

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
February 6, 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, Brian Conway, John Duschscher, Pamela Senatore

Members Absent

Michael Roth

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Betty Brown, Tina Hedstrom, Ike Grewal, Maryann Le, Natasha Hagaman, Lisa Ruiz, Sharon Erwin, Jim Irwin; Jeremy Boriack; Michael Johnson

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Naomi Sosa, Clinica Sierra Vista; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Bee Vue, MedMark; Antoniette Aizon, Aegis; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Shadaria McPherson, CHC; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Rolando Valero, CHC; Elizabeth Lee, CA Health Department Tobacco Prevention; Marilya McCammond; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Robyn Smith, SOW; Vivian Diaz, SOW; Debbie Harkness, CCR/ATR; Jorge Acosta, Fresno Center for Change; Cleadus Shelton, Westcare; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Robert Singleton, KOK; Eric Montez, CAP; Dale White, CCR; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from December 2012 Meeting

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

None

B. Welcome New Board Members

Mr. Taylor welcomed our newly appointed Board members, Pamela Senatore and John Duschscher

C. Areas of Interest

Dennis asked the Board to think of ideas that would be an area of interest or direction in order to provide the appropriate data and information to the Board. Mr. Conway stated that he would like to do site visits or have presentations done by the Providers. Mr. Taylor suggested a comprehensive directory of Youth Services including Faith-based and Private organizations and suggested to organizing a sub-committee. Mr. Conway asked if it was possible to do a survey /ratings of the County by our providers. Mr. Koch stated that the Advisory Board could maybe host a community forum without County attendance. He also stated that we could set up to the direction of the Board however they would like to conduct forum. Mr. Conway suggested that the Board should think about having a subcommittee to explore this avenue. Mr. Duchscher stated that we should include all community members and the public be invited to the town forum. Mr. Koch stated that there will be a community forum on February 19th in Tranquility hosted by Tranquility Water District. Mr. Duchscher stated that he would attend the February 19th event.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None

D. SAS Update

Mr. Koch spoke about the Federal Block Grant which could effect Fresno County if the President does the sequester. SAMSHA would receive an 8% cut and Fresno County would get a 5% visible reduction. It would be possible not to see any effect for a few years. Mr. Koch moved on to report on the State budget and noted that all of Alcohol and Drug services excluding the Department of Gambling, to the Department of Health Care Services and puts all the services under one department. Mr. Koch also noted that very little funding is tied directly to the Governor's Budget except for Parolee Services and should be fully funded. Last, Mr. Koch reported that the current Requests for Proposals will be closing on February 13th at 2:00 pm. This is for Youth Serices, AOD and Mental Health services at the Juvenile Justice Campus, Residential Perinatal and Drug Court Services.

Ms. Lisa Ruiz reported on the Counselor Competency Survey results. Fresno County exceeded the 30% of certified providers in 32 programs which was a 12 percent increase from previous year.

Mr. Conway asked if the State tracks certifying agencies percentages. Mr. Koch stated that he could follow up.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communications

B. Executive Committee

No communications

C. Mental Health Board

Mr. Koch stated that the Mental Health Board currently has been unable to fill the volunteer between the two Boards.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.