

Welcome and Opening Remarks

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Drug Testing Advisory Board

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Welcome - SAMHSA's Role

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**
- An agency in the **U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
- Under a delegation of authority from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA's **Division of Workplace Programs** carries out the HHS role in the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Program

Welcome – SAMHSA's Direction

- Mission: To reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities
- Roles:
 - Voice & Leadership
 - Funding Service-Capacity Development
 - Information/Communications
 - Regulation and Standard Setting
 - Improve Practice
- 8 Strategic Initiatives

Welcome – SAMHSA Key Messages

- Behavioral health is essential to health
 - Improves health status
 - Lowers costs for families, businesses, and governments
- Prevention works
- Treatment is effective
- People recover

Welcome – SAMHSA Principles

- People
 - *Stay focused on the goal*
- Partnership
 - *Cannot do it alone*
- Performance
 - *Make a measurable difference*

Past Steps

- For the last three DTAB meetings (January 26-27, May 3-4, and July 12-13, 2011), DTAB has followed a multiple step process to assess the scientific sufficiency of oral fluid as a potential alternative specimen for inclusion in the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs

Progress to Date

- Experts and working group meetings
- Literature review
- Federal Register Notice Request for Information

Present Steps

- Today, DTAB will:
 - Review public responses to the Request for Information
 - Deliberate and vote on the scientific sufficiency for evaluation of oral fluids, and send recommendation to the SAMHSA Administrator

Future Steps

- Based on DTAB's recommendation and the SAMHSA Administrator's review, the evaluation of oral fluids will be continued by DTAB

Final Steps

- Three options, depending on the evaluation of data:
 - Data does not support oral fluid test;
 - Additional research will be sought; or
 - Propose revisions to include oral fluid in the Mandatory Guidelines for HHS clearance and comment in Federal Register