

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
April 2, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) was called to order by Chairperson Alton Taylor at 10:00 a.m. at the Fresno County Elections Training Room, 4525 E. Hamilton Ave., Fresno, CA

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present**

Alton Taylor, John Duchscher, Brian Conway

**Members Absent**

Daniel Espinoza; Amy Guerra

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Maryann Le, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Carla Padgett, Natasha Hagaman, Baldomero Berber, Sharon Erwin, Kathy Anderson, Angie Aguilar, Susan Holt, Mathieu Gee

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Leticia Almendarez, Westcare; Lisa Garcia, Kingsview; Fil Leanos, Eminence; Antoniette Airzon, Aegis; A.T. Jackson, Antioch; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; David Pinuelas, Kingsview; Susan Jones, FNC; Daizell Obong, FNC; Rob Martin, FNC; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Nancy Jimenez, MHS; Ali Umar, Sierra Tribal; Eric Montez, CAP; David Guerrero, CAP; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Lorena Perez, SofW; Kasey Madden, SofW; Khoeun Baeza, SofW; Kristina Espinoza, SofW; Belinda Lopez, KOK; Greg Coleman, Clinica SierraVista; Bee Vue, Medmark; Susan Murdock, MHS; Grant Seais, Camp Recovery; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Vanessa Canez, Eminence; Jenny Vue, CCR; Dale White, CCR; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Tejal Patel, Promesa; Jeanette Sanchez, Panacea; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; J.D. Dhanda, Prodigy; Felix Enunwa, Delta Care; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Alicia Ledesma, Westcare

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from January/February/March 2014 Meeting**

At start of the meeting there was no quorum present. Once Chairperson Taylor arrived, Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to approve. Motion to approve minutes was given and seconded. All approved the January, February and March Minutes.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr. Duchscher thanked King of Kings for opening up their facility for visit.

## **V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE**

### **A. Support of Contract Awards**

Ms. Sharon Erwin addressed the Board asking for their support of the RFP review committee's recommendation to fund the Family Development Center for therapeutic child care services which are conducted in the Pathways to Recovery Program effective July 1, 2014. Chairperson Taylor was late in attend the meeting and once a quorum was present, Mr. Taylor asked the Board for a motion to approve the recommendation for the Family Development Center to be funded. Mr. Duchscher then motioned to approve the recommendation and Mr. Conway seconded. All approved the motion.

### **B. SAS Update**

Ms. Le introduced Susan Holt, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations for the Department of Behavioral Health, who spoke of the restructuring the Department is going through to become a truly integrated department and then gave update on CADPAAC. Currently, there is a pending merger between CADPAAC and California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA). The last CADPAAC meeting will take place in May and the merger between the two associations should be complete by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The new association will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. She then gave an update on Drug Medi-Cal and the rates, etc. still have not been set. DHSC is in the process of completing the backlog of certification applications statewide. Evidence-based practices will become a more commonly utilized tool for outcome measurements and will be integrated more into the health care system.

Ms. Le then clarified that in the effort to provide effective programs, both for treatment and prevention, the county requires providers to include information regarding the evidence-based practice(s) proposed for each program and having it included in the RFP responses.

Ms. Le then reported on the RFP for co-occurring (SMI) population is still going forward and should be released this month. We are still working with the Courts and Sheriff's Department to help the with the pretrial release program. This will mean that we will be looking for more residential services in the near future. A SB 82 grant which DBH has applied for to open a recovery center has been partially awarded. We will be receiving details for the funding amount and what specific service(s) were awarded.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

### **C. Mental Health Board**

Mr. Conway reported that the MHB had their regional forum with Madera, Tulare, Kings and Merced Counties to see what regional issues could be worked on. They are in the early stages and the process will continue on approximately a quarterly basis. If true integration is desired, the ADAB could examine the integration process for both the Mental Health Board and the ADAB.

**VII. PRESENTATION –**

Staff from Spirit of Woman, Inc. gave a presentation of their program.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.