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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
18.		Favor	Albert Senella	On behalf of Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (TTC), I am writing to express our strong support for this motion This motion will help provide valuable information on the impact of methamphetamine on LA County. Importantly, this knowledge will underscore why access to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment is essential.
			Albert Senella	On behalf of the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc. (CAADPE), we strongly support this motion. The cooperation and analysis that this motion supports will raise public awareness of the harmful consequences of methamphetamine use. Importantly, it is a chance to create dialogue on how we can address this issue.
			Kerry H Morrison	This research is important to understand the extent of the human suffering unfolding because of untreated meth use and how we might intervene to disrupt the cycle of addiction, homelessness and incarceration and help people find a recovery path forward.
		Oppose	Jorge Lara	PUT THEM ALL IN JAIL..
			V V Citizen	Public health should have been studying this all along. How much is this going to cost tax payers?
		Item Total	5	
Grand Total			5	

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24-2126 Motion by Supervisor Horvath: Understanding Methamphetamine

Dear Supervisor Horvath:

On behalf of Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (TTC), I am writing to express our strong support for your motion scheduled for discussion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Methamphetamine continues to wreak havoc on communities across the county. As stated in your motion, this is a harmful drug that can cause serious health problems such as psychosis, malnutrition, dental issues and death. A report¹ by the Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) shows that in 2021 alone, there were almost 23,000 emergency department visits related to meth use; and in 2022 there were about 2,000 deaths from meth overdose. At TTC, we witness the destructive consequence this drug has on our patients' lives – and their families.

Through this motion, the collaboration between SAPC, the Department of Mental Health, the Medical Examiner-Coroner and community-based organizations will provide valuable information on the impact of methamphetamine on LA County. Importantly, this knowledge will underscore why access to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment is essential. Treatment not only benefits the individual patients, but their families and communities.

We appreciate your advocacy on this issue. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 818-654-3815 or by e-mail at ttcadmin@tarzanatc.org.

Respectfully,

Albert Senella
President/Chief Executive Officer

¹ Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. (n.d.). *Methamphetamine Los Angeles County*. County of Los Angeles Public Health . <https://lacountydphsaps.inzastories.com/meth-landing/>

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On behalf of the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc. (CAADPE), I am writing to express our strong support for your motion scheduled for discussion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. CAADPE represents more than thirty-five organizations that provide essential health services across the state of California. CAADPE advocates for patients, especially those who need substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and mental health services.

As your motion states, methamphetamine is a deadly drug and leads to many negative health outcomes such as psychosis, malnutrition, dental problems and more. Methamphetamine use also contributes to the significant increase in emergency department visits and overdoses in the county. By approving this motion, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, the Department of Mental Health, the Medical Examiner-Coroner and community-based organizations can further investigate the impact of methamphetamine and identify resources and strategies to lower barriers to care. The cooperation and analysis that this motion supports will raise public awareness of the harmful consequences of methamphetamine use. More importantly, it is a chance to create dialogue on how we can address this issue.

CAADPE commends your advocacy and we strongly support this motion. Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of questions. I can be reached at 818-654-3815 or by e-mail at ttcadmin@tarzanatc.org.

Respectfully,

Albert Senella
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RE: In Support of #18 on 6/4/24 Board Agenda. Understanding Methamphetamine in Los Angeles County (24-2126)

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to lend my support to the study objectives outlined in this motion presented by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

My observation is that the increased chemical potency of meth over the past 10 years has contributed to the suffering and physical and intellectual deterioration of people who find themselves addicted to this substance.

On a personal note, I have been a volunteer at Twin Towers on a weekly basis for the past two years, and I talk regularly with inmate/patients about how meth contributed to their psychosis and impairment of judgment, which landed them in jail. In the pods where I volunteer – the Forensic Inpatient (FIP) Step-Down – eight out of 10 patients share with me that they were using meth before they were arrested, and they indicate, that upon release they cannot envision how they will stay clear of it. It is a substance that is alluring to the user and ubiquitous upon release.

Further, there appears to be very few community-based programs (along the lines of AA) or inpatient treatment that yield sustainable results. One option might be to initiate 12-step programs and intensive peer support in the jail to give inmates a head-start before release.

I applaud this intent to do a deeper dive into this issue so we can collaborate as a community around a rescue plan for those who find themselves mired in the addiction cycle. Likely successful programs will require a commitment to a community-based approach toward rehabilitation and recovery, led by people with lived experience, guided by the principles of radical hospitality.

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