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 Ruii, 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 8th, 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 8th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.