



Meeting Minutes – *final*
Solano County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board
May 11, 2016 6:00 PM
Health & Social Services, 275 Beck Ave Fairfield, CA 94533

I. Call to Order

a. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kent Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed. Kent noted all meetings of the Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board are recorded and speaker cards are available at the back counter for anyone who would like to make a public comment.

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Jackie Arnold (Vice-Chair)
Lee Bowen
Gene Korte
Tracey Lee
Andrew Miner
Debra Sanderson
Kent Shaw (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Elisabeth dela Torre - *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

Jolie Browar
Christie Lynn DeClue
Cynthia Garcia
Laura Kelly
Ken Letizia
Judy Lopez
Justin Lopez
Michelle Moody
Jon Perez

II. Approve May 11, 2016 Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jackie Arnold and seconded by Lee Bowen. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against.

III. Approve Minutes of March 9, 2016 Meeting (no April Minutes due to lack of quorum)

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Lee Bowen and seconded by Debra Sanderson. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Solano Prevention Recovery Alliance (SPRA) – Kester McDonald, Genesis House, Executive Director
 - No report; Kester is out sick
- b. Re-Entry Program/CCP (Community Corrections Partnership) – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, Substance Abuse (SA) Administrator
 - No report

- c. Women's Reentry Achievement Program (WRAP) – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, SA Administrator
 - Andrew reported the program is still doing very well and they were able to keep their three vehicles for transporting their clients
 - Andrew requested for this item to be taken off the agenda because there is no more oversight function for ADAB since the program has been taken over by the Sheriff's Dept.
A motion to remove WRAP from the agenda was made by Gene Korte and seconded by Debra Sanderson. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against.
- d. Substance Abuse Administrator's Report – Andrew Williamson, Solano County, SA Administrator
 - Andrew congratulated Tracey Lee and Debra Sanderson for doing a great job presenting the Recovery Symposium at the last BOS Meeting
 - SA has started providing CalOMS trainings for the providers since we were on a Corrective Action Plan with the State and had 55,000 errors in CalOMS data. With the SA Compliance Team's and IT's hard work, we are now down to 0 errors
 - There is a CSAC Training on May 24th from 9:00-12:00 on Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children – this is part of the providers' contracts to fulfill the requirements of
 - SA hired a new Clinician to work in Compliance
 - The providers' contracts will be coming soon with not much changes except for there are a lot more compliance
 - 1115 Waiver – the big change coming is the new ASAM which is the new assessment tool that will be used by the SA Clinicians and Providers – Andrew will send out an email regarding the ASAM Training on June 1st
 - SA will turn into a call center where the Clinicians will be doing phone screenings instead of face-to-face assessments
- e. Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) Report
 - No report; Elisabeth is out sick

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Old Business

- a. Recovery Symposium 2015 – Tracey Lee, Board Member
 - Kent thanks Tracey and Debra for their wonderful presentation at the BOS Meeting while he was away in Tennessee for work
 - Tracey shared their BOS presentation was a brief summary of the Community Listening Forum from 2014 which led to the Recovery Symposium 2015. The BOS love the work ADAB has done and asked them what the next plan is to keep this momentum going. They stated they will bring this back to ADAB and will come up with another event and keep the momentum moving forward.
- b. Language Verbiage re: ADAB Positions on the ADAB Bylaws
 - Andrew will continue to work on this

VIII. New Business

- a. Presentation: Overview of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Jon T. Perez, Ph.D., CAPT, USPHS, Regional Administrator, HHS Region IX, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Jon introduced himself as the Regional Administrator for SAMHSA for Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii, and all of the U.S. protectorates. He is a Clinical (Adolescent) Psychologist by training and has been running MH and SA programs since the 1980's.

SAMHSA has had its regional presence for the last 5 years with 10 staff (most are ex-State Directors or have national program experience). Their job is to be liaison between the regions and interests and headquarters. Although they have no staff and no authority, but were only given a travel budget, they have been able to do interesting things by collaborating and promoting County programs' interests. They also have direct connections with local private, local county, and local city programs. They have a \$3.4 billion organization and vast majority of their funds go out through block grants to the States (CA gets about \$250M). Go to www.SAMHSA.gov for the specifics on how their funds are spent.

Jon came to talk about the current news in terms of the national budget, block grants, etc. but also to get information and understanding from our County as far as what we are doing, how things are going, and how his agency can help.

- 1115 Waiver is a new way of doing things and marks a significant change federally in the challenges the State has had with some programs to be able to provide some innovative services
- Jon does not foresee any changes in the Block Grants (SA Treatment, SA Prevention, and MH) through fiscal year 2019
- Regarding the Affordable Care Act, there has been a lot of questions about what is going to happen as parity start to take effect, what the reimbursements are going to be, what will this Act do to the Block Grants, etc. – Jon’s simple answer is nothing immediately partly because of the budget process (we are currently in the middle of FY 2016 and FY 2017 will start in Oct. and has already been litigated). The only thing that can change this is the presidential election in November.
- Two major bills that are currently finding their way through Congress that can fundamentally change SAMHSA, MH & SA services, and the way they operate at the federal level, are the bills re-introduced by Congressman Tim Murphy and U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy and Chris Murphy. These bills would create an Assistant Secretary for MH & SA that could eliminate SAMHSA. The good news is MH & SA will be working closely with Primary Care.

Questions during the presentation:

Has SAMHSA ever decided if the Block Grant can fund sober living homes? *This is one of the things that were approved under the waiver, if it is part of a treatment plan then yes, but please check with Marlese or Dawn from DHCS.*

Is there a cap on a block grant if it is going to a residential housing facility? Is it based on how many people the facility holds? *Medicaid will fund residential treatment as long as you are part of the waiver.*

What is SAMHSA’s position on the different states making moves towards making recreational marijuana use legal? *SAMHSA wants to follow the science which is much slower than policy. SAMHSA is currently finding, in other states, things starting to happen as a result from recreational use such as an increase in emergency room visits, under-age use, overdosing, vaping, etc., so institutes are putting in more dollars in research.*

How does that impact the SAMHSA grantees? *The policies and laws have not changed. SAMHSA does not know what will happen and how it will affect the grantees.*

Regarding the discretionary grants, what are the trends and how do you see things go in terms of whether it’s popular or science? Where are we headed? *SAMHSA does not do the basic science; National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) is funded to do it. SAMHSA helps fund programs. There is a “Grant Forecaster” on the www.SAMHSA.gov that projects the grants. SAMHSA does not approve grants; they develop it and send it to the Office of Management Budget (White House Finance Office) where it gets approved.*

Do you find that your grants as an agency are over-subscribed and incredibly competitive like the DOE grants are? *Yes and they are also highly prescriptive. SAMHSA has very little discretion on what the grant programs look like because they are prescribed by Congress.*

IX. Future Planning

- a. June Agenda Planning
 - Presenters: Cathy Rader and Mark Mora from ATOD
- b. On-going Recruitment
 - Member-at-Large position is currently vacant

X. Announcements

- AK Bean in Vallejo had an arson fire on Dec. 14th and they have been staying at the Parks & Recreation on Amador St. They may have to close down for a while since their building is still not finished being repaired and their contract with the Parks & Recreation ends May 13th.
- AK Bean turned in their Drug Medi-Cal application three weeks ago.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Debra Sanderson and seconded by Jackie Arnold, motion carried.

Minutes by: Kristina Feil

Date Approved: June 8, 2016