



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

February 18, 2014

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration

1137 B Street, Merced

Present:	Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Paula Mason; Lori Newman, Vice-Chair; William Hamilton
Absent:	Su Briggs; Dr. Livermore
Others Present:	Scott De Moss; Christopher Jensen; Chris Kraushar; Vince Ramos, MH Board; Cora Gonzales, MH Board; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Richard Hawthorne, Chair

Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 December 17, 2013 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Hamilton / Newman) to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for August 20, 2013 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Hamilton / Newman) to approve the agenda for the February 18, 2014 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen

➤ Christopher reported that Youth 2 Youth Conference is next month – March 22nd. Registration forms have gone out to all the schools. He also brought some high school and middle school registration forms for anyone who wanted them. There will be a key-note speaker from the National Compadres Network – Mario Ozuna Sanchez. He has done some work here through MHSA in the Dos Palos area on gangs. He has a phenomenal story that doesn't just focus on the fact that he was in a gang, but it is a macro-level story about what attracted him to that lifestyle and the things that he was able to recognize internally to get out of that lifestyle. He will be doing a workshop on gangs and personal awareness as well as the keynote speaker for the conference. Workshops – they have serious topics (pregnancy prevention, gangs, marijuana, healthy relationships) and fun workshops (choreograph dance, ballet folklorico, a fun way to engage youth in physics/science, possible magic workshop). They are waiting for the Director to approve the t-shirt order. The theme this year is "If you can't hear us, you will see us". This came from students who did sign language. They thought this would be a good way to talk about youth having a voice and sometimes it is not heard, but when they take action it is noticed. Instead of writing this on the t-shirts, it is a hand signing "Y2Y".

➤ The Strategic Prevention state incentive grant (funded by CA Dept. of Health Care Services) for four years is administered by the Department, but are not allowed to use the funds to implement projects. They currently fund the United Way of Merced that uses the money for COMVIP (Community Violence Intervention and Prevention). This is a community group that is formed of multiple agencies and non-profits that have taken on the implementation of the projects. One project is the Recognition and Reminder Project (Christopher passed out a flyer on this). Officers will train young people (21 years or slightly older) to go to outlets that sell alcohol and see if they will sell to the minor without carding. They are doing decoy buys with this grant, however, the Recognition and Reminder Project is more of a community-driven effort. Christopher is hoping to do a presentation at Richard Hawthorne's Criminology Class at Merced College in about a month. Also required of this project is an official letter from COMVIP to the store owners to recognize those that did well and remind those that did not that actual enforcement can take place. Each group established will be asked to visit ten

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stores within a three month period, each quarter. A point of the project is to encourage employers to be more careful with whom they employ and provide the education needed. They hope to have the first training to roll out within the next month. Christopher will get this information to Richard Hawthorne and Carol when it is scheduled.

➤ They are doing a poster contest in the middle schools for them to develop a poster on the social host ordinance. The winning poster will be the poster that will be used on the city buses. It is to raise awareness about the risk of hosting settings where underage drinking is taking place.

➤ Friday Night Live (FNL) – the mentoring program is going very well. They have four sites up and running. There is one MHSA-funded

site in Atwater - Atwater High School and Winton Middle School.

➤ The RAFT program is doing well. Christopher couldn't get exact numbers on how many they have served this year. They are hoping that those in the education program, since it is a prevention program, are increasing their perception of harm from substances while they are in there. A lot of the kids coming in do not have any perspective of what they are actually doing – it is just a habit. The idea is that through education they will be made knowledgeable about how harmful what they are doing is. They have implemented a retrospective survey for those clients where at the end of their program they will think back and answer the questions twice – before and after. The results are being tracked and so far they have a high increase in perception of harm for the students that have gone all the way through the program.

➤ The Club Live Roadmap is a new venture by the FNL system that tries to encourage young people to get involved in addressing substance use as an environmental focus. This year they are doing a campaign to encourage teachers to use the trust that the students have for them as a tool to communicate the risks of marijuana use. This is in Livingston and the data from their school reports showed that students thought twice as many kids were using marijuana as actually were; they assumed 80% of their population had smoked marijuana by the time they were in 7th grade. That perception plays a huge part in how risky they think a behavior is; if you think everyone else has already done it, you think it is less harmful or accepted. This is the perception they wanted to address. Christopher passed out a draft copy of a poster that the kids did. Christopher met with the school administrator last week and he is all for this and wants it released/unveiled at a staff meeting next month where all the teachers will be present. The second part of the project is to develop and offer a teacher training. Many teachers are not from the era that the students are in now and the marijuana the teachers knew about is a lot different – it has a lot more harmful effects than it used to. The students are going to develop a training on the facts of brain development and communication. Teachers that are not comfortable standing up against the use of marijuana can come to one of the two trainings and learn how to have that conversation and what the facts really are so they are comfortable having that conversation. They will also inventory the teachers who are comfortable having the poster in their class.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

VII. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne

a. Blending of Boards Update

a. Richard reported that the blending of the two Boards is still ongoing. The decision at the Mental Health Board was to wait until a permanent Director is appointed to ensure that he/she wants to continue in this process or move in another direction.

Action/Recommendation: None

VIII. 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.

Action/Recommendation: None

IX. Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Report – Scott De Moss

- a. State Waiver and Contract
- b. CMHDA and CADPAAC

a. Scott reported that the State's current waiver with the Federal government for AOD services does not encompass the expanded services that they have told the Feds they want to provide. They are currently working to rewrite the contract that all the counties operate under so that the expanded services can become part of the delivery system. There will most likely be a two-step process – 1.

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the State has to get a new waiver from the Federal government that provides for some way to be reimbursed for the expanded services, and then, 2. They will come back to the counties with a new contract between the County and the State for the provision of that service. They have to be done and have it in place by the end of June. Scott understands that they will have the waiver and first contract done in order to get it implemented in the short timeframe there is. But there will be a second clean-up contract because it will be done so quickly, that they know there will be problems. The second contract will be for the following fiscal year. There has not been an update to the Drug Medi-Cal contract in many years. b. Scott reported that at the CMHDA and CADPAAC level, the two organizations are joining and are currently going through the process of how that will look when they become one entity.
<i>Action/Recommendation:</i> Information only
X. Other Business (Discussion Only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Vince reported that the Fresno County Mental Health Board has invited other County Mental Health Board members to a training on March 8th in Fresno to discuss new issues and the changing environment in mental health in California. There is a Community Partners meeting on February 27th where the stakeholders get together and talk about their programs. There is a safety training on suicide on March 25th from 9:00 to 12:00 provided by Mental Health. The Mental Health Board is attending a webinar on March 22nd at the B Street location. The EQRO is coming on February 20 and 21 – it is part of the State contract with the Mental Health Departments.➤ Lori brought up the dates and times of this meeting - how the decision is made – is the decision made ever every year. Carol responded that she just keeps the dates and times the same as previous years. Lori thought a small discussion at the next meeting would be helpful. Carol will put it on the next agenda.➤ William mentioned Lori’s concerns at the last meeting regarding the sober living facilities. He started doing research on this and has about a 60-page document. Carol will put this on the next agenda.
<i>Action/Recommendation:</i> As noted above
XI. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location
<i>Action/Recommendation:</i> The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014.
XII. Adjournment
<i>Action/Recommendation:</i> The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer