

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
September 3, 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

Members Absent

Brian Conway

Department of Behavioral Health

Natasha Hagaman, Susan Holt, Jim Irwin, Sharon Erwin, Adam Balto, Jose Conchas, Okie Lewis, Paula Zapata, Robert Johnson, Brian Bradley, Julie Apperson, Kelley Juhrend, Kathy Anderson

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Aleiba Moreno, FCOE; Kristen Stephens, Eminence; Fil Leanos Eminence; Kasey Madden, SofW; Robin Difalco, FDC; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Felipe Gaona, DSS; Nelson Esparza, BOS; Tou Moua, CHC; Mark Christiansen, Promesa; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Albert Robles, FCHC; Rob Martin, FNC; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Stephen Ramirez, CHC; Dale White, CCR; Kannon Nalls, Aegis; Gloria Hicks, Panacea; Todd Blanchett, TP; JD Dhanda, Prodigy; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from August 2014 Meeting

Chairperson Taylor asked the Board if they had any changes to the minutes from last month. Mr. Duchscher motioned to accept minutes as submitted. All approved.

IV. 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. Hagaman gave introductions of Joseph Rangel, Division Manager of Contract and Facility Services, and Paula Zapata, Sr. Staff Analyst.

Ms. Anderson gave a presentation regarding the Drug Medi-Cal Audit which was conducted by the State Auditor's Office. The report included LA, Fresno and Sacramento Counties. Based on five high risk indicators that were used in the State Audit, our site monitoring efforts will add a recurring deficiency section in the site review reports, which will include deficiencies cited in the prior review. We will also be requiring all site review reports, corrective action plans and follow-up letters be submitted when responding to an RFP. A three month focused audit for any deficiencies related to medical necessity will be required. In order to be cleared of these deficiencies, programs must have three consecutive months with no deficiencies. Another change that will be happening is recoupment will take place outside of the adjudicated period if a deficiency warrants it. A bulletin highlighting these changes will be coming out in the near future.

Ms. Anderson gave an update on the findings that are coming from the Department of Health Care Services which are based on Federal requirement regarding risk level assignments to DMC providers. These risk assignments will begin October 2014. Based upon these changes, all DMC providers will be considered high risk when applying for certification or revalidation, and will be required to undergo background checks and finger printing. For non-profit providers, this will apply to any person with a five percent direct or indirect ownership interest in the program. DHCS also has a bill in process to include executive directors and officers for the non-profit organizations in this enhanced screening requirement.

Ms. Anderson concluded her update with a clarification from DHCS on the number of hours services can be provided at satellite locations. Based on this clarification, the twenty hour rule applies to the number of hours of service provided, not based on the hours that doors are open. Also, follow-up site reviews will begin within 120 days of when the county accepts the corrective plan.

Ms. Hagaman reported that DHCS is starting to move the backlogs on certification/revalidation for programs along with monthly conference calls from their enrollment division to address certification/revalidation issues. Also, the 1115-C waiver status for the residential services is still in process and should be submitted any day. Finally, the DMC Emergency Regulation regarding the physician evaluation requirement will be clarified by DHCS in the near future by sending out a bulletin to address any confusion.

Ms. Erwin gave an update on the Cost Report and stated that the DMC Cost Report forms have not been released yet. The submission deadline will be included with the templates. Non-DMC Cost Reports are currently due.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communications.

B. Executive Committee

No communications.

C. Mental Health Board

No communications.

VII. PRESENTATION – Pathways to Recovery/Family Development Center

Julie Apperson from Pathways to Recovery and Robin DiFalco of Family Development Center gave a presentation of their services.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Duchscher reminded everyone that Soberstock will be held on September 26-27, 2014 at Manchester Center. They are still looking for vendors to participate at the event.

No other comments were made.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.