

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
June 5, 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 UC Center Fresno, 550 E. Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present**

Alton Taylor, John Duchscher, Brian Conway, Daniel Espinoza

**Members Absent**

Michael Roth, Pamela Senatore,

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Julie Apperson, Jeremy Boriack, Ike Grewal, Marcy Black; Brian Bradley; Darrell Hamilton

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Scott Rathburn, BAART; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Dale White, CCR; Debbie Harkness, CCR/ATR; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Herb Winnett, Turing Point; Kasey Madden, SOW; Gina Falcon, CHC; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Rob Martin, FNC; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Kris Frost, Aegis; Eric Montez, CAP; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Cleadus Shelton, Westcare; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Rudy Jackson, A&J; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Mark Jackson, MHS; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Ricardo Vasquez, Promesa; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Yami Rodriquez, YLI; Robert Singleton, KOK

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from April 2013 Meeting**

Chairperson Taylor asked a motion to accept minutes as submitted. Mr. Duchscher motioned to approve and Brian Conway seconded. All approved.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr.Koch introduced Mr. Daniel Espinoza to the Board. He was appointed by Supervisor Borgeas. Mr. Duchscher talked about developing a sub-committee with the goal of coming up on a project that could be on going and to serve the County. Mr. Duchscher asked what day would best suit Board members to meet on brainstorming. Mr. Conway and Mr. Taylor expressed evenings. The first meeting will take place on June 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Hispanic Commission

## **V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE**

### **A. Support of Contract Awards**

### **B. SAS Update**

Mr. Koch reported on the RFA for the residential programs for prevention services which should be release over the summer. Services will available to families of clients who are in an adult outpatient/residential program. Per agency could be granted around \$8,000 per agency.

Contracts:

Drug Court services and Residential Perinatal services contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors and there was an increase in perinatal funding. There are two in-house programs at the JJC that will be going before the Board on June 18, 2013.

Mr. Koch announced that we will be asking for support of the recommendation for Pre-Entry students but will be holding off the announcement due to Purchasing sending out letters has been delayed. We will contact ADAB members via e-mail to ask for support since there is no July Board meeting. Mr. Duchscher motioned to hold off on the announcement of the contract award. Mr. Taylor seconded. Mr. Conway asked if it possible to send out e-mail to ask for support since this was so short notice. Mr. Koch agreed that yes this could be done.

Mr. Koch handed out a draft of benefits for the Affordable Health Care Act. Mr. Koch talked about where we are for the Affordable Health Care Act. Feds are giving option to go 2014 and California Governor wants to wait the start of January 1<sup>st</sup> but the Legislature wants to go forward. Currently County pays for Indigent Care but once health care begins, County will not pay for Indigent Care because of the ability to have health insurance.

Current Medi-Cal services is linked to a child, disability or the aged. Governor has proposed enhanced benefit and newly eligible with 100% federal coverage and existing 50% after 3 years the County will begin paying a percentage up to 10%. The Counties would request a waiver to select providers with openings instead of going with just Drug-Medi-Cal certified programs. Residential services would be available to jail and wait list clients who have newly enrolled would be eligible and would open up services. The County associations are asking for inclusions. By August, the benefit package will be clearer. There will be a CATES training on what is needed to be a provider through the Covered California.

Mr. Duchscher asked about the CLAS standards, and Mr. Koch responded that it is required by the Feds and it will become a requirement for contracting services.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

**B. Executive Committee**

No communications

**C. Mental Health Board**

Mr. Conway has been appointed to be the Liaison to the Mental Health Board

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.