

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Minutes
February 2, 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, Dan Waterhouse

Department of Behavioral Health

Dennis Koch, Maryann Le, Brian Bradley

Program Providers and Other Interested Parties

Mike Alsup, Aegis; Carolyn Evans, MHB; J.D. Garza, CHC; Rolando Valero, CHC; Linda Moore, SOW; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Rick Hernandez, VA Hospital; Mary Chaisson, Turning Point; Carolyn Golden, Panacea; Rita Enunwa, Delta Care; A.T. Jackson, Antioch; Jerome Jackson, Antioch; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Susan Murdock, MHS

III. MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from January 2010 Meeting

Ms. Miller asked for a motion from the Board to approve the January minutes. Mr. Taylor motioned to approve minutes, motion was seconded. All approved.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Mr. Koch presented to the Board a one page sheet on behalf of Dr. Moreno regarding questions the ADAB had on the Needle Exchange program and what has been happening with the program. He stated that there has been many issues in getting this project going and due to changes in funding and the current move of the Living Room to a new location, further discussions will need to take place to see if the new location would be suitable to conduct a syringe exchange program. He stated that it will be a while longer in implementing the program once all the problems have been addressed.

Ms. Miller announced at the next Mental Health Board meeting, the first hour will be devoted for a public forum and Ms. Miller extended an invitation for the audience to attend. Next meeting date is February 17th.

V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards
None at this time.

B. SAS Update

Mr. Koch gave an update on the Governor's budget and how he proposes to realign Substance Abuse Services through a Realignment proposal similar to the 1991 Realignment proposal used for Mental Health which would come from an extension of Vehicle License Fees and sales tax. He wants the counties to have more control but funding could fluctuate based on VLF and sales tax collected. Currently the DMC is half of the funding that is received from the State.

Substance Abuse Services has two Requests for Applications out for Sober Living and Detox services. The Detox services will have a total of 8 beds available, 4 for the community and 4 for hospital referrals. We will be opening up approximately 16 sober living beds, which will be exclusively for clients that are receive outpatient services. There are two RFP's for Prevention The first is on Marijuana Prevention Initiative. We have added another RFP for a Prevention Program Evaluator to evaluate each of the prevention services agencies and how well we are doing as a County.

Mr. Koch stated that the County Administrative Officer sent out letters asking vendors to take a reduction in their contracts for a contract extension which were sent out and now have been complied. Some of our providers proposed rate reductions. We are now going through the process of amending their contracts. Some have asked for a reduction in total funding and some have asked for a reduction in the rate, which means more capacity is being bought at the same rate. We will be submitting our recommendations in March on contract renewals which are 1 year of contract services with 4 automatic renewals, but now we have to recommend to the CAO based on outcomes and whether we will renew a contract for extension or not.

Mr. Koch announced that the staffing in Planning and Support Services has been reduced due to a loss of a staff person, but we are making sure that all processes will be kept up during this time and hopefully we will be able to fill the vacancy soon.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **The Chair**
No communications

B. Executive Committee
No communications

C. Mental Health Board

Ms. Miller stated that for the March ADAB meeting, there will be an informational presentation on Mental Health First Aid which is used to help diffuse a potential Mental Health situation when clients are in distress. Mr. Koch asked if this was going to be done at the Provider Meeting or at the ADAB. It was suggested to have the presentation at the end of the Provider Meeting since most Providers are still present. It was also suggested for a potluck during this time.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.