

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
August 1, 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, Alton Taylor, Brian Conway

**Members Absent**

Michael Roth

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Lisa Ruiz; Jeremy Boriack, Natasha Hagaman, Michael Johnson, Betty Brown, Tina Hedstrom, Marcie Black, Ike Grewal, Sharon Erwin, Jim Irwin

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Gary Knepper, Westcare; Cleadus Shelton, Westcare; Cheyenne Massey, Westcare; Cheryle Jackson, Westcare; Mike Alsup, Aegis; Melissa Gonzalez, Just 4 Kidz; Juan Castillo, Jr., Just 4 Kidz; Eugene Taylor, Just 4 Kidz; Rolando Valero, CHC; Felix Enunwa, Delta Care; Rita Enunwa, Delta Care; Jennifer Koretoff, MHS; Edan Kevin, MHS; Cesar Rodriguez, YLI; Lenore Phillips, Westcare; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Oralia Gomez, DSS; Ron Evans, DSS; Laura Calderon, DPH; Steve Abenauf, IAC Recover; David Pinuelas, Kingsview; Bee Vue, MedMark; Herb Winnett, Turning Point; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Richard Torosian, Eminence; Robert Singleton, KOK; Debbie Harkness, ATR CCR; Ricardo Vasquez, Promesa; Dale White, CCR; BAART; Todd Blanchet, Turning Point; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Marisol Zamora, CHC; Debbie Harkness, CCR; Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Mao Moua, CHC; Susan Jones, FNC; Vivian Diaz, Spirit of Woman

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from June 2012 Meeting**

Minutes were approved.

**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 starting with the September and October meetings, Substance Abuse Services will be presenting data reports on fiscal, client trends, and information to the Board.

Mr. Koch stated that with Health Care Reform, a lot of things have been happening in the background as far as determining what the benefits will be, what rates are going to be in the health care act, and how they are going to provide those services at the county level and regional programs, who will administer, etc. which is being determined outside of view but what is in our view is what are the benefits going to be. The states are required to look at current benefit packages by health care providers whether government, small employer plans, and one like a Kaiser plan. Residential is looked at as a more stabilization because Kaiser happens to have a 28 day stabilization program and that is being looked at now. Another critical issue under discussion is medication. There are a number of medications that are used that are not covered under different health plans. Under DMC, a couple of medications such as Naltraxin, Methadone and Llaamdus are used so the push is to get additional medications covered such as Suboxen, and Viviatrol as well as keeping Methadone in the benefit service.

### **AB109**

Mr. Koch stated that the contracted provider Turning Point is up and running. All referrals from Mental Health and Substance Abuse are going to Turning Point to do screening/assessment then providing outpatient services and referring those clients who need residential services. Turning Point is able to have MOU's in place to make referrals out for residential and intensive services but the MOU has to be with a County Contracted provider due to certification/licensing and county monitoring. We have put in a request through a subcommittee of the AB109 Executive Committee to add additional residential slots which has been approved by the CCP and will be taking to the Board of Supervisors on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are talk more in length on this item prior to the Board of Supervisors and would like to have support at the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

Mr. Koch stated that the Department of Mental Health as now gone away and both State Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Services is now under a division of Health Care Services. The interim Deputy Director is Vanessa Baird. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs will be eliminated by July 2013. Drug Medi-Cal is now under Health Care Services which is a good fit. The Legislature did request that the Departments have Stake Holder meetings.

### **Waiver for Drug Medi-Cal.**

Currently our DMC system doesn't operate appropriately under the Federal Medicaid rules. Because of this issue, waivers need to be obtained to state that clients can only go to contracted Medi-Cal providers. Service authorization will be included so that prior authorization to client already receiving services. This waiver will give the counties the ability to pre-authorize services through assessment and referral or could allow providers to invite clients into the program and give a blanket authorization for two weeks then the County can determine if the client is appropriate for that level of care and receive an additional authorization.

## State Realignment

Mr. Koch reported that revenue is still ahead of the claims and that we are about 8% ahead compared to one year ago. Maybe looking at opening up new services if the trend continues to stay ahead of costs.

## Minor Consent

Mr. Koch stated that notification has come from the State regarding Minor Consent and that it is not an entitlement program but an option that has been offered. May consider taking minor consent portion out of our Drug Medi-Cal contracts and make it a separate requirement from Drug Medi-Cal and keep at the current level.

Ms. Miller asked about the AB109 clients and has there been any improvement on participation since the start of the program. Mr. Koch stated he would need to get more information from our provider to determine if there has been an improvement on participation. Mr. Conway asked about the waiver and waiting list, is there a way to find out what an acceptable wait is. Mr. Koch stated that there are several different standards which are emergency services, urgent services and routine, just like a doctor's visit. Mr. Conway then asked if there were any future plans to include juveniles in the County plans for mental health and substance abuse services? Mr. Koch answered yes.

Mr. Koch stated that they have been in the process of putting together a Mini Grant program and getting a contractor to administer which we have finalizing. Mr. Rolando Valero from California Health Collaborative stated that they are currently accepting applications for grants in prevention.

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. **The Chair**

No communications

### B. **Executive Committee**

No communications

### C. **Mental Health Board**

No communications

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Soberstock will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at Manchester Center. Currently looking for speakers for the event.

Ms. Juanita Fiorello gave a thank you to the Lock it Up Project and PATH Program for providing information out at CAP.

Ms. Laura Calderon gave a flyer out on the free Tobacco Webinar on August 7<sup>th</sup> and also has tobacco cessation materials available.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.