

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
August 3, 2011**

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

Members Absent

Michael Roth

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Angie Garcia-Aguilar

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Mike Alsup, Aegis; Jeanette Sanchez, Panacea; Linda Moore, Spirit of Woman; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Rocio Arevalo, Promesa; Ricardo Vasquez, Promesa; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Darrell Hamilton, Westcare; Rolando Valero, California Health Collaborative; Oralia Gomez, Dept. of Social Services; Ron Evans, Dept. of Social Services; Jennifer Montgomery, Kingsview; Natalie Morgan, BAART; Dale White, CCR; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; Claudia Coleman, Delta Care; Mary Jane Skjellerup, YLI

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from June 2011 Meeting

Ms. Miller asked the Board if there were any changes to the minutes. Mr. Taylor motioned to accept minutes as written and Mr. Conway seconded. All approved.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

None at this time

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards

No contracts at this time. Ms. Miller then asked Mr. Koch if there were any contracts for approval. He mentioned that we will be looking for Reviewers for the AB 109 RFP. Mr. Koch also mentioned that we have 3 items going the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday, one for renewal of our data system, one for the Marijuana Initiative and the Prevention Program Evaluator

B. SAS Update

Mr. Koch gave an update to the Board on the new date of the Needle Exchange BOS meeting. He also mentioned that the Detox program at CAP is now open, which opened first week in July and there is currently a waiting list. The Sober Living services have also began for clients currently in outpatient services. The Transitional Housing for the PATHWAYS clients has been open for two months. Within a two week period, all units has been filled.

Ms. Miller asked if the kids were receiving any treatment for the affect of having parent using substances. Mr. Koch stated they are receiving some services but not enough. He also mentioned that he had tried to move it through the MHSA for PEI and it was on the list but was not considered a priority. Mr. Koch is hoping that in the future there would funds available through PEI. Ms. Miller stated that as the chair she would entertain a motion to send a letter as a board for presentation to Karen Markland. Mr. Conway asked if it would be beneficial to just ask the question what MHSA plans are in the future and would this be a possible project to be funded. Ms. Miller then suggested to Mr. Koch to follow up with Ms. Markland and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Koch then talked about the State's Realignment program that returns parolees from the State authority to the County's authority which is under AB109. These will be either early release from prison or released to the jurisdiction of the County on probation or home monitoring. We are currently working on an RFP for a program to provide substance abuse/mental health services, which should be released in about a month. Mr. Taylor asked what the ball park figure on how many people would be coming back to the County. Mr. Koch stated around 800-1100 that will be referred back and around 9-11% will have a mental health issue and around 50-70% have a substance abuse problem.

Mr. Koch gave a presentation on the Four Year Trend for CalOMS.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Chair

No communications

B. Executive Committee

No communications

C. Mental Health Board

Ms. Miller stated that under the Innovations portion of Mental Health was a mandate from the State to take a holistic or a spirituality look and some of the Mental Health Board members who do not believe in the holistic approach, because it could infringe on someone's first amendment right or they could encourage clients to stop taking their medication. There will be a final hearing and vote as to whether or not the Mental Health Board will approve this section on the third Wednesday of the Month at Blue Sky Wellness at 2:30 pm. Ms Miller was asking if anyone who has had the experience working with a holistic/spirituality approach come and share with the Board on their experience.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.