

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
March 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 Fresno County Elections Training Room, 4525 E. Hamilton Ave., Fresno, CA

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present**

Alton Taylor, John Duchscher, Amy Guerra, Brian Conway

**Members Absent**

Daniel Espinoza

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Maryann Le, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Ike Grewal, Tina Hedstrom, Kathy Anderson, Angie Aguilar, Marcy Black

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Dennis Reid, Turning Point; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Roger Hayward, ; Kristen Stephens, Eminence; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Kasey Madden, SOW; Kristina Espinoza, SOW; Belinda Lopez, KOK; Felipe Gaona, DSS; Maria Alapisuo, Westcare; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Craig Dauderman, Turning Point; Susan Murdock, MHS; Antoniette Aizon, Aegis; Greg Coleman, Clinical Sierra Vista; Bee Vue, Medmark; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Baolia Xiong, CHC; Daisy Lopez, CHC; James White, CHC; Joe Martinez, TCS; Jennifer Montgomery Kingsview; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Dale White, CCR; Rob Martin, FNC; Tejal Patel, Promesa; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Dr. J. E. Jackson, Antioch; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Cynthia Sapien; Sue Ewert, BAAT; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Gary Knepper, Westcare

**III. MINUTES**

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

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to approve both the January and February Minutes. Mr. Duchscher motioned to approve minutes and Mr. Conway seconded. All approved.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr. Duchscher stated visits of programs by the Board members has begun with a visit to Nuestra Casa. He also stated that if he seen something to discuss anything worthwhile, that he would address with the director of program and that he would be only stating his opinion. Mr. Duchscher thanked Mr. Zapata for opening up their facility.

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

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

Ms. Le stated that we will be going before the Board of Supervisors to renew the Family Villa contract which provides housing for our clients of the PATHWAYS to Recovery program. Turning Point will continue to provide the service and will be asking the ADAB for their support for this contract. Mr. Conway motioned to support the recommended action. Motion was seconded. All approved.

### **B. SAS Update**

Ms. Le gave thanks for all of our treatment programs for their dedication and hard work to their clients. Ms. Le gave update on the Co-occurring Residential Services for Adults RFP which is being released and should be scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors either in August or September.

Ms. Le stated that DBH has applied for SB82 Grant and are waiting to hear back in April to see if we received funding. The intent for this grant is to open a recovery center on the UMC campus which would include medical triage, adult crisis stabilization, sobering center, adolescent inpatient services. DBH has been working on looking at the different levels of care to integrate primary care, substance use disorder, mental health. This plan is currently still in conception.

Ms. Le then introduced Marcy Black from the Integrated Mental Health Primary Care which is located at the Ambulatory Care Unit (Deren Koligian) at Community Regional Medical Center. Their primary focus is to work with the clinics within the Unit to provide assessments for mental health/substance abuse with patients who are being seen there. Medications can also be dispensed while patients are there. Patients are then scheduled to be seen so continued patient care will continue. Ms. Black can be contacted by e-mail which is the best way to reach her.

### **C. Counselor Competency Survey**

Ms. Aguilar reported to the ADAB the results of the Counselor Competency Survey for 2013 and found that Fresno County remains in compliance with the number of certified counselors which are at 59% of our surveyed programs. State requires 30% compliance.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

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

Mr. Conway noted that there will be a regional meeting meeting at Stone Soup on Saturday at 9:00 am for anyone who would like to attend.

## **VII. PRESENTATION – Turning Point**

Mr. Todd Blanchett gave a presentation on AB109 services with Turning Point of Central California

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Lock it Up Project will be hosting a town hall meeting at the Firebaugh High School from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Path (Performing Above the High)Community Prevention program is looking for parents to provide testimonials on the harm of drug use by their child to appear on a DVD that will be used with law-enforcement to share on the effects of drug use and the toll on the families. Parents can go the California Health Collaborative website to inquire.

The Department of Health Care Services will be conducting a training on March 11, 2014 on Adult Drug Medi-Cal. They will also be providing technical assistance during this time.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.