Which expenditures provide taxpayers with the best return on their money? 	<p>This web-based tool will assist local courts in evaluation efforts and will provide a standardized method of gathering information.</p> <p><i>To date, the Administrative Office of the Courts has trained over 19 adult drug court programs and would like to provide training and technical assistance to additional courts to complete this tool.</i></p> <p>Technical assistance will be available through NPC Research as programs begin implementing the tool. Upon completion a cost report will be provided to each court. There is no cost to the participating programs for the training, for the use of the tool or the technical assistance.</p> <p>If you are interested in implementing the tool in your court and would like to attend the training, please contact Jane Pfeifer at Justice Development & Training 530-518-3558 (janepfeifer@msn.com). If you have questions about the tool or the project, please contact Francine Byrne at the Administrative Office of the Courts 415-865-8069 (Francine.Byrne@jud.ca.gov).</p> <p>\$69M in prison costs savings/avoided costs for FY 07-08 by Jon Graham</p> <p>Prison Days Saved by Completers:</p> <p>DCP: 446,143 CDCI: 694,262</p> <p>Total: 1,140,405</p> <p>CDCR calculates prison costs at \$60.82 per day, so that adds to more than \$69 million in prison costs offset</p>
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¹ Excerpt from "Research Summary: Drug Court Cost Analysis Study" California Administrative Office of the Courts, May 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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One important group of sessions at the Conference relates to existing and new funding opportunities through Federal grants. At a time when we face a dire fiscal crisis in California, we must be competitive and take advantage of every opportunity to secure new funding.

For example, the JAG/Byrne program that had no support from the previous Administration and suffered severe cut-backs has been restored. Funding will be available in the coming months and Drug Courts are eligible to compete for this funding. Decisions are made locally, and every drug court and collaborative court practitioner needs to know the new application process and the importance of forming local alliances with law enforcement.

Laurie Robinson, Acting Director of the Office of Justice Programs, states that the Department of Justice "is operating 24/7" to move Recovery Act stimulus dollars into the hands of state and local programs. The Stimulus will be followed by the 2009 budget (yet to be passed), which will quickly be followed by the 2010 budget. The House has already voted a substantial increase in funding for drug courts through the DOJ as well as CSAT in SAMHSA.

The entire area of reentry courts is now opening up. At the State level here in California, Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, has introduced legislation to create pilot reentry courts for parolees with substance abuse and mental health issues, following the drug court model, and placing Jurisdiction in the Courts rather than the Board of Parole Hearings.

These are only a few of the opportunities I see for the continued growth and sustainability of drug and collaborative courts. However, although our State Funding remains the same in the present budget, we must aggressively pursue every opportunity that is afforded us to continue to build the drug court and collaborative court system in California. I hope you will

attend this important conference to re-energize our movement and commitment through networking with other professionals who share our vision.

Please note that if your County will not permit the use of local funding for Conferences and Travel, there is funding available to make it possible for you to attend. Please review the special article in this Newsletter about that funding source.

Finally, I urge you to either join or renew your membership in CADCP. I realize these are difficult financial times for everyone. However, unlike many organizations, the funds we receive are used to support educational and training conferences as our major goal. That is why each year we are able to offer a training conference at a very reasonable cost in comparison to others. The cost of membership remains at only \$25/year. Our training conferences do not produce revenue for the association. Rather, our funds support making training and education available at the lowest cost and for the greatest number of professionals possible. Your annual dues help make this possible. Please be a paying member of this organization. I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim this June!

My best regards,

Stephen Manley

Mark Your Calendar for the NADCP 15th Annual Training Conference

**June 10-13, 2009
Anaheim, California**

**And don't miss
the first ever
Mental Health Court/
Co-Occurring Disorders Forum
on June 14!!**

NEWS from THE CA. DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAMS

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) 15th Annual Training Conference will be held in Anaheim, California, on June 10 - 13, 2009. On the first day of the NADCP conference, the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) will conduct morning and afternoon sessions on the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, aka Proposition 36. Topics for the Proposition 36 portion include program improvements and promising practices.

ADP will approve the expenditure of Drug Court, Substance Abuse Treatment Trust Fund or Offender Treatment Program funds for staff to attend the NADCP conference. If these funds are not available in your county, or if there are other county funding issues that would prevent staff from attending the conference, please contact Barbara Norton at (916) 324-2399 or email bnorton@adp.ca.gov *by close of business on March 23, 2009*, for assistance. Funding may be available for partial or full payment of conference expenses.

CADCP Membership: \$25! JOIN! RENEW!

Greetings! Now is the time to sign up for 2009 CADCP membership AND - bring in one friend/colleague with you.

The CADCP membership entitles you to a reduced registration fee at the annual conference, provides updates to you through the web site about relevant events and information, and most importantly, you are part of an dedicated group that promotes positive social change for individuals, families and communities. **All this for STILL only \$25.00 a year! JOIN CADCP!** Membership applications are available on the CADCP website, www.cadcp.org

*Yours in Service, Deborah Cima
CADCP Membership Chairperson*

BUDGET CUTS

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protocol changes.

However, after reviewing the AOC monograph titled California Drug Courts: A Methodology for Determining Costs and Benefits, we realized we were implementing many of the Promising Practices described in this very informative report.²

San Bernardino participated in the cost analysis research project through the AOC and NPC Research and found it to be very beneficial. The report told us that not only are we saving the county in jail-beds days, but every department involved with drug court is experiencing cost savings. For instance, average cost/traditional court offender to the court is \$1,686. Average cost/drug court participant is \$1,299 for a cost savings/ participant of \$387.00. San Bernardino has an average of 500 participants going through the program at any given time. This is a savings to the court of \$193,500!

The average cost/ traditional court offender for the Public Defender's officer is \$686, for a drug court participant the average cost/drug court participant is \$202 for a savings of \$479.00/ participant. With 500 participants in program, the savings to the Public Defenders office is \$239,500.00. The cost analysis data base is user friendly and the NOC researchers are available to help you through the process. I encourage all courts/coordinators to get their court evaluated.

DATA = DOLLARS!

HOTEL ROOMS for the 2009 NADCP 15TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The 2009 National Drug Court Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA, and the Marriott and Hilton, which are two of the hotels listed as options for the conference, are out-of-state price range (\$191). The conference itself is at the conference center, not at any of the hotels. Hotels used for the 2008 CADCP conference have suites within the government range.

Portofino Inn & Suites (State Gov: \$84 - \$114.00)
(next to Conference Hotel)
1831 South Harbor Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92802
714-782-7600
www.portofinoinnanaheim.com

Jolly Roger Hotel (State Govt:\$84.00)
(other side of the Portofino)
640 West Katella Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 782-7500
www.jollyrogerhotel.com

Clarion Inn (State Govt: \$61.00)
415 West Katella Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92802
1-714-778-6900
www.ClarionInn.com

Desert Palms Hotel & Suites (State Govt: \$93.00 – includes breakfast & parking)
631 West Katella Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 535-1133
www.desertpalmsotel.com

DoubleTree Suites (\$109.65)
2085 S. Harbor Blvd
Anaheim, CA 92802
1-714-750-3000
www.hotels.com

Information verified as of 2/12/09

TENATIVE Schedule for the California Track @ the NADCP Conference

DAY/DATE	TIME	TOPIC
Session A – Thursday June 11	10:30 am – 11:15 am	On the Cutting Edge: CA Community Courts
Session B – Thursday June 11	3:15 am – 4:30 pm	Dependency Pre-Filing Drug Courts
Session C – Friday June 12	10:30 am –11:15 am	CA Re- Entry Drug Courts
Session D – Friday June 12	3:00pm – 4:15 pm	DATA = Survival , the CA Drug Court Cost Analysis
Session E – Friday June 12	4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Elder Abuse: A New Frontier for Problem Solving Courts
Session D – Saturday June 13	11:45am – 1:00 pm	Prop 63 – Let's get that Funding for Mentally Ill Offenders!

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES? Go to www.cadcp.org

The CADCP website has recently been updated and will continue to provide you current news and updates about this conference and about other news and events of interest to you. Now more than ever you need a place to turn to for current and accurate information that you can use. www.cadcp.org is that place. In the coming months CADCP will be adding even more features to this website in an effort to supply you with what you need to know as soon as it is available.

² The link to this report is:http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/collab/documents/drug_court_phase_II.pdf

March 4, 2009 Washington Post reported:

Choice of Drug Czar Indicates Focus on Treatment, Not Jail

The White House said yesterday that it will push for treatment, rather than incarceration, of people arrested for drug-related crimes as it announced the nomination of Seattle Police Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske to oversee the nation's effort to control illegal drugs.

The choice of drug czar and the emphasis on alternative drug courts, announced by Vice President Biden, signal a sharp departure from Bush administration policies, gravitating away from cutting the supply of illicit drugs from foreign countries and toward curbing drug use in communities across the United States.

In promoting wider use of drug courts, the administration is embracing an idea that has broad support in theory but has never been a main path for people with drug addictions who are charged with crimes.

The Obama administration has not said how much money it wants to devote to the courts' expansion.

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Show your support for the California Association of Drug Court Professionals by renewing or becoming a member. Membership application forms are included with this newsletter and may be found at www.cadcp.org. Thank you!



California Association of Drug Court Professionals

January 1 – December 31, 2009

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(See Page 2 for Organizational Membership Application)

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New

Name _____
Title _____
Organization/Agency _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Which category best describes your involvement in Drug Court?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Officer (01)	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement (06)
<input type="checkbox"/> Probation/Parole (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin/Planning (07)
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> General Government (08)
<input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official (09)
<input type="checkbox"/> Defense (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (10) _____

If you wish to serve on a **CADCP Committee**, what is your particular area of interest? _____

Individual Membership dues for the current calendar year are **\$25.00**
Checks payable to **CADCP** should be sent to:
CADCP, P.O. Box 1055, San Leandro CA 94577-0121

For questions call Deborah M. Cima, Membership Chair
Tel: (909) 386-8575
E-mail: dcima@courts.sbcounty.gov

January 1 – December 31, 2009
ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(See Reverse for Individual Membership Application)

___ **Renewal** ___ **New**

Organizational Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Please list up to **seven** individuals included in the Organizational Membership. Also, indicate one category code (see over for listing).

1. Name _____ Title _____
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6. Name _____ Title _____
Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
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7. Name _____ Title _____
Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
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If any member wishes to serve on a **CADCP Committee**, please list below:

Name _____ Area of Interest _____

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Organizational Membership dues for the current calendar year are \$150.00
Please make check payable to CADCP and remit to:
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The NADCP 15th Annual Conference will include:

June 10

Skills Building Workshops:

- 28 Skills Building Workshops
- Three hours in length,
9:00 am-12:00 pm and
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

June 11-13

Over 140 Individual Sessions, Including:

- 22 Concurrent Tracks Featuring a Total of 125 Sessions!
- 9 General Sessions with Skills Building Clinics!
- Opening and Closing Sessions You Won't Forget!
- ***California Track featuring 6 germane sessions & Wednesday for Prop 36 professionals***

The first ever Mental Health Court/Co-Occurring Disorders Forum will include:

6 Tracks Featuring Over 18 Sessions on Issues Including:

Implementing a Mental Health Court, Medication Monitoring,
Case Management, Supervision,
Incentives and Sanctions, Treatment

