



Advisory Board On Alcohol And Other Drug Problems

October 16, 2012

5:30 PM

Mental Health Administration

1137 B Street, Merced

Present:

Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Dr. Livermore; Claude Scheiner; Su Briggs

Absent:

Lori Newman, Vice-Chair; Paula Mason; Michelle Symes; Nathan Sweem; Stephen Pierce

Others Present:

Manuel Jimenez; Tabatha Weeda; Christopher Jensen; Chris Kraushar, PRA/Mental Health Board; Mary Hofmann, Mental Health Board; Vince Ramos, Mental Health Board; Carol Hulsizer

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Richard Hawthorne, Chair

Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:40 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 August 21, 2012 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Scheiner / Briggs) to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2012 meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda for October 16, 2012 (ACTION ITEM)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Briggs / Scheiner) to approve the agenda for the October 16, 2012 meeting.

VI. Prevention Specialist Report – Christopher Jensen

Christopher passed out copies of the Planning Detail Report from the Strategic Prevention Plan. The plan dictates what services they will provide and why they are providing it for alcohol and drug prevention. There is a planning process which includes a needs assessment. The main areas of focus for the next five years for prevention will be: 1. Alcohol Use/Abuse by Youth, 2. Methamphetamine Related Community Issues, and 3. Community Lacks Capacity for Prevention. The Prevention Unit has only three staff members to serve the entire County and since this is not possible, Christopher wants to work with community groups and train them on how to identify local issues in their jurisdictions/towns and looking at prevention strategies and how to address issues in their own communities with our assistance. AOD would be working more as a technical assistance provider. Christopher then went on and explained in greater depth the three focus areas.

Christopher announced that Red Ribbon Week starts on Saturday, October 20th – October 28th.

AOD also just finished an underage drinking project in Livingston with a group of students that worked all the way through the planning phase in their community. They identified social access to alcohol (meaning 21 and over providing youth alcohol) as the main point of access. They have a Social Host Ordinance but nobody in the community knew about it, not even the police, and there was not a single violation in four years. This group of middle-school students decided to let people know about this. They worked with a production company and produced a video on why underage children shouldn't be provided alcohol for a graduation party. Once it is finished being produced, it will be live on Livingston City's website. Anyone will be able to view it.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

VII. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne

a. Integration with Mental Health Board

Richard reported that members from the AOD Advisory Board continue to meet with members of the Mental Health Board in regards to the integration of the two boards. Currently they are doing some research in regards to the blending and the requirements of each. He

VII. Executive Committee Report – Richard Hawthorne – con't.

thought that with the blending of the two Boards, the meeting may have to go to two hours; the meetings just have to be organized. If research is needed on an item, the Chairman could then assign committees to do the research outside and then bring the information back for a decision or whatever may be needed.

Manuel commented that he took these concerns to Dave Olsen, with County Counsel, and he is going to look at the issues and what the W&I Code for the Mental Health Board says in regards to providers being on the Mental Health Board. They are also looking at the issue of the size of the board and membership. They have set a tentative deadline sometime in March to have a draft to bring to both Boards.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Membership – Vacancies

a. Dr. Livermore commented on the August minutes that this Board is actively seeking new members. He feels that with the possibility of these two Boards merging and downsizing, maybe we should not be recruiting. The one exception may be in looking for someone from the judicial side to be on this Board. Manuel agreed with this.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

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

- a. CADPAAC Report – Tabatha Weeda
- b. Legislative Report
- c. Drug Medi-Cal Waiver

a. Tabatha reported that the big discussion was healthcare reform and the transition plan from ADP to the Dept. of Health Care Services and the functions of ADP and how that will change. After the CADPAAC meeting she sat through a stakeholder meeting where they discussed some of the different transition plans. She has the 70-page document, if anyone would like to see it. The document has the reasoning why they put certain programs under certain departments. At our local level it is important that we maintain our collaboration with each other and our own partnerships. Nothing will change locally for us. If anyone has questions they can come to either Tabatha or Jon. They are looking at different systems that will streamline the services and information for everyone. They are working closely with ADP to make sure the transition is smooth. Healthcare Reform, Medi-Cal Expansion, and where we are going in 2014 – they are pushing counties to help the providers get ready for all the changes. Also to increase our ability to sell ourselves and the services that we provide. We should be advocating with our ERs, the Sheriff’s Department, and HSA when children are detained and what the highest risk factor is and what the common denominators are. We need to make sure we are solving for the right problem. With the expansion of Medi-Cal benefit services there will be an estimated 21-28% mental health need and an additional 33-44% in alcohol and drug service needs. They are also looking at different State plans; they are looking at the Kaiser model as a benchmark to look at what the State plan might look like and what services would be provided/covered. b. Tabatha passed out copies of the CADPAAC 2012 Legislative Analysis for everyone to review. c. Manuel reported that additions have been made to the State Plan Amendment on Drug Medi-Cal billing which puts the county at risk. A lot of detail has been added that is an advantage to some providers, not necessarily the county.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

X. Other Business (Discussion Only)

Su announced that on November 1st the 2nd Annual Empty Bowl fund raiser. It will be held in Atwater at the Community Center from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. There are about 400 bowls to choose from – all bowls are handmade. The money goes to feed the homeless.

Action/Recommendation: None

XI. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, and Location

Action/Recommendation: The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

XIII. Adjournment

Action/Recommendation: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Carol Hulsizer