



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

June 17, 2014

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration
1137 B Street, Merced

Present: Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Lori Newman, Vice-Chair; Dr. Livermore; William Hamilton

Absent: Paula Mason

Others Present: Tabatha Haywood; Chris Kraushar; Jon Masuda; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

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

Richard stated that everyone present already knew each other. No introductions were done.

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

Lori discussed AB 2491 regarding sober living homes. AB 2491 provides a definition of a sober living environment which has never been done before. She wanted to bring this bill to everyone's attention. The bill states that the homes have to be certified, registered or approved by a recognized nonprofit organization that provides a credible quality assurance service. Lori thinks this is a good thing. Because these places are not regulated, there could be some bad ones operating unethically. William stated that while he was preparing his report this month he noticed that there are lots of case studies where they look at one house and it is modeled; but it is difficult to find anything that is related. Lori continued that there are standards within the non-profits that say you have to meet a certain standard in order to get their certification but it is very minimal. There was lengthy discussion on sober living homes; included in this discussion was William's report on sober living facilities.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2014 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Hamilton) to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for June 17, 2014 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Newman / Hamilton) to approve the agenda for the June 17, 2014 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen a. Youth 2 Youth Conference

Christopher could not attend tonight. He will give this report at the August meeting.

Action/Recommendation: None

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

At the April 2014 meetings there was discussion on whether the Board members liked meeting at this date/time. An email was sent to all Board members asking their opinion on the subject. All Board members were happy with the current date(s) and time(s).

Action/Recommendation: None

VIII. Report on Sober Living Facilities – William Hamilton

William passed out copies of his report to the members. His report was basically what was discussed in Item #3 with Lori Newman and her discussion on sober living facilities. William reported that the only difference he noted was that there was one attempt to regulate in 2009 but Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed it. Lori continued that the reason it was vetoed in 2009 is because there was too much

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in 2009 but Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed it. Lori continued that the reason it was vetoed in 2009 is because there was too much opposition with the sober-living environments in southern California that do not want to be regulated. There was additional discussion on sober living facilities.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

IX. FY 2014/15 Meeting Schedule

The FY 2014/15 meeting schedule was attached to this month's packet. This scheduled could change depending on the blending of the two Boards (Mental Health and AOD).

Action/Recommendation: None

X. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne**a. Blending of Boards Update**

a. Richard reported that they are getting close to the blending of the two Boards. Richard is now the Chair of the Mental Health Board as well as being the Vice-Chair for the AOD Board for FY 14/15. The blending of the two Boards has been slowed down waiting for the appointment of a new Mental Health Director. At the next Mental Health Board meeting they will be presenting a rough draft on the modification of the by-laws. Both Scott and Richard feel the AOD Board should be a standing committee on the Mental Health Board. The one issue Richard is aware of on the blending of the two Boards is what will happen to certain appointments on the AOD Board, such as Dr. Livermore's; County Counsel will be helping with this.

Action/Recommendation: None

XI. Committee Reports**a. Membership – Vacancies**

Richard stated that HSA will be providing an individual to fill their vacant slot on this Board. Carol has sent the individual the AOD Board application to fill out.

Action/Recommendation: Waiting for new application

XII. Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Report – Tabatha Haywood**a. Director Recruitment Update****b. CADPAAC Changes****c. EI Portal Incident**

a. Tabatha shared that County Administration is waiting on the State's approval for the candidate that was selected by the BOS. Once that is done there will be a formal announcement made. b. Jon reported that DHCS met with CADPAAC at the last CADPAAC meeting. Local contractors/business owners talked about the certification process and how it was going with DHCS. Basically what they were told is that the priority is to certify the new facilities and the people currently certified are basically at the end of the line. Those currently certified were told that they would get to them, but they are focusing on those opening new services first. One item county administrators and some contractors had was the issue with fire clearances. The fire clearances will be expired by the time DHCS gets around to re-certifying their sites; DHCS said not to worry about it. Also brought to their attention was the quality of the responses in terms of inquiries regarding renewals. DHCS used the term "touching an application" and County Administrators wanted a clearer definition of what this means. County Administrators asked DHCS to walk through a certification application correctly. Tabatha continued that they have monthly meetings/conference call and questions can be asked. The first was today. They have put out a webinar training to go through your application line-by-line. The way it is currently set up, it does not make sense for providers who do the work in-house within the county; a lot of the language is very confusing. If just one check box is missed, the application is sent back. The applicant is told they have 30 days to fix the deficiencies. Another letter does not come out – you either passed everything or are given a letter of denial and have to start the process over again. They are getting the most errors on the medical disclosure statement. Tabatha stated that she submitted their application last December and still have not heard back from them. Tabatha continued that CMHDA and CADPAAC have officially merged. The intent is to have two people attend these meetings from every county – one to be from Mental Health and one to be from AOD. In Merced County the Director used to be both the MH and AOD representative; Tabatha hopes that someone from AOD will attend and can really advocate and voice for what is going on and then bring it back and apply to our programs and community. The new name is the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of

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California (CBHDA). c. Tabatha shared that about a month ago there was a situation where two clients made threats on Facebook about shooting another client and/or El Portal staff. Tabatha’s staff had to do a tarasoff warning and shut the facility down. One client was discharged from the program and the other was discharged from that particular program and moved them over to M Street. Security was brought in at El Portal. It seems there are more gang-related individuals coming into some programs. Jon stated that there have been more discussions in Management meetings about safety issues and what is occurring at all the different sites.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

XIII. Other Business (Discussion Only)

Dr. Livermore stated that the new Director should have some indoctrination of AOD and the importance of this Board.

Action/Recommendation: As noted above

XIV. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location

Action/Recommendation: The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

XV. Adjournment

Action/Recommendation: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer