

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
December 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, Brian Conway

Members Absent

None

Department of Behavioral Health

Natasha Hagaman, Jose Conchas, Paula Zapata, Kelley Juhrend, Joseph Rangel, Tina Hedstrom, Baldomero Berber; Brian Bradley; Adam Balto; Robert Johnson; Sharon Erwin

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Phil Cowings, Panacea; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Juan Garza, Eminence; Kristen Stepha, Eminence; Fil Leanos, Eminence; Felipe Gaona, DSS; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Rob Martin; FNC; Todd Blanchett, TP; Daizell Obony, FNC; Bee Vue, MedMark; Marisol Zamora, CHC Lock it Up; Lourdes Rosencrans, CHC SAP; April Hoogasian, YLI; Susan Murdock, MHS; Brent Smither, FCOE; Jesse Rodriguez, KOK; JD Dhanda, Prodigy; Belinda Lopez, KOK; Domingo Zapata; FCHC; Albert Robles, FCHC

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from Novemeber 2014 Meeting

Chairperson Taylor asked for motion to approve minutes. Mr. Duchscher motioned and Mr. Conway seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Mr. Duchscher expressed his concern regarding the DBH's item merging the Mental Health Board and the ADAB, which will be going before the Board of Supervisor on December 16, 2014. Mr. Duchscher expressed his opinion, that merging the two boards would allow one to dictate over the other and that areas of Substance Use Disorders will not have a voice on the new Behavioral Health Board. He asked the providers to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 16th to address the concerns of merging and express that they believe that it is not in the best interest of the SUD community.

Mr. Conway expressed his view that combining the Mental Health Board and ADAB would be beneficial and that this is consistent with the direction that the State and Federal

Government have taken to streamline and improve services for both mental health and substance abuse clients being served by the County.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None

B. SAS Update

Mr. Rangel responded to both comments regarding board consolidation and expressed that the Department was asked to provide a pro/con if the two boards were merged but did not take a position for or against. Mr. Rangel then talked about an Adolescent Psychiatric inpatient facility that was just approved by the Board of Supervisors and should begin services around April 2015.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communications.

B. Executive Committee

No communications.

C. Mental Health Board

No communication

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.