

**Fresno County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Minutes  
September 7, 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**

**Department of Behavioral Health**

Dennis Koch, Maryann Le, Jim Irwin, Donna Taylor, Kelley Juhrend

**Program Providers and Other Interested Parties**

Darrell Hamilton, Westcare; Jeanette Sanchez, Panacea; Rocio Arevazo, Promesa; Mike Alsup, Aegis; Alstelma Jackson, Antioch; Roy Evans, DSS; Dale White, CCR; Ricardo Valesquez, Promesa; Scott Rathburn, BAART; Rita Enunwa, Delta Care; Domingo Zapata, Hispanic Commission; Gary Knepper, Westcare; Joseph Montes, SSCC; Linda Moore, Spirit of Woman; Kandi Carter Spirit of Woman; Robyn Smith, Spirit of Woman

**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. Roth seconded. All approved.

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements/Correspondence**

Mr. Koch announced that the contracts to conduct the Needle Exchange program that went before the Board of Supervisors was rejected. Current exchange program which is not County sanctioned will remain in place. We will be waiting to see what the next steps will take place, but Dr. Moreno will not be taking another item for a while.

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

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

No contracts at this time but we have future services coming up which will be Parolee Services Network, and AB 109. We will be asking for reviewers at that time.

### **B. SAS Update**

AB109 – the States answer in controlling some of the costs in the Department of Corrections. So that means that those clients who are sentenced to and currently in prison will be coming back to the County and will serve out their time in jail and when released will go on probation instead of parole. A plan is being developed with Probation, Sheriff's, DA and Department of Mental Health and in part of this plan, is how to provide mental health and substance abuse services. There is an expectancy that approximately 70 to 90 clients per month and of those numbers about two-thirds will be substance abuse services and ten percent for mental health. We are putting together an RFP by the end of September, early October to be released for both mental health and substance abuse services. Clients are expected to be returned to the County starting October 1, 2011. Mr. Taylor asked what the total amount of people we will be looking at? Mr. Koch stated that there are three populations that will be served, one that is currently in prison and coming to do their parole, the second are those clients on October 1<sup>st</sup> that are sentenced to prison will serve their time in County jail and the third group is those clients who are on probation that don't follow probations instructions or commit a new offense. From those three groups will be around 800 to 1200 clients per year. Mr. Roth asked if State monies will be dedicated to the County. Mr. Koch answered yes, but it won't be enough. On Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> the plan is going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Under Realignment, there is a shift of Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs which is being collapsed and the Mental Health Department and will all be under the Department Health Care Services. What is currently happening for AOD, is they are shifting over to the Department of Health Care Services which has taken place. There will be public meetings with AOD administrators, clients, providers but is only on the back end services. What is expected to happen for next year is the rest of the Alcohol and Drug services will be moving into this Department. So this still remains a same size agency but located into a huge agency. We will notify when the public meetings will begin. Ms. Miller asked if there were anyway to have these public meetings within the valley? Mr. Koch hopes that some of these meetings will be more local.

Mr. Koch gave update on AOD certification and how we are looking at amending our contracts to include that programs must be AOD certified. AOD certification deals with programmatic and staffing instead of just health and safety codes for licensure. AOD certification has be an optional but will now become a requirement for contracting. This will help keep the standard of care optimal for clients.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. The Chair**

No communications

### **B. Executive Committee**

No communications

**C. Mental Health Board**

Ms. Miller stated that there will be a new PACT program (crisis and stabilization) and will be located at the UMC campus. The new program which is called Exodus is expected to open in January. Department of Behavioral Health is expected to go to the Board of Supervisors in October.

The Board of Supervisors voted to postpone awarding a contract for a Holistic Center and are requesting more information. Ms. Taylor informed that the item will be going back to the Board of Supervisors on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sobertstock will be taking place September 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> at Manchester Center.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.