



Meeting Minutes – final
Solano County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board
September 14, 2016 6:00 PM
Health & Social Services, 275 Beck Ave Fairfield, CA 94533

I. Call to Order

a. Welcome & Introductions

Jackie Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed. Jackie 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 acting as Interim Chair)
Lee Bowen
Elisabeth delaTorre
Gene Korte
Tracey Lee
Debra Sanderson

MEMBERS ABSENT

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Andrew Miner - excused

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Kristina Feil – ADAB Assistant
Ted Puntillo – Director of Solano County Veteran Services
Halsey Simmons – Deputy Director of H&SS Behavioral Health Division

OTHERS PRESENT

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Jolie Browar
Bryanna Cervantes
Christie Lynn DeClue
Kester McDonald
Joan Miller

II. Approve September 14, 2016 Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Debra Sanderson and seconded by Lee Bowen. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against.

III. Approve Minutes of August 10, 2016 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Tracey Lee and seconded by Gene Korte. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

IV. A Few Words from the Behavioral Health Director, Halsey Simmons

- Halsey introduced a guest tonight: Jolie Browar, Regional Director of Crisis Stabilization Unit in Fairfield and in Fresno
- Made an announcement that he is retiring
- Adult use of the Marijuana Act will most likely pass in California. A portion of the taxes from this will go towards Youth Treatment
- DMC-Organized Delivery System Reform will give more services to clients. With this new system means the County will need to spend more money – Fiscal Staff are currently working on financial calculations. This may stress out the provider network because we may not have enough services to meet the needs of the mandates. If the County does not opt-in now, we will opt-in in the future because the State will require this with every County.

Question: *Will this new money bring more residential beds?*

Answer: *This is not new money, but the State will potentially certify residential beds and we will be able to receive federal match.*

- Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT) is a big topic due to opioid addictions – Behavioral Health is currently working with trying to get primary care on board with this. BH just hired a Medical Director & Psychiatrist, Dr. Donovan Wong, who is interested in MAT. Halsey is really hopeful that Andy and Dr. Wong can work with primary care on MAT.

Committee Reports

- a. Solano Prevention Recovery Alliance (SPRA) – Kester McDonald
 - Recovery Rally is this Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Vallejo City Park from 11am - 4pm
- b. Mental Health Advisory Board Report – Elisabeth delaTorre
 - No report

V. Public Comment

No Report

VI. Old Business

- a. Language Verbiage re: ADAB Positions on the ADAB Bylaws
 - Andrew will continue to work on this

VII. New Business

- a. Presentation: Solano County Veteran Services, Ted Puntillo, Director of Veteran Services
 - Ted introduced himself as a veteran in the U.S. Army. He was in the army from 1966-1969 and served in the Vietnam War in 1967-1968. He became armed forces police in NYC for 18 months then became a postal worker in Davis for 20+ years. He was on the Davis City Council for 4 years and was the mayor of Davis in 2006. He was also a volunteer firefighter for 10 years and was the president for his rotary club. From 2002-2008 he was the Yolo County Veterans Officer then became the Deputy Secretary for the State of CA for 3 years.
 - Ted shared some of the benefits the veterans are entitled to through the County VA:
 - 60 to 70% of veterans are eligible for VA Healthcare
 - Veterans only need to use it once to keep it active
 - Has excellent MH services
 - VA Healthcare will provide hearing aids free of charge
 - Prescriptions are only \$9
 - 10% service related disabilities will give you free eye glasses
 - Offers in-home based medical care if needed
 - HISA grants is free funds to help disabled veterans upgrade their home due to disabilities (up to \$8,000)
 - Spouses of deceased veterans can receive widow's pension if veteran served in the war and spouse is married to the vet at time of death
 - Vets with common issues will be automatically connected to services
 - Vets who served during war time will receive pension (widow's pension: \$1149/mo; vet's pension: \$1788/mo; married couple's pension: \$2100/mo)
 - Veteran's children are entitled to college funds
 - Covers scooters & wheelchairs
 - Vets now receive Delta Dental
 - Veterans that are honorably discharged qualify for a VA home loan
 - Veterans Court – the VA team assists vets in the Solano County Jails
 - 18 month treatment program to help vets with their drug addiction
 - Weekly drug testing
 - Treatment centers available in Martinez, Travis AFB, Mare Island
 - Will help give them a job through partnership with CAL TRANS to help fix roads (vets must have a criminal record to qualify) – program currently has 0% recidivism rate

VIII. Future Planning

- a. October Agenda Planning
 - Presenter: Halsey will ask Jolie Browar to come and present
 - ADAB's Conflict of Interest Code needs to be approved or amended by October 3rd – a special meeting has been scheduled for Sat., Sept. 17th at 12:00 PM (at least 2/3 of the members must be present to have a quorum)
- b. On-going Recruitment
 - Member-at-Large position is currently vacant
 - District 3 Representative

IX. Announcements

- a. Jackie announced there is an Opioid Safety Coalitions Fall Convening on Sept 22nd at the Oakland Airport at the Hilton Hotel with a local video location in Fairfield at the Partnership HealthPlan of CA

X. Adjournment

Minutes by: Kristina Feil
Date Approved: November 9, 2016