

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
January 8, 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, Amy Guerra

**Members Absent**

Daniel Espinoza, Brian Conway

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Maryann Le, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Jeremy Boriack, Ike Grewal, Natasha Hagaman, Kathy Anderson, Jim Irwin,

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Scott Rathburn, BAART; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Dave Ruiu, Probation; Felipe Gaona, DSS; Dino Perez, Promesa; Robert Singleton, KOK; Kasey Madden, SOW; Rob Martin, FNC; Lenora Phillips, Westcare; Maria Alapisw, Westcare; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Susan Murdock, MHS; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Bee Vue, MedMark; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Dr. J.E. Jackson, Antioch; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Eric Montez, CAP; Vikki Luna, Lighthouse; Dale White, CCR

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from December 2013 Meeting**

Mr. Duchscher motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded and all approved.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr. Duchscher announced the date for the 2014 Soberstock event which will take place on September 26-27, 2014 at Manchester Center. He mentioned that they are looking for volunteers to help in the planning and participation of the event.

Mr. Duchscher then address that the ADAB will begin visiting our treatment providers starting in February but it wasn't decided how the programs will be divided up. Mr. Duchscher asked the Board to put their initials by the programs they wish to visit and he will forward a schedule out to the Board members.

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

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

None at this time

### **B. SAS Update**

Ms. Le spoke on updates from the State and one was the Target Audit Review from the Department of Health Care Services. They had gone out and visited School-site services and they gave preliminary findings from those visits. DHCS has requested that the County give technical assistance to programs. The next item is the Recertification for Drug Medi-Cal. The whole system was able to submit their applications by the deadline. Once the certification process has been completed, DHSC will go to a 5 year renewal system.

The next item is regarding Minor Consent funding. The State determined a few years back that Minor Consent services was not part of the Drug Medi-Cal services. Because of this finding, an RFP was submitted and services were awarded to four providers to serve Minor Consent services. Because of this change, starting January 1, the County will no longer be processing minor consent services through Drug Medi-Cal. There is current discussion between CADPAAC and the State regarding the Drug Medi-Cal rate and the Association feels that in general, the rate is too low to have quality services for our clients. There seems to be disparity between intensive outpatient and outpatient drug-free services. The Counties in general feel the administrative costs for additional responsibilities that are being placed on the counties is insufficient to provide all the functions at the current rate.

As of January 8<sup>th</sup>, we have not had the influx of clients that was expected due to Health Care Reform. Although it is still early, we feel that we should begin seeing more clients receiving services as they start receiving their insurance information.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

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

No report

## **VII. PRESENTATION – Lighthouse Recovery**

It was asked to move the presentation to February since the provider was running late to conduct their presentation

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Next meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.