

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
March 7, 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, Kathy Anderson, Jim Irwin, Natasha Hagaman, Maryann Le

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Mike Alsup, Aegis; Baolia Xiong, CHC; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Phillip Cowings, Panacea; Darrell Harrison, Westcare; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Robert Singleton, KOK; Michael Thomas, Turning Point; Mary Chaisson, Turning Point; Carolyn Golden, Panacea; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Jessica Ramos, Promesa; Ricardo Vasequez, Promesa; Rita Enunwa, Delta Care; Felix Enunwa, Delta Care; Susan Murdock, MHS; Cynthia Sapien, YLI; Bee Vue, MedMark, Roberta Smith, SOW; Kandi Carter, SOW; Ralph Grijalva, SSCC; Donnie Andrade, Eminence; Ronald Evans, DSS; Susan Jones, FNC

**III. MINUTES**

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

Minutes approved with correction to add providers who attended.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

No announcements or correspondence at this time.

**V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE**

**A. Support of Contract Awards**

None

**B. SAS Update**

Mr. Koch stated that the State is still looking at dismantling the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs but the push is to keep department functions intact as a division while placing under a new Department which is looking like the Department of Health Care Services. Mental health services will be combined with Substance Abuse services to create the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders so that there is more integration of health services when the Affordable Health Care Act begins in 2014.

AB109 which is the early release of prisoner back into their communities and will be going before the Board on April 24<sup>th</sup> for recommendation of Turning Point as contracted provider. Currently, we are providing services in our routine system of care of mental health and substance abuse, which have been working ok, the numbers have been coming in slow but have been increasing at the Assessment Center. The issue is getting clients to show up has been an issue and hopefully once there is a provider in place then services will be under one roof.

Currently with Realignment, we are able to cover all costs with realignment funds. This could change if the rates are increased by the State. Beginning every month, we will give a brief snapshot on how services are looking based upon funding levels for Prevention, Community Residential, Outpatient, Adolescents and DUI services. We will know more once the County budget has gone before the Board of Supervisors for approval at the end of June.

Mr. Koch also informed that the Provider meetings will be taking place after the ADAB . Ms. Miller also suggested that providers bring a lunch so that they don't miss anything. After further discussion, it was decided that the meeting time will start at 10:00 am for the ADAB and the Provider meeting will start after.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. The Chair**

Ms. Miller talked about the presentation that will take place next month by the Lock It Up project to the Adult Mental Health Committee.

**B. Executive Committee**  
No communications

**C. Mental Health Board**  
No communication

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Fiorello announced that on April 26<sup>th</sup>, CAP will be having their recognition dinner for community groups who advocate for addiction treatment services. Nomination packets will be available.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.