

Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
August 7, 2013

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, Pamela Senatore

Members Absent

Michael Roth, Daniel Espinoza, Brian Conway

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Maryann Le, Natasha Hagaman, Jim Irwin, Julie Apperson, Jeremy Boriack, Brian Bradley, Darrell Hamilton, Ike Grewal

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Richardo Vasquez, Promesa; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Len Arbuckle, Astelma Jackson, Antioch; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Greg Coleman, Clinica Sierra Vista; Dale White, CCR; Eric Montez, CAP; Robert Singleton, KOK; Rob Martin, FNC; Kris Frost, Aegis; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Gloria Hicks, Panacea; Gina Falcon, CHC-LIUP; Rolando Valero, CHC; J.D. Dhanda, Prodigy; Bee Vue, MedMark; Cleadus Shelton, Westcare, Avareli Chavez, CHC-PATH; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Andrea Smith, YLI; Michael Carpenter, J4K; Kasey Madden; Genevieve Cobb, SOW; Ivy Roberts, J4K; Felix Ewinua, Delta Care; Orlando Gillam, Dunamis

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from June 2013 Meeting

Mr. Taylor asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the minutes. Mr. Duchscher motioned to approve minutes as submitted and motion was seconded by Ms. Senatore. All approved.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Mr. Duchscher asked to have placed on the September Agenda an Action Item for Board support of the National Recovery Month in September. Announcement was noted for next month's agenda.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

Mr. Koch asked the Board for their support of the recommended provider to contract for NTP services in the Jail. BAART was selected to provide the services. The item is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on August 20. Mr. Taylor motioned to support the recommendation and Ms. Senatore seconded. All approved.

B. SAS Update

Drug Medi-Cal Fraud Article

Mr. Koch started his update addressing a report by CNN on fraud in the Drug Medi-Cal system and investigations that are taking place. The Department of Health Care Services has since sent out notices of investigations that are taking place. Some of the fraud that has been brought forward include billing for non-services or could services that could not substantiate the medical necessity for treatment. Mr. Duchscher asked if there is way to check to see if programs are compliant. Mr. Koch stated that the County has been doing chart audits with programs to make sure that compliance is in place and if we suspected a problem then we would turn over to the Medi-Cal Fraud unit to investigate and the State would come back with no findings of fraud or the program would close.

RFA – Family Focus Services

Mr. Koch stated that a Request for Applications will be coming later in August for family focus prevention services for our clients' families while they are in treatment.

Health Care Reform

Mr. Koch updated on health care reform and alcohol and other drug services. He stated that those who would be eligible include single childless adults that are 133% of the poverty level, and families under the Federal poverty level with assests. Benefits would include inpatient, detox through hospitalization, day treatment, intensive outpatient services, medical treatment of withdrawals outpatient. The concerns right now is capacity, regulations, certification and IMD exclusion which states that a facility cannot house more than 16 people. Due to this regulation, the State is looking at changing the regulation on IMD services.

Mr. Duchscher stated that the County contracts with UC Davis to do trainings on Health Care Reform and gave this information as an fyi.

Future Presentations

Mr. Koch stated that the results of the Client Satisfaction Survey that was conducted earlier this year will be presented at the September ADAB meeting and in October we will be covering a Financial Breakout of how our services are paid for.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The Chair**
No communications
- B. Executive Committee**
No communications
- C. Mental Health Board**

Due to Mr. Conway absence, Ms. Carolyn Evans, Chairperson of the Mental Health Board gave some comments on wanting to see more co-occurring services with our treatment providers and participation between the two boards on this issue. Mr. Duchscher asked if it would be possible to have a joint meeting with both boards in the future to maybe address the issues and concerns of co-occurring clients and service delivery.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There is a co-occurring training scheduled at the UC Center on Thursday August 8, 2013 and Dr. Joy from UCLA will be presenting.

The California Health Collaborative has grants available for the fall for youth activities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.