

AADAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

I. OPENING PROVISIONS

- A. Call to Order: Meeting began at 5:38 PM on 2/12/2025
In attendance: James Jenkins, Marlena Wallace, Darius Wynn, Nicole Updegraff and Tanika Parker.
- B. Mindfulness Moment “I believe that we have to come together, and we have to rely on the goodness of each other. I believe it doesn’t do yourself any good to hate.” Ruby Bridges
- C. Approval of Agenda: approved by motion and second
- D. Comments – Public:
 - a. Sally Habbitts from American Association of Unity and Women, spoke on behalf of Lawrence E. Horner, who was the first black elected city council member in Ventura County and served 4 terms in office as Mayor of Thousand Oaks.
 - b. The American Association of Unity and Women would like to honor and publicly recognize Lawrence E. Hornor. He has never received any major public recognition for his leadership that helped to shape our city as we now have many programs in which he started i.e., Teen Center, Senior Center, Libraries.
 - c. AAUW has urged the city to name a prominent public space after Lawrence E. Horner to ensure his honor and legacy. They will be speaking at BSU Thousand Oaks High School on March 3, 2025 to keep the students engaged in this matter.

II. ACTION – CONSENT

- A. Approval of minutes approved (first Nicole Updegraff, Tanika Parker second, 4 yeah, 0 nay)

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. INFORMATION - Heather Chamberlin-Scollie Ph.D., LCSW Director
 - 1. Spoke on services provided on different levels Mental Health and Wellness.
 - 2. California Behavioral Health Initiative is the top grant providing support services. There is also the School Based Mental Health Grant, the Prevention Early Intervention Grant and the Wellness Grant.
 - 3. Funding for Genesis was created from the covid stimulus during the pandemic. Providing services on stress, anxiety, testing and early parenting from elementary to high school. Risk assessments are provided to high school students who may be harmful or suicidal and provides services for Special Ed students with disabilities.

4. Their staffing provides career pathways hosting several interns. They have 4 Senior Mental Health Clinicians, 3 Mental Health Clinicians, 30 Mental Health Associates, plus 36 Interns.
5. Partnerships with various Universities totaling 18 in 2025, which grew from 2021 starting only with six.
6. Provides walk-in services, appointments, presentation, individual therapy, group therapy, school events and lunch bunch activities. Elementary students receiving individual therapy are 253 and 36 students are receiving group therapy.

B. DISCUSSION - BSU Student Guests spoke from Westlake (President Gabrielle, their student secretary and officer): "How can AADAC Be of Service."

1. Marlena Wallace asked about the funding for the BSU and or coordinating with the other students in high school. The President of BSU shared that funding is not too prominent and they do productive activities to engage students, one example being "black Jeopardy."
2. Students were asked if they were able to have spaces available for their meetings or events, due to previous BSU students from Westlake who shared that space availability or scheduling was difficult. The current students shared that they do have spaces and are not having a difficulty in scheduling.
3. AADAC shared with students that reposting activities, sharing advertisements like flyers which are more hands on can help events and information get passed around. This can help eliminate any delays in not receiving info on time for certain events.
4. Nicole Updegraff shared her connection with SDAC and how BSU students can receive better support and that SDAC has the power to help. Nicole will be meeting with SDAC on Feb 25th.

C. MEMBER COMMENTS -

1. Dr. James Jenkins took 20 students, started a sports social contract concerning racial epithets. He will go and speak to the entire team to discuss these topics in the fall and spring.
2. Kenny Loo gave thanks to Dr. James Jenkins. He stated that March 11th is the Student Advisory Committee meeting at 10:00am.
3. Directors will have the resources for (Prinche?) available by 2026. –needs correction.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Next meeting - Wednesday, March 12, 2025.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm