

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
April 4, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) was called to order by Chairperson Ricky Miller at 10:00 a.m., at the Fresno County Elections Training Room, 4525 E. Hamilton Ave., Fresno, CA

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Ricky Miller, Brian Conway, Michael Roth

Members Absent

Jodi Schroeder, Alton Taylor

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Natasha Hagaman, Betty Brown, Ike Grewal, Michael Johnson; Marcelia Black, Maryann Le

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Scott Rathbrun, BAART; Ron Evans, DSS; Mike Alsup, Aegis; Ralph Grijalva, SSCC; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Robert Singleton, KOK; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Donnie Andrade; Eminence; Kandi Carter, SOW; Lenora Phillips, Westcare; Mana Acapiso, Westcare; Phil Cowings, Panacea; Bee Vue, MedMark; Erica Gonzalez, Promesa; Richardo Vasquez, Promesa; Rolando Valero, CHC; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Daisy Lopez, CHC, Yami Rodriguez, YLI

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from March 2012 Meeting

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve minutes. Motion made and seconded. All approved.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

The Chair wanted to thank Rolando Valero from California Health Collaborative conducting a presentation on the Lock it Up Project to the Adult Subcommittee Meeting of the Mental Health Board. The information was greatly received.

No other announcements or correspondence at this time.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None

B. SAS Update

Mr. Koch informed the Board in regard to Health Care Reform, that there will be a portal/section set up on our webpage over the next couple of days as a repository different articles and background information on understanding what Health Care Reform is all about and what is the next step for our providers.

Three weeks ago there was testimony given to the Joint Hearing of the State Legislature stating that the Administrative Association was not in support of splitting the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and that the Legislature had actually agreed with the Association. The Association will continue to advocate their platform to not split the department.

Mr. Koch, reminded the Board that we are under two different Realignment streams and that under AB109 we have contracted with Turning Point to provide outpatient services, mental health and substance abuse disorder as well as the full service partnership. We should be going before the Board of Supervisors on April 24th and the provider should then be up and running. Currently, these clients are being referred through our Assessment Center. There has been about 100 assessments completed but only a few have been referred to treatment. Ms. Miller asked if the program allowed clients to come back if they don't first meet the criteria of AB 109 but are showing they need services.. Mr. Koch stated yes that this program will follow how Prop. 36 was conducted.

Ms. Miller asked if there was anything different being done since Prop. 36 to eliminate the drop out of clients who were in services. Mr. Koch stated that since 10 years to now, treatment programs have lessons learned, motivational interviewing, stages of change, all the different things happen over the past decade as far as training and how providers see those clients and work with all their clients in the same manner. We will continue training on the process of addiction, etc. to those clients to keep them engaged. Ms. Miller asked if there was going to be a mental health component? Mr. Koch stated that Turning Point will be using flexible funding for both Substance Abuse services and Mental Health services. Mr. Roth explained that they use Northstar for mental health services with their clients and has had very good results. Mr. Koch stated that other services will be available through different providers to these clients such as detox services due to Turning Point not being able to provide. They will need to establish an mou with other programs for more intensive services but the client would then return to Turning Point for case management with probation. Ms. Miller asked if there was anything available for adolescents like AB109? Mr. Koch stated that Mental Health Services conducts services in Adolescent Drug Court and in the Adolescent program within Juvenile Hall which offers a lot of mental health and substance abuse services to youth.

The second portion of our Realignment is Drug Medi-Cal where those funds are coming in around 7 or 8 percent above what are obligations have been. Currently have about 7 to 8 months of financial data. Next month the State will look at making adjustments to the rate which are influenced by new clients, new services or change to the rates. We are concerned that the State may increase rates now that they do not have any ties to Drug Medi-Cal only the County and return to the 08-09 Drug-Medi-Cal rates which will be a 4 1/2 % increase which will leave us with a closer percentage of 4% to what our obligations are.

Mr. Koch announced that there is unused Federal funds which will be given out in contract amendments to help reduce or eliminate wait lists. We should be going before the Board on May 8th to make the increases.

We will be using some of the funds to help fill vacancies that have occurred in our area also.

Mr. Koch explained the distributed documents on CalOMS for review at next month's meeting

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communication

B. Executive Committee

No communications

C. Mental Health Board

No communication

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daisy Lopez from the California Health Collaborative gave a presentation and visual of their Marijuana Project and Van Performing above the High or PATH for short, which is used at different events/schools on changing the social norms of drug use.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.