

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
October 2, 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; Brian Conway

**Members Absent**

Michael Roth, Daniel Espinoza, Pamela Senatore

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Maryann Le, Brian Bradley, Raj Sungu, Sharon Erwin, Darrell Hamilton, Jeremy Boriack, Ike Grewal, Dawan Utecht, Angie Aguilar, Natasha Hagaman, Kathy Anderson

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Kristen Stephens, Eminence; Todd Blanchett, Turning Point; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Robert Singleton, KOK; Antionette Aizon, Aegis; Ronald Evans, DSS; Dale White, CCR; Maria Torres, CCR; Kasey Madden, SoW; Genevieve Cobb, SoW; Scott Rathburn; BAART; Jennifer Montgomery, Kingsview; Bee Vue; Astelma Jackson, Antioch; Susan Murdock, MHS; Rob Martin, FNC; Marisol, Zamora, CHC; Daisy Lopez; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Felix Enunwa, Delta Care; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Sue Ewert, BAART; Jimmie Bogdanovich, BAART; Michael Carpenter, Just4Kidz; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare

**III. MINUTES**

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

Quorum was not available at the start of meeting so minutes were not approved. Minutes were then approved due to the late arrival of Board Member Conway. Minutes were then reviewed and approved for submission.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr. Duchscher announced that there were copies of the LA Times Addiction Recovery inserts available. These were given out at Soberstock. This year's Soberstock will be featured in the next LA Times insert. He also announced that there were Recognition certificates given out for participating in Soberstock.

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

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

### **B. SAS Update**

Mr. Koch gave an update on what is happening since CNN reported abuse of the Drug Medi-Cal system in California. There has been a DMC hearing with the Legislature last week on the misuse of funds and fraud. County Administrators met with the Director of DHCS and a result of the meeting will cause more visits from DHCS and use of better technical assistances for programs that are compliant. There will also be a new fraud line that will be sent out to all providers.

#### RFA – Family Focus Services

Mr. Koch stated that responses were low and that we will be meeting with providers individually and we will place on a master agreement. Start of services should begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### New Services

Mr. Koch stated that they are currently working on residential services for both co-occurring clients and adolescents. Need to see what savings will be from the Affordable Health Care Act. Looking at starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Duchscher asked where will the adolescent clients be referred from? Mr. Koch stated that they will be referred through schools, families and outpatient programs. Mr. Duchscher asked how many outpatient programs are there? Mr. Koch stated that there are 54 adolescent programs that are operated through schools and the County. Mr. Koch told the Board that he will send out the listing of our programs. Mr. Koch stated that the challenge for a residential program for adolescent is the facility.

#### Health Care Reform - Coverage

Mr. Koch stated our division has scored what we think the savings will be and drafted some estimates for new revenue coming in. Due to the spending authority placed on counties, we can only spend what our authority is. We will be going to the Board of Supervisors asking to increase our spending authority then collect from the Feds. Because of ACA, three new services will be covered: Intensive Outpatient (formerly Day Care Habilitative) \$73.00, Residential, \$97 per day which only covers treatment costs (excluding room and board) 100% covered, and Inpatient Detox within a hospital and shows medical necessity. Rate has not been established yet. A client can cross county lines for AOD services with Medi-Cal and will be covered under the County of service.

The AOD Administrators have given some recommendations which include paying their counselors better and creating a career ladder which will retain staff. The State has agreed to increase rates. 2. Allow counties to preauthorize residential services to assure medical necessity.

Mr. Koch commented on the memo handed out to the Board on the Client Satisfaction Survey.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.