



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

February 21, 2012

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration

1137 B Street, Merced

Present:

Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Lori Newman, Vice-Chair; Stephen Pierce; Paula Mason; Dr. Livermore

Absent:

Michelle Symes; Su Briggs; Claude Scheiner

Others Present:

Manuel Jimenez; Tabatha Weeda; Christopher Jensen; Carol Hulsizer

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Richard Hawthorne, Chair

Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:35 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

There was no one from the public present tonight.

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2011 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Mason) to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2011 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for February 21, 2012 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Mason) to approve the agenda for the February 21, 2012 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen

Christopher talked about two different programs – one that is up and running and one that is coming up next month. He passed out copies of the agenda for the Annual Youth 2 Youth Conference taking place March 10 at Buhach Colony High School in Atwater. It is a peer-based mentoring conference. They recruit and train approximately 75 high school students from the various high schools in the county to serve as peer facilitators/mentors for approximately 250 middle-school students from the various middle schools (6, 7 & 8th grade). They anticipate filling those numbers (250); the campus is a great facility to use. The Opening Ceremony will have Lamar Henderson from All Dad's Matter and he will be speaking on "Dream to see . . . what is meant to be". The Friday Night Live Program youth group started meeting back in October and prepared everything. It is an all-day event with registration starting at 8:30. The conference registration fee is \$5.00 and they get a t-shirt, lunch, dinner, dance at the end of the day, and all the activities at the different workshops. They get to choose one fun workshop and one serious workshop for the day. This year the kids wanted to focus on things at the local level that students can be involved with on a regular basis. The fun workshops include Polynesian Dance, DJ-Disc Jockey, Latin Rhythms, Boxing/Fitness, Movimiento Cultural and Fatal Vision Goggles. The serious workshops include Anti-bullying, I'm worth it & I know it, Safety Measures, Marijuana 101, Fashion on a Budget and Coping with Divorce. Many local agencies help promote the event. This year they did not contract a trainer. The deadline for registration is February 24th. Applications are available at every campus student office. Walk-ins are accepted until they fill the 250 capacity.

The second program Christopher talked about was regarding the in-house suspension program in the high school district called the District Opportunity Center. The district recognized that they were losing almost 1/3 of a million dollars per year in suspending students for drug/alcohol and violent infractions. Over the summer they wrote a Tupe Grant and looked at creating a daily reporting center where students would serve one of the five-day suspensions at home and the other four days they would be back on campus for eight hours/day – four hours instructional aid and an additional four hours of alcohol/drug education. This would not only help with the budgetary problem but also counseling for the student. Currently this is only happening at the East Campus; they are looking at expanding to other sites in the future. The alcohol/drug services are being provided by an Intervention Specialist and an Instructional Aid through the high school. Christopher has been talking with the RAFT Program Manager regarding this model and if it is effective, talking to the other smaller districts that possibly do not have the overhead to invest in an Intervention Specialist and instead work with the County staff to supply a similar program. Manuel mentioned that MHSA funding looks like it will be going up approximately 10%

and if Christopher is interested in duplicating this program, he should think about applying for some of this money.

Action/Recommendation: Christopher will send Carol the Youth 2 Youth agenda. He will also send her more information on the District Opportunity Center program. She will then send out to the Board.

VII. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne

Richard and Lori will continue to work with the Mental Health Board discussing the possibility of combining these two Boards.

Action/Recommendation: None

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Membership – Vacancies

a. Richard informed the Board that Claude Scheiner has given his resignation for this Board. Lori reminded the Board that we should look at appointing the other individual who works with Claude. Carol will check to see if this individual is still interested in joining.

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

- a. Integration
- b. AB 109
- c. Bill Matrix
- d. Changes at State Level

a. Manuel reported that the Department continues to have an AOD Counselor at Family Care. The big integration project is working with Livingston Community Health Services and their Hilmar Clinic. The Department currently has clinicians at the Hilmar Clinic and they are providing a combined 8-hours of mental health services at that facility per week. This is currently for just their clients, but eventually the Department will look at their Hilmar population and serving their clients there as well. Those clients will continue to be Mental Health clients. The Hilmar clinic clients who are there for primary care can and will be referred to Mental Health services with the County. Mental Health will be documenting in the Hilmar clinic charts. Hopefully in time, drug and alcohol services will also resume there. The Hilmar Clinic is already asking for more Clinician time and eventually a psychiatrist and nurse will also be located there. In time the Department will close their clinic in Livingston and be housed in the Livingston and Hilmar clinics instead. The Department is also working with CiMH (Calif. Institute for Mental Health) on a Learning Collaborative to look at integration and how to address it. They will be working with a special population of Hilmar and Livingston Clinic/County Mental Health clients and addressing obesity, mental health and substance abuse. The Mental Health Dept. is also going to contract with CiMH to help with the process of integration – how to make this happen and be fiscally sound. b. Approximately 115 clients (non-non-nons) have been released and Mental Health has been in contact with about 45 of those. There are about 50 still in prison and Mental Health has provided services for about 32-34 of them. Probation has applied for some MHSA money through the On-Going Planning Council in order to fund a Probation Officer, a Drug and Alcohol Counselor and a Clinician to work with this population. c. Attached to today's agenda was the most current bill matrix. d. There are a number of programs going to the Dept. of Healthcare Services – Drug Medi-Cal and non-Drug-Medi-Cal programs. The Dept. of Social Services will be in charge of licensing. The Dept. of Public Health will get some programs – Narcotic Treatment Programs (DUI, the Office of Problem Gambling and Counselor Certification Activities) at the State level. Dr. Livermore stated that it is still questionable what the locals will do. He continued that local Public Health Departments are eligible for, and getting, grants to do with the integration of traditional public health functions with some newer ones that have to do with prevention and dealing with the environment and making it more conducive to safety, exercise, working with public policy, and community norm changes to make people healthier and motivate them to do so as well as giving them the means to do so. Part of this is actually working with other healthcare providers. Public Health will not be more of a direct service provider than it is now; in fact, it will be less because they will be farming out some of their clinical services to the private sector.

Action/Recommendation: Lori would like to continue discussion of the changes at the State level in April.

X. Other Business (Discussion Only)

None

Action/Recommendation:

XI. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location

Action/Recommendation: The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012

XII. Adjournment

Action/Recommendation: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer