

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
May 7, 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 Center, Fresno, 550 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Alton Taylor, John Duchscher, Brian Conway

Members Absent

Amy Guerra

Department of Behavioral Health

Natasha Hagaman, Baldomero Berber, Carla Padgett, Maryann Le, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Sharon Erwin

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Carolyn Evans, MHB; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Randy Mehrten, FCOE; Maria Acapisio, Westcare; Ana Padilla, Westcare; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Brent Smither, FCOE; Tejal Patel, Promesa; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Fil Leanol, Eminence; Hardl Medina, CHC; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Marty Casthanor, MHS; Kasey Madden, SOW; Susan Murdock, MHS; Kannon Malls, Aegis; Felipe Gaona, DSS; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Yolanda Herrera, Sierra Tribal Consortium; Robert Singleton, KOK; Dr. Jackson, Antioch; BAART; Deanna Kuiell, MHS; Rob Martin, FNC; Daizell Oboy, FNC; Eric Montez, CAP; Dale White, CCR

II. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from April 2014 Meeting

Chairperson Taylor asked the board for a motion to approve the minutes for April. Mr. Duchscher then made a motion to accept minutes, motion seconded, all approved.

III. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

None at this time.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None at this time.

B. SAS Update

Ms. Le introduced Natasha Hagaman, Principal Analyst who then provided an update to the Board on the Strategic Prevention planning process. It is time to start a new planning process to determine current needs and align future contracts with those needs. LPC has been approved by the Board of Supervisors to facilitate and draft the next prevention services strategic plan.

Ms. Le then gave update to the Board on the IMD Exclusion. It is currently being recommended at the State to apply for a waiver so the IMD Exclusion would not limit residential programs to 16 beds. Ms. Le asked providers if they are seeing an increase in clients or issues since ACA began. One statement was made that billing is taking longer due to ACA coverage issues. Insurance needs to be billed first before Medi-Cal will cover. She also addressed the merger of CADPAAC and the CMHDA (County Mental Health Directors Association). The month of May will be the last CADPAAC meeting before the merger takes place July 1st. Weekly conference calls have been moved to Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Ms. Le talked about prescription drug abuse. Statistics are coming out with 83% of the counties identifying abuse as a significant problem. Sixty-nine percent of counties have programs in place and 33% have drop boxes in place including Fresno County. Mr. Evi Hernandez from the California Health Collaborative, Lock It Up Project then gave a more detailed discussion on the statistics and concerns regarding this issue in Fresno County.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communications

B. Executive Committee

No communications

C. Mental Health Board

Mr. Conway stated that there will be another joint meeting which will be held in Kings County on June 28th. The Mental Health Board will be going on a site visit to the Crisis Intervention Services on May 14th and all Board members are invited to attend. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and activities will begin with the NAMI Walk on Saturday May 10th and a celebration event will take place on May 13th at Roeding Park.

VII. PRESENTATION – Fresno County Office of Education

Mr. Randy Mehrten and Mr. Brent Smither from the Fresno County Office of Education's Safe and Healthy Kids Intervention Program gave a presentation on their services.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

CHC-PATHS will be hosting a Drug-Free Party in Reedley and will start off with a Run with the Heroes 5k run/walk to be held on May 31st. Also they will be hosting the 3rd Empowerment Summit for the Marijuana Prevention Program.

Mr. Duchscher stated that the Soberstock committee is looking for a group to organize a run for Soberstock and would like to get some input on how conduct a run from the PATH Project.

Youth Leadership Institute will be hosting an open house at their new facility this Friday. Also this Youth Summit will be held on June 16, 2014.

Mr. White introduced Daniel Hernandez who will managing the Opportunity House Sober Living program which is scheduled to open within a few weeks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.