



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES
A Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Service Organization

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ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

January 15, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Gullo
Randy Heldt

John Robin
Gregg Clifton

Michael Shinkel
Kathy Rupe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Parsons

Charmaine Monte

BHRS STAFF PRESENT:

Cynthia Bocage
Adrian Carroll

Veronica Ortiz-Valle
Madelyn Schlaepfer

Jennifer Marsh
Trinidad Tarancon

GUESTS PRESENT:

Yvette McShan
Pecy Howard
Dyana Inthavong
Suzanne Wright

Nicole Bowen
Zack Mack
Diane Crayton
Richard Salazar
Lesa Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair John Robin. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair John Robin led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Rupe mentioned that the Berberian Homeless Shelter offered to host the ABSAP meeting in the future for a shared understanding of their services. This is a homeless shelter that provides housing to veterans, including case management, working in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department.

This item to be scheduled for discussion at the ABSAP Executive meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November joint meeting were approved.

Rupe / Heldt,
unanimous approval

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IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle received correspondence from the Clerk of the Board confirming Jeff Gullo and Michael Shinkel's reappointment as members of the ABSAP Board.

V. PRESENTATION: FIRST STEP PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Nicole Bowen, Program Director provided a PowerPoint presentation on the First Step Perinatal Substance Abuse Treatment Program operated under the auspices of Sierra Vista Child and Family Services in collaboration with Center for Human Services. The First Step Program is designed to assist women on the path to recovery by learning maintaining a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle and to develop positive parenting skills as well as to maintain healthy interpersonal relationships and provide a safe, sober, and nurturing homes for themselves and their children.

Eligibility of services are determined by priority populations that include Stanislaus County pregnant and parenting substance abuse women and/or referred by Community Services Agency who are at risk of losing their children. First Step Program holds a capacity of 90 women and operates on a block grant funding process. Upon referral, women are placed on a wait list and referred to an interim AOD education group, required to attend three groups per week including AA, NA, and journal entries daily and good attendance.

The First Step Program has three areas of focus that include AOD Education, Parent Education, and Child Development Early Intervention working simultaneously. The AOD component consists of three Phases: Sobriety, Recovery: The Plan. In addition, women with sustained sobriety who have completed treatment have the opportunity to join the First Step team as a "Mentor Mom" to learn job skills such as receptionist, childcare duties, and group facilitation skills. Source of payment include MediCal, CPS and StanWorks funding from CSA, and Perinatal State and Federal through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Handouts of the PowerPoint presentation and program brochures were distributed.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive:

The Executive Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. and set the agenda.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee: The January meeting was canceled. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at SRC.

Cultural Competency, Equity and Social Justice Committee (CCESJC): The CCESJC meeting met on January 12. Lt. Greg Clifton provided a summary highlighting the Champion Award nominations presented by Dr. Schlaepfer. Nominee and recognition was given to Antonio Messina, and the Cultural Champion Award was awarded to the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock. A presentation on "Each Mind Matters" was presented.

The CCESJC meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the HSA/Martin Conference Room.

The January 2015 issue of the Cultural Competency Update was included in the packets featuring an article entitled "The Culture of the Recovering Community" by Charles Yarnell.

Prevention Committee: There was no report. The next meeting of the Stanislaus Prevention Network will be held on January 26. The Stanislaus Prevention Network meets the 4th Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Sutter Gould Education Center.

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Criminal Justice Oversight / Forensics Committee: There was no report. The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2nd Floor Conference Rm., 801 11th Street, Ste. B-100, Modesto.

Veterans Committee:

Randy Heldt reported receiving support from the judges on having the Veterans Court and Drug Court to work simultaneously. The next Veterans Committee meeting is scheduled for February 3. The Veterans Committee is held monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room located at 800 Scenic Drive.

VII. ABSAP/MHB LIAISON

Jerry Rhine attended the meeting.

VIII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D. reported that the Departments continued efforts' working with the State on the SRC Drug Medi-Cal certification is still in process. The Governor's budget was recently released. Dr. Schlaepfer also mentioned that the new law Proposition 47 has been a focused discussion at the State level. In addition, Dr. Schlaepfer encouraged members and the public to attend the Suicide Prevention Mental Health trainings when offered.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trinidad Tarancon reported the Genesis current capacity at 167 and added that the Department is looking to expand capacity and work space.
- Jennifer Marsh announced the Drop the Drugs Prescription Medication Disposal events will take place in March. Presentation from John Underwood, Director/Founder Life of Athlete will be coming soon to this area.

X. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. The next meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Redwood Room, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Bocage