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To: PSCC Policy Committee

From: Nancy Nathanson

Re: Proposed IGA Work

I am proposing that the PSCC be one of the leaders in developing a coordinated approach to drug and alcohol treatment. Various agencies in local, regional, state and federal levels of government allocate funding for drug and alcohol treatment, including mental health, without a structure in place that ensures coordination, minimizes duplication of efforts, and attempts to address gaps in service. The intent of this effort would be to develop a comprehensive understanding and report on how money is being spent and whether it is being allocated in a manner to achieve the best results.

For me, a successful drug & alcohol treatment program:

- relies on community resources and expertise, and leverages dollars already being spent toward physical and mental health;
- integrates drug treatment, counseling and other assistance targeted toward the clients entire needs (medical, psych, social/family, etc.)
- incorporates a strong, ongoing accountability system for choices made by the client (while voluntary, makes clear the choice of treatment or the consequences of continued drug/alcohol abuse) including the full range of options under the judges discretion (incarceration, fines, ...)
- has ongoing oversight by the criminal justice system (if a court issue) and the treatment system (typically using a model with a sponsor/recovered person who stays with the client) with follow-up and after care support.
- adopts goals that include no arrest, relapse and/or law enforcement encounters over the next 12 months. The ultimate, long term goal is that the client will make a lasting change in their life.

The Policy Committee would oversee this work ensuring that the appropriate persons are involved with this effort. This work will produce a report that clearly delineates the allocation of money, the source of the money, the agency providing the money and to whom, and any evaluations that have been conducted regarding the services provided by the agency. If appropriate, a process for allocation and monitoring will also be discussed and recommended to the Policy Committee.

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