

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
January 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 12:00 p.m. at the Fresno County Elections Training Room, 4525 E. Hamilton Ave., Fresno, CA

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Alton Taylor, Ricky Miller, Brian Conway, Jodi Schroeder

Members Absent

Michael Roth

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Kelley Juhrend, Natasha Hagaman, Kathy Anderson

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Domingo Zapata, FCHC; Alstelma Jackson, ASAP; Jerome Jackson, ASAP; Minnie Mijangos Delta Care; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Eugene Taylor, Just4Kiz; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Carolyn Golden, Panacea; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Rolando Valero, CHC; Steve Hirasuna, Delta Point; Susan Murdock, MHS

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from December 2011 Meeting

Chairperson Miller asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the December minutes. Being none, she then asked for a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Taylor made motion and Mr. Conway seconded. All approved minutes as submitted. Mr. Koch stated that he was not present at the December meeting but was reflected in the minutes as attending.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Mr. Koch requested a change to the agenda for the presentation to be moved to the February meeting due to a conflict with the presenter. Chairperson Miller asked for a motion to change agenda. Chairperson Miller introduced the recently appointed Board member Jodi Schroeder. Ms. Schroeder then gave a brief background of herself.

No other announcements/correspondence at this time.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

None at this time

B. SAS Update

Mr. Koch gave update on the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' transition of the Drug Medi-Cal which has been transferred to the Department of Health Care Services. All other functions of ADP can be placed under different departments and would eliminate the Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs. With this transition, it becomes difficult to keep voice for substance abuse services. On January 10, 2012, the Governor budget will give indication of what will happen with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. Realignment is now in place and the current receipts received are covering costs. Currently we will not be taking on any new providers or new satellite services. Current funding can only pay for Drug Medi-Cal and was reduced from 21 to 16 funding streams.

Mr. Koch asked for information from the Board on what they would like for future meetings. He then suggested having an overview of all the services available around March. Mr. Koch then updated on the AB109 which is a quarter in size compared to Prop.36 was. Since October 1st, there have been about ½ dozen that have received substance abuse services. Mental Health services has been about the same as what substance abuse clients have been. One good thing about all the attention, is there is a group that are working on providing additional community resources such as employment, vocational, any education, housing and a lot of faith based organizations helping with ancillary services. Ms. Miller commented about AB109 and that she fears that mental health will be left out or delayed if not closely monitored for clients that show some need. Mr. Koch stated that mental health services was identified within the RFP and was a major component in the proposal.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No Communication

B. Executive Committee

No communications

C. Mental Health Board

Chairperson Miller announced the new positions with the Mental Health Board with Carolyn Evans elected as Chair and Ms. Miller as the Vice Chair. Blue Sky Wellness has now been designated as a distribution point for the Central Valley Food Bank for clients who have mental health issues. Distribution happens once a month.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.