



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

December 18, 2012

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration

1137 B Street, Merced

Present: Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Lori Newman, Vice Chair; Claude Scheiner; Steve Pierce; Nathan Sweem

Absent: Paula Mason; Dr. Livermore; Su Briggs

Others Present: Curt Willems; Christopher Jensen; Vince Ramos, Mental Health Board; Carol Hulsizer

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Richard Hawthorne, Chair

Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

II. Self-Introductions – Members and Guests

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

None

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2012 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Scheiner) to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2012 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for December 18, 2012 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Scheiner) to approve the agenda for the December 18, 2012 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen

- a. SPF Prevention Grant
- b. Underage Drinking Video

a. Christopher explained that the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) is a State incentive grant and they want communities and States to organize projects to reduce excessive or underage drinking. This is on the Board of Supervisor's agenda in January to accept the grant/funding. One stipulation of the grant is that the Dept. of Mental Health has to subcontract a community group or organization to do prevention work on underage or excessive drinking in the City of Merced. Christopher has become the Project Director for this. They have been working with COMVIP (Community Violence Intervention Prevention) and the original intent was to educate and motivate people around violence intervention and prevention specific to gang violence. COMVIP has a lot of experience in organizing and educating the community; they also have a lot of agencies that partner with them. They have a lot of political pull within the City and a lot of access to resources specifically with law enforcement. This project has to utilize environmental prevention strategies. The State is contracting with a group called Prevention Research Institute and they had their first meeting last Tuesday. They have a software program that automatically creates a logic model as information is entered; they did a walk-through/mock session with this software. They talked about excessive drinking and underage drinking between 18 and 21 years and specifically in residential settings. There will be another meeting in a month. Hopefully there will be contract in place with United Way by then. Over the next five years one area of focus is building the capacity for prevention in specific communities. b. As mentioned at the last meeting, a group of middle school students in Livingston made a public service announcement. The video was shown.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

VII. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne

- a. Merging AOD and Mental Health Boards

a. Richard reported that he and Lori have been attending the meetings; another one is scheduled for January to continue the process. They are working towards completing a draft in March/April that can be brought to the individual Boards for discussion. Hopefully, by June something will be formulated in order to take to the BOS on merging the two Boards. Vince stated that the Mental Health Board is

having a retreat in April and suggested that a representative from the AOD Board try to attend; Curt agreed that this is a good idea and he will bring it up to Manuel.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Membership – Vacancies

a. Richard stated that they are slowing down on recruiting until a decision is made in regards to merging the two Boards. Claude suggested that this Board should still consider having someone from the judiciary side be on this Board.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

IX. Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator’s Report - Manuel Jimenez

a. Update Future of Organization – Moving Towards Behavioral Health

b. State and Department Budget

a. Curt reported that moving towards Behavioral Health is for the entire Department, not just for the merging of these two Boards. For the Department this would mean changing job titles for staff also. More will be coming on this. b. Curt shared that the Department received what the allocation percentage will be for the Substance Abuse funds for Merced County. This is not an exact amount, but based on past year’s expenditures for AOD the allocation will be \$1,385,189.00. For Mental Health funds it will be \$4,263,573.00. This brings the total to \$5,648,762.00. Curt made it clear that these realignment numbers are based on what past expenditures were, but depending on what money comes in, this is what could come in.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

X. Other Business (Discussion Only)

Christopher stated that he was recently contacted by a group called Venus Arts Institute and they are contracted to do some local photography and journalism projects with youth in Merced. They just completed a documentary on substance abuse with adolescents here in Merced. The project manager wants to know what avenues he can pursue to publicize the video. Christopher did mention to them that this Board may be a good place to share this. Carol asked that Christopher forward his contact information to her.

Action/Recommendation: As noted above

XI. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location

Action/Recommendation: The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

XIII. Adjournment

Action/Recommendation: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer