

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
February 5, 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 UC Merced Center, 550 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Alton Taylor, John Duchscher,

Members Absent

Daniel Espinoza, Brian Conway, Amy Guerra

Department of Behavioral Health

Maryann Le, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Jeremy Boriack, Ike Grewal, Natasha Hagaman, Kathy Anderson, Jim Irwin, Sharon Erwin; Jeanine Hurtado

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Vikki Luna, Lighthouse; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Robert Singleton, KOK; Belinda Lopez, KOK; Les Wenger Transitions Children Services; Shawne Aunic, Generational Changes; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Joanne Cox, MHB; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Dr. J.E. Jackson, Antioch; Tejal Patel, Promesa; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Amber Torres, Advanced Research and Docs Specialist; Susan Murdock, MHS; RobMartin, FNC; Debbie Harkness, CCR; Jennifer Montgomery; Kingsview; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Dale White, CCR; Kasey Madden, SOW; Eric Montez, CAP; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Avaceli Chavez, CHC; Antoniette Aizon, Aegis; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; tongia Sullivan, Medmark

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from January 2014 Meeting

No quorum was present to approve the minutes. Mr. Duchscher asked to have corrections made to the February minutes by correcting the statement under Board Business regarding ADAB visits, "the Board will place their initials", and replacing with Mr. Duchscher will place the initials. The second correction was under Item VII. Presentation – Lighthouse. Mr. Duchscher wanted to note that Lighthouse had conducted their presentation at the Providers Meeting. The Board was unable to approve. Approval will be moved to next month.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Mr. Taylor stated that there was a request to change the Agenda and that the Counselor Competency Survey will be added to next month's agenda.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

Unable to approve recommendation due to not having a quorum. Moved to next month.

B. SAS Update

Ms. Le gave an update from the CADPAAC Quarterly meeting. There were some significant items that were discussed during these meeting. One key point was the merger of ADP and CMHA (Mental Health Association). With the combined associations, it is very imperative to make sure that AOD services has a strong voice. Nothing locally will be changing due to this merger. Counties are working on getting enrollment up for ACA.

Governor's Budget

Ms. Le discussed the upcoming Governor's budget and that the Department of Health Care Services will be seeking a waiver from the Federal Government so that there can be better coordination for the expanded substance abuse and mental health services.

Provider Audits

Ms. Le addressed that since DHCS conducted their targeted audits, a total of 177 programs have been suspended state-wide. The State has also referred 68 programs to the Department of Justice for fraud investigation. Because of the audits that have been conducted, DHCS will be scheduling trainings to get all providers current with DMC regulations and billing sometime in the near future.

ACA Implementation

Ms. Le updated that the end of March is the end of the first wave of health care enrollment.

DMC Recertification Process

Ms. Le reported that all providers in Fresno County has submitted their applications on time. Chief of Provider Enrollment gave report of 100% deficiencies on Phase I application process. Most likely, everyone would have an opportunity to resubmit their applications due to changes to the process. A request has been made to DHCS to provide training to providers so expectations can be met.

2013 Accomplishments

Ms. Anderson gave an update on the accomplishments that have been reached for 2013. They are the Family Focus Services, which uses MHSA funding for families of clients currently in treatment programs. We currently have four providers contracted to conduct services but would like to add additional programs. We have implemented Co-Occurring Services at the Heritage Center for youth already receiving services. We have re-established prevention services to targeting youth pre-entry points at non-traditional schools and will be serving 500 youth within 16 schools within seven school districts in Fresno County. We began looking at program monitoring and measurable outcomes and have implemented into our contracts a more standardized outcomes through SAIS. We have mandated our contracted providers to adopt the

CLAS standards in providing access and appropriate use of trained interpreters in translation and written materials to our LAP clients. We are requiring our treatment providers to begin using evidence-based program services and are now requiring fidelity plans as part of all new contracts.

Ms. Le then let the Board know that we are doing very well with our Counselor Competency Survey but will discuss further at the March meeting.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The Chair**
No communications
- B. Executive Committee**
No communications
- C. Mental Health Board**

Ms. Evans, Chairperson announced that there is Community Planning meeting for the MHSA process which will take place at the Senior Resource Center on February 6, 2014. There will be other meetings taking place. We are asking everyone to bring suggestions to the meeting

VI. PRESENTATION – MHS

A program presentation was given by Susan Murdock of Mental Health Systems.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Duchscher informed the providers that phone calls will be in progress to schedule the site visits with the ADAB members.

Community Partners 4 Recovery will begin the process of planning the 2014 Soberstock event in September. We are asking for more participation from our providers to help in the planning process. Next meeting will take place February 18th from 12-1 at the Hispanic Commission. All community members are welcome.

The Youth Leadership Institute will be hosting a campaign presentation by young people this Saturday February 8, 2014 from 9:30-3:30.

The Lock it Project will be hosting a town hall meeting in Firebaugh on Thursday March 6th from 5:00 -6:30 at the Firebaugh High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.