



**Meeting Minutes – *final***  
**Solano County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board**  
**February 10, 2016 6:00 PM**  
**Health & Social Services, 275 Beck Ave Fairfield, CA 94533**

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**I. Call to Order**

a. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kent Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed. Kent noted all meetings of the Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board are recorded.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

*In Alphabetical Order by Last Name*

Lee Bowen  
Gene Korte  
Tracey Lee  
Kent Shaw (Chair)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

*In Alphabetical Order by Last Name*

Jackie Arnold (Vice-Chair) - *excused*  
Debra A. Sanderson - *excused*

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

*In Alphabetical Order by Last Name*

Kristina Feil – (Board Assistant) Substance Abuse Office Assistant  
Andrew Williamson – Substance Abuse Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

*In Alphabetical Order by Last Name*

Christie Lynn DeClue  
Terreca DeFehr  
Liz DelaTorre  
Gabrielle Douglas  
Blake Dunham  
Isela Gradilla  
Michael Hatten  
Kester McDonald  
Desiree Mefford  
Jessie Montero  
Michelle Moody  
Andrea Robertson  
Johnson Robinson  
Alexander Salazar  
Jesus Sanchez-Q.

**II. Approve February 10, 2016 Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Lee Bowen and seconded by Tracey Lee. The motion carried with 4 in favor and 0 against.

**III. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2016 Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Tracey Lee and seconded by Gene Korte. The motion carried with 4 in favor and 0 against.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- a. Solano Prevention Recovery Alliance (SPRA) – Kester McDonald, Genesis House, Executive Director
  - SPRA will start meeting in March
- b. Re-Entry Program/CCP (Community Corrections Partnership) – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, Substance Abuse (SA) Administrator
  - The most recent meeting was mostly data reporting
  - SA no longer has any Clinicians working at the Center for Positive Change, however, we still do assessments for clients needing residential treatment
  - Next meeting will be in April
- c. Women’s Reentry Achievement Program (WRAP) – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, SA Administrator
  - Andrew provided a brief description of the program and reported the grant funding ends March 31<sup>st</sup> and will transition to the Sheriff’s Dept.; The program and staff will stay as is
- d. Substance Abuse Administrator’s Report – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, SA Administrator
  - SA recently had a visit from the State/County Monitoring Unit and the outcome was pretty good
  - SA is currently being audited by the Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS), they are making sure the program is spending the Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds correctly
  - The BOS had a mid-year budget meeting on Tuesday; SA requested for the current part-time SMART Program Supervisor position to be changed to full-time and was approved; currently planning how to fill this position
  - SA is currently in the process of hiring an Office Assistant II
  - The BOS has approved a contract with Mission Solano for 20 beds for 20 years for Mental Health and some of these beds may be used for the SA clients; Andrew expressed his personal thought about running a first housing program which means taking people in no matter what condition they’re in because studies show it’s less expensive to put people who are using in housing than not
- e. Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) Report
  - MHAB Member Lis delaTorre reported the 20 beds for 20 years for people coming out of crises or jail and have no place to go will not be called “Substance Abuse” beds but rather the “Mental Health, Dual Diagnosis, Other” beds; She also expressed her concerns about the contract being with Mission Solano because of their reputation

#### **V. Public Comment**

None

#### **VI. Old Business**

- a. Recovery Symposium 2015 – Tracey Lee, Board Member, and Christie Lynn DeClue, Former Board Member/Chair
  - A brief description of the Community Listening Forum and Recovery Symposium events was provided and was followed by a rough draft presentation for the BOS
- b. Language Verbiage re: ADAB Positions on the ADAB Bylaws
  - Andrew Williamson has submitted the paperwork to get this request started and put on the BOS Agenda, however, the Deputy Director of Behavioral Health is requesting for the Board to be more specific on what long term recovery means by adding the number of years – Christie DeClue will take the exact definition from SAMHSA, which is the definition in the DSM V, and will email Kent Shaw
  - Tracey Lee has motioned to table the discussion and seconded by Lee Bowen. The motion carried with 4 in favor and 0 against.

- c. Discussion: ADAB and MHAB to be combined into Behavioral Health Advisory Board
  - Several people have clearly stated that going on mental health medication does not help with the negative behaviors and only covers them up, but taking responsibility for one's actions and dealing with the drug addiction without medication is what really helps
  - Tracey shared the story of when she first heard this discussion back in 1998, a lot of people did not want the merge to happen because they think all the substance abuse treatment funding will disappear; She believes the two should come together and both be valid and both have funding
  - Some people have voiced their concerns that Substance Abuse may lose funding and may lose treatment programs if the merge happens but Lis clarified the merge would just make one bigger umbrella over the two programs to bring in more funding and build more programs for the need of the community, there will be no getting rid of programs; Lis stated it's not a "them against us" situation but rather all of us are one and we are here to help the community
  - Christie believes that behavioral health addresses the whole person and separating mental health and substance abuse only separates the community and the schools of thought
  - Andrew shared what he's experienced since the merge of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Divisions and does not recommend the two boards to be merged because the voice of ADAB will disappear just like what's happened with the voice of SA on the state and federal levels; However, the merge has been good for the clients since the resources have gotten better. On the level of the clients and treatment programs, he suggested there should be more integration between the two boards, but suggested to keep them separated
  - Kent thanked everyone for their input and stated there was an agreement reached, and that is to keep the boards independent but certainly have a better collaboration by meeting on a regular basis

## **VIII. New Business**

None

## **IX. Future Planning**

- a. March Agenda Planning
  - Presenter: Youssef Elmanawy
    - During this agenda item, a public comment was made by Christie DeClue, a former ADAB Member/Chair
- b. On-going Recruitment
  - Andrew Miner and Lis delaTorre have both submitted Board Member Applications and will be on the next BOS Meeting Agenda
  - The current vacant positions are:
    - Member-at-Large
    - An individual who has received treatment or services for an alcohol problem and who has remained clean and sober for at least one year
    - Mental Health Advisory Board Representative

## **X. Announcements**

Christie has requested to not be included in the March 22<sup>nd</sup> BOS presentation regarding the Recovery Symposium

## **XI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Tracey Lee and seconded by Lee Bowen; Motion carried.