

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
October 5, 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, Michael Roth

**Members Absent**

None

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Maryann Le, Jim Irwin, Brian Bradley, Kelley Juhrend

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Carolyn Golden, Panacea; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Ricardo Vasquez, Promesa; Mike Alsup, Aegis; J.D. Garza, CHC; Rick Hernandez, VA Hospital; Ralph Grijalva, SSCC; Minnie Mijargos, Delta Care; Evi Hernandez, CHC; Ken Moody, FNC; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Rolando Valero, CHC; Yami Rodriguez, YLI; Daisy Lopez, CHC; Dale White, CCR; Karen Maroot, ESANO – LLC; Debbie Harkness, CCR

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approve Minutes from September 2011 Meeting**

Chairperson Miller asked if the minutes have been reviewed and if there were any changes. Mr. Roth motioned to approve minutes, Mr. Taylor then seconded. All approved the minutes.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time.

Ms. Miller announced that Minkoff/Cline will be holding the Unconvention on Co-Occurring on October 24 and 25, 2011 in Monterey. Zia Partners has a website where more information is available about this conference. She also stated that there will be more representation by Substance Abuse providers than Mental Health providers and she gave compliment to the fact that the co-occurring becoming stronger.

It was requested to move the presentation portion to the beginning of the meeting. All of Board approved.

Mr. James Carrasco from Needhelp gave a presentation to the audience on their their resource available to everyone for locating basic help for people.

## **V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UPDATE**

### **A. Support of Contract Awards**

None at this time

### **B. SAS Update**

Mr. Koch spoke about Realignment which is AOD funding now comes from sales tax dollars to fund AOD services to counties. Drug Medi-Cal funding will be based on cost from previous year. Fresno County is the largest DMC users in the state. We will be going to see what the trend has been for funding and manage the funding levels based on the trends. These funding amounts do not fluctuate unless sales tax collection has increased, so costs will need to be contained. Our challenge will be managing costs.

AB109 Realignment which is a shift of California Department of Corrections funds to the Counties to house non-serious criminals. There will not be any new capacity for AOD services. There will be an RFP going out for outpatient AOD and mental health services and we hopefully will start services by March of 2012. This program will have a Prop. 36 flare where clients will have mental health and AOD services.

United Way sponsored the Women's Initiative Luncheon honoring Spirit of Woman which was selected as the adopted program for last year's initiative. This year, the Initiative has adopted prescription drug abuse. They have collaborated with one of our community partners to provide a tool kit which includes a dvd to show to your friends, community members and organizations to understand the problem with prescription drug abuse and what they can do to prevent abuse. We will be giving out the tool kit upon request or at the next Advisory Board meeting. There are also "drop off" boxes at various locations through out the county.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

Chairperson Miller asked if everyone was interested in having the Annual ADAB Potluck. A flyer will be sent out next month. Ms. Miller also stated that nominations will be accepted at November's ADAB meeting for Chair/Vice Chair. Elections will take place in December.

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

**C. Mental Health Board**

Chairperson Miller spoke about the Holistic Center which didn't pass through the Board of Supervisors but was asked to have brought back to the BOS for further comment and information. A final community meeting will be at Blue Sky after the Advisory Board meeting. Not all consumers respond to western medicine and the holistic center can help with these consumer that are not a adapted to traditional medicine.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.