

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
January 5, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) was called to order by Vice Chair Alton Taylor at 12:00 p.m. at the Fresno County Elections Training Room, 4525 E. Hamilton Ave., Fresno, CA

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present**

Alton Taylor, Michael Roth, Dan Waterhouse

**Members Absent**

Ricky Miller, Brian Conway

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Natasha Hagaman, Colleen Gregg, Bryan White, Jon Rogers, Angie Garcia-Aguilar, Kelley Juhrend, Ike Grewal; Tina Hedstrom

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

J.D. Garza, California Health Collaborative; Roland Valero, California Health Collaborative; Baolia Xiong, California Health Collaborative; Carolyn Evans, MHB; Linda Moore, SOW; Michelle Atkinson, SOW; Drexel Foster, King of Kings; Larry Dyer, Turning Point; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Mike Alsup, Aegis; Susan Murdock, MHS; Rita Enunwa, Delta Care; Carolyn Golden, Panacea; Jenny Gonzalez, Westcare; Mary Chaisson, Turning Point; Rick Hernandez, VA Hospital; Dale White, CCR; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Juanita Fiorello, CAP; April

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from December 2010 Meeting**

Mr. Taylor as for a motion to approve the minutes from December. Mr. Waterhouse made a motion and Mr. Roth seconded. All approved.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

A. No announcements/correspondence at this time.

None at this time

## V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE

A. Support of Contract Awards  
None at this time.

B. SAS Update

Mr. Dennis Koch gave an update on the State budget and that the Governor will be releasing his proposed budget on January 10, 2011. We do expect to see reductions in State funds for Alcohol and Drug services. Currently, the County 6.8 million in State funds of that \$5.5 million is for Drug Medi-Cal system and \$800,000 in Post Conviction Drug Court, \$500,000 in Parolee Services funds and \$100,000 in Perinatal. These funds were slated for elimination last year, but did not happen. We are still not sure how this fiscal year will look.

We are looking at starting some new services with categorical funds. Requests for Proposals will be going out soon. We have already received applications for funding for Sober Living beds which will be designated for clients who are currently in outpatient services. We are requesting 20 beds but not sure if that will be the total. Next is for Residential Detox services, and looking approximately 6-10 beds. Four of the beds will be designated for clients who come from the Emergency Room or Crisis unit. Next will be Outpatient services for clients in the post conviction drug court. The Request for Proposal should be released around the end of January or early February. The next would be RFP for Marijuana Prevention Initiative. This request was previously put out but none of the proposals were at a level that the committee wanted to recommend for funding. The last will be for an evaluator to look at Prevention Services.

Mr. Koch discussed the County Administrative Office direction to survey all our providers and for any providers that was willing to take a reduction to their contract would receive an extension. Purpose of the reduction would be to reduce some costs to the County and to provide some benefit to our providers. Our Drug Medi-Cal contracts will not work because the State determines the rate, not the County. Other programs have submitted their proposals and we are going through them. We will then be going to the Board of Supervisors and will notify the ADAB when this takes place.

In March, we will be going to the Board for contract renewals. Prior to going to the Board we will submit a Board Briefing Report to show the outcomes that provider has over reached over the last year and whether we will recommend for funding or not.. We can provide of the last Board Briefing Report to give an idea what is submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Angie Garcia-Aguilar gave details of the Counselor Competency Survey that was recently received back. We have 29 programs that were sent surveys. We are up one program this year, but we are down 30 counselors compared to last year, but are still maintaining the same amount client to counselor ratio. There are 113 certified counselors,

which is 55% county-wide. State only requires 30% of certified counselors for our County.

Mr. Waterhouse asked Mr. Koch what the progress was with the Harm Reduction Program. Mr. Koch stated that the Public Health Department has been having trouble getting a contract in place to provide needle exchange and harm reduction services. Mr. Koch received direction from the Board to follow-up on the progress of the program.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

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

No report

## **VII. PRESENTATION**

Youth Leadership Institute did a video presentation of the “Wasted” video.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.