



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

April 15, 2014

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration
1137 B Street, Merced

Present:

Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Lori Newman, Vice-Chair

Absent:

Su Briggs; Dr. Livermore; Paula Mason; William Hamilton

Others Present:

Scott De Moss; Tabatha Haywood; Christopher Jensen; Chris Kraushar; Vince Ramos, MH Board; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Richard Hawthorne, Chair

Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

II. Self-Introductions – Members and Guests

Richard stated that everyone present knows each other. Self-introductions were not done.

III. Public Opportunity to Speak on Any Matter of Public Interest Within the Board's Jurisdiction Including Items on the Board's Agenda

No one from the public wished to speak.

IV. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2014 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Hawthorne) to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for April 15, 2014 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Hawthorne) to approve the agenda for the April 15, 2014 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen

Christopher reported that Youth 2 Youth Conference took place last month and was very well attended by the middle school students. They had 194 primarily from Atwater. Community Social Model Advocates volunteered their residents from Tranquility Village and they were a huge help with the registration and dinner. The dinner went a lot smoother this year. There were 80 high school mentors that showed up for the conference. Christopher will give a review and slide show at the next meeting. Christopher is working on the Recognition Reminder Project and is looking for individuals from ages 21 to 23 that will go into the stores like the minor decoy; this is in regards to retail compliance with underage drinking laws. If anyone knows of any groups, classes or coalitions that may have this age population please let Christopher know so he can follow-up.

Action/Recommendation: As noted above

VII. Discussion – Dates & Times of Meetings – All Board Members

Lori wanted to review/discuss having this Board meeting on a different day and/or time. Scott stated this was talked about in Exec Staff and they want to make sure that this Board meeting is held at a time when the Board members can attend. If this Board feels they can get more participation at a different time, then this can be looked at. Scott also realizes that possibly some of the interest level is lost by the possible blending of the two Boards; it has been on hiatus for the last six months since Scott arrived. Lori continued that changing the day would be more advantageous than changing the time, if you want to make sure that people really show up. Scott stated that it might be good to solicit feedback from the other Board members regarding this. Carol will email the Board members asking their opinions on what days/times they would like to have this meeting – but keeping the meeting time to still begin at 5:30 p.m.

Action/Recommendation: As noted above

VIII. Report on Sober Living Facilities – William Hamilton

William was not present. This will be held over for the June meeting.

Action/Recommendation: None

IX. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne

a. Blending of Boards Update

a. Richard reported that they are still working on this from both ends. They are basically waiting for the new Director.

Action/Recommendation: None

X. Committee Reports

a. Membership – Vacancies

a. There are vacancies, but we are not recruiting at this time due to the blending of the two Boards. Lori brought up the fact that on the AOD Board there is supposed to be a representative from education, HSA and youth. Richard stated that there is not a problem with having these positions filled, but in the past he has contacted MCOE and HSA about filling these two positions and nothing has come of it. Carol stated that she thought we were holding off on filling these positions until there was a decision made on the blending of the two Boards; but if this Board wants to pursue filling these positions, she would contact HSA about filling that particular position. The Board did ask that HSA be contacted; Carol will take care of this.

Action/Recommendation: As noted above

XI. Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator’s Report – Scott De Moss

- a. State Waiver and Contract
- b. CMHDA and CADPAAC
- c. Hospital Re-use Update

a. Scott reported that at the last CADPAAC meeting DHCS gave another update. Scott understands that they are doing an 1115B Waiver. Back in February CMHDA and CADPAAC put out some joint recommendations on what would be in a waiver – one that it would expand California’s bridge to reform demonstration; that it would develop and organize delivery systems; respond to significant, recent changes, i.e., Affordable Care Act and parity; implement the State’s behavioral health services plan to assure access to these new benchmark benefits; and to address local and State correctional challenges. From the representative from DHCS it sounds like they have submitted the waiver to CMS. Scott has been trying to find someone who can give him a copy of the waiver in order to start reviewing and understanding it. CMHDA, CADPAAC and CSAC (Calif. State Association of Counties) all seem to be on the same page and supporting the waiver. There was one letter that went out not in support of the waiver and it was from the NTP providers, like Aegis; they feel it will prevent people from getting care if they create this new type of alcohol and drug program. This waiver creates a “look-a-like” system of care for AOD. It does away with providing services under the roof – it allows for case management, treatment in the field and creates an AOD health plan like Mental Health has a health plan where services are authorized. It creates a lot of the same administrative burdens that Mental Health has under Managed Care. Scott thinks that part of the reason they moved this through is that they released some information about the rates for next year. The rates take into account an administrative rate separate and distinct from the provider rate. Scott believes from everything he saw that they already know what is in the waiver and have probably already begun negotiations with CMS over it. From a perspective of getting things accomplished, this is a positive sign. Scott doesn’t think they would have gone through this extra effort of creating next year’s rates with the intent of the waiver if they wouldn’t really think that they are very close. b. CMHDA and CADPAAC have agreed to create one organization but they can’t seem to agree on a name. It will be some type of behavioral health association. All the committees have been accounted for, all meetings accounted for, all provider outreach accounted for, and the technical training groups that exist under CMHDA and CADPAAC have joined into one organization. c. Scott stated that the County approved a contract for the Mental Health Dept. to look at the old hospital facility and whether it would be feasible to remodel the facility for the Department. The idea is to get rid of all the leased space here in Merced and have everything service-delivery wise under one roof for adults and one roof for children – AOD and Mental Health all in one building. This moves towards a behavioral health model of service delivery. It would save the Department about \$300,000/year in leased space which the Department could then put back into the provision of services. If things go as planned, the building could be ready for move in by November 2015. Scott will keep this Board informed as things progress.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

XII. Other Business (Discussion Only)
<p>➤ Richard stated that Chris Kraushar, PRA, approached him several months ago regarding a complaint that she received from someone that was in AOD residential and she covers Board & Cares. Chris questioned if she is the PRA for AOD. It is a question that has never been answered on either side. Tabatha stated that in the current system residential treatment would not be an entitlement with Medi-Cal; for outpatient, drug-free if they are Medi-Cal beneficiaries it is an entitlement. Tabatha did not know about the PRA though. Lori stated that each client going into her program has a set of rights and on those set of rights that they sign coming in is a number they can call to make a complaint. That complaint is made to the State Dept. and the State Dept. normally then comes out and investigate; they will 'cc' the Director of the MH Dept.</p> <p>➤ Carol, the Recorder, forgot to put on this agenda the formation of a nominating committee to make recommendations for next fiscal year's Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Due to the limited number of Board members – not only present at this meeting, but overall, Richard and Lori decided to once again take on the Chair and Vice-Chair appointments. The only difference is that Lori will be the Chair and Richard the Vice-Chair.</p>
Action/Recommendation: New Chair for FY 13-14 – Lori Newman and new Vice-Chair will be Richard Hawthorne.
XIII. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location
Action/Recommendation: The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014.
XIV. Adjournment
Action/Recommendation: The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer