

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
March 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, John Duschscher, Pamela Senatore

Members Absent

Michael Roth, Brian Conway

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Brian Bradley, Julie Apperson, Tina Hedstrom, Maryann Le Jeremy Boriack;

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Veronica Palafox, Sheriff's Dept.; Amy Matherson, King of Kings; Ricardo Velasquez, Promesa; Antoniette Aizon, Aegis; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Maria Ramirez, MHS; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Todd Blancett, Turning Point; Rob Martin, FNC; Loren French, FNC; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Gina Falcon, CHC; Michelle Alcantara, CHC; Cleadus Shelton, Westcare; Rolando Valero, CHC; Elizabeth Lee, Dept. of Public Health; Leila Gholamrezaei-Eha, Dept. of Public Health; Eric Montez, CAP; Kevin Gibson, CAP; Phillip Cowings, Panacea; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Rudy Jackson, A&J Services; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Sue Ewert, BAART; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Jim Bogdanovich, BAART; Mark Jackson, MHS; Alstemla Jackson, Antioch; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Bee Vue, Medmark; Susan Murdock, MHS; Carrie Smithson, MHS; Dale White, CCR; Debbie Harkness, CCR; JD. Dhanda, Prodigy; Felix Enuma, Delta Care;

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from February 2013 Meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

None

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None

B. SAS Update

Mr. Koch stated that the ADAB and Provider Meeting will be covering the same update therefore there will not be a Provider meeting following the ADAB but staff will be available to answer any questions.

Mr. Koch addressed the question by Mr. Conway about the percentage of staff that is certified by each certifying group such as CADAC and CAAR and both the State and certifying groups did not keep this type of information .

Department Budget

Currently working on department budget and there will not be any increases or reductions. SAS expects increase in DMC and caseloads to go up due to health care reform and have not heard what the rates will be. Also funding for AB109 will receive the same amount of funding. Sales tax is increasing which is good for our realignment. Under the MHSA program, an annual update to the community, the Mental Health Board, and to the Board of Supervisors. We currently have two programs that came from the community input process asking to fund and approve funding for outpatient substance abuse disorder services at Children's Mental Health at Heritage and will be included with the youth treatment services RFP. The second is to provide prevention and early intervention services to family members and children of clients receiving services in a drug treatment program. We are still working on how we will rollout these services. Ms. Senatore asked how these services would look like and Mr. Koch responded that we have not designed the program yet but will be taking suggestions and working with providers on how this program would look.

Federal Budget

Sequestration is expected to begun since there has not been a budget in place for the fiscal cliff and will cut Federal programs by 5% but since this is not a full year the cuts will average to 9%. SAMSHA will receive cuts to their block grants but will look at other avenues to cut from so that the block grants would not be affected. These cuts are spread out throughout many years so we would not realize the cuts until further down the road.

RFP'S

Mr. Koch stated that there were 4 different RFP's out and has received some of the recommendations and will give an announcement within the next week or two and will send notification out by e-mail to the Board for support. Purchasing will be sending out the award letters.

Health Care Reform

Starting January 2014, States will be required to submit plans for approval by the Feds. Expect growth of clients who are eligible for Medi-Cal services. Recommendation is a benefit package to cover medication (suboxone, naltraxon) for AOD services.

Report – Client Satisfaction Survey

Client surveys have been sent out and should be reporting back to the Board in May since they have all of March to conduct the surveys.

Mr. Duchscher asked if anything has happened on putting together a community forum? Mr. Koch stated that it would be best to meet with the Board on how they would like the forum to run so it would best to meet and discuss. A suggested is to do a forum with alumni from our treatment programs to get their suggestions on what could be done to better serve clients.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair
No communications

B. Executive Committee
No communications

C. Mental Health Board
No communications

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.