



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

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ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

February 19, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Heldt
Eric Parsons

John Robin
Gregg Clifton

Michael Shinkel
Kathy Rupe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Gullo

Charmaine Monte

BHRS STAFF PRESENT:

Cynthia Bocage
Adrian Carroll
Melissa Farris

Veronica Ortiz-Valle
Debra Buckles
Michael Wilson

Dawn Vercelli
Charles Yarnell

GUESTS PRESENT:

Suzanne Wright
Kimberly Kennard

Mike Greenlee

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair John Robin. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Vice Chair Randy Heldt led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None Reported.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 15 meeting were approved.

Heldt / Clifton,
unanimous approval

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported.

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V. PRESENTATION: PROPOSITION 47 IMPACT

Mike Wilson, Manager for the Integrated Forensics Team provided an introduction of the new California law, Proposition 47, Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative that passed during the November 2014 ballots and its impact within the County Drug Court system. Mike stated that due to the recently approved law, there have not been significant changes/impacts at county level.

The initiative reduces the classification of most non-serious and non-violent property and drug crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor. The measure specifically reduces the penalties for crimes not exceeding the value of \$950: shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen property, forgery, fraud, writing a bad check, and personal use of most illegal drugs. Offenders that have committed non-serious/nonviolent crimes currently jailed at the County level will be eligible for reduced jail time and/or community supervision. A relatively small portion, about one-tenth of offenders of the above crimes are currently sent to state prison (generally, because they had a prior serious or violent conviction). Under this measure, none of these offenders would be sent to state prison. Instead, they would serve lesser sentences at the county level.

Handouts were distributed to the members with detailed information on the initiative.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive:

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

John Robin approached the members with the idea of developing a home page in the Stanislaus County web site dedicated for the ABSAP Board for public information. John recommended convening an Ad Hoc committee to work on developing the site. Members supported the idea and agreed to have the ad hoc a half an hour prior to the Executive Committee meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. The first meeting will be held March 10 in the Main Conference Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto. Members interested were invited to attend.

Action: Posting of the ABSAP Board information to the Stanislaus County internet site will be added to the agenda for board approval in March.

A request for ABSAP oversight of the AA in Chemical Dependency Counseling curriculum was received from Dr. Kimberly Kennard. Members supported the idea to assist with oversight of the AA in Chemical Dependency Counseling curriculum. The ABSAP Board currently provides oversight of the California Association of Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE) curriculum.

Action: Quarterly updates on AA in Chemical Dependency Counseling curriculum will be added to the agenda for board approval in March.

Adrian Carrol provided a brief update regarding the different Medication Assisted Treatments and buprenorphine, a medication that is being encouraged at the Federal and State level. There are currently concerns regarding physicians prescribing the medications without counseling. BHRS is currently working on developing a plan on ways to work with physicians in conjunction with out-patient treatment programs.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee: The February meeting was canceled. Charles Yarnell reported on the current census: Intensive Outpatient Treatment, 18; 23, Aftercare, 34, COT 20, Genesis currently serving 156 clients, with 21 on the waitlist. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held March 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at SRC.

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Cultural Competency, Equity and Social Justice Committee (CCESJC): The CCESJC meeting was held on February 9. Charles Yarnell shared the highlights of the meeting featured a presentation from Jeff Sabean and the Youth Leadership members with an introduction on the various projects currently ongoing such as, Volunteer Track, Juvenile Justice Drop-In Center, and the Youth Peer Navigators Innovation Project.

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

The February 2015 issue of the Cultural Competency Update was not available.

Prevention Committee: There was no report from the January meeting. Chair John Robin reported on behalf of Jennifer Marsh on the current Prevention efforts:

March is Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and will be hosting a Drop the Drugs event on March 28th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at CSU Stanislaus. Drop the Drugs Disposal Program is now operational in Modesto (Sheriff's Office), Waterford, Hughson, Patterson and Turlock and continues to be utilized by all communities on a weekly basis. PD's in Modesto and Ceres are in the ordinance review stage with city attorneys and Oakdale is on hold pending their lobby expansion project. The Committed Program in Waterford and Hughson High Schools are in phase 1 of the new peer mentoring program - mentees will be 5th & 6th graders, mentors are high school committed youth leaders. Next school district to come on board is Patterson. Life of an Athlete two 3-day training sessions are being offered October 25-27 & 27-29 at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. The 40 Developmental Assets Parent Education Groups continue across the county and are primarily provided in the Spanish language. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is a Federal grant through the Board of State and Community Corrections, \$715,000 per year for 3 years awarded to Stanislaus County. Previously all funds were dedicated to narcotics enforcement and was a non-competitive grant process. This year the grant was competitive and approximately 41.5% of the funding is going to prevention and early intervention programs. Navy SEAL's are one of the prevention programs being funded.

The next meeting of the Stanislaus Prevention Network will be held on April 21. The Stanislaus Prevention Network meets bi-monthly on the 4th Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Sutter Gould Education Center.

Criminal Justice Oversight / Forensics Committee: The committee met on January 28. The committee focused on a process to change the rules of Drug Court and what that involves. The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 28, 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2nd Floor Conference Rm., 801 11th Street, Ste. B-100, Modesto.

Veterans Committee:

Debra Buckles mentioned that the court grant submitted in December was denied and are currently planning on next steps. The next Veterans Committee meeting is scheduled for March 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

Dr. Kimberly Kennard shared that a presentation about the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) was presented to the Board by Talal Alsaleem, Clinical Director for Telecare Corporation, and Cherie Dockery, Chief of Managed Care, Stanislaus Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. The PHF is a 16 bed locked inpatient facility available for clients admitted due to one or more of the following: danger to self, danger to others, or gravely disabled. The PHF is co-located alongside the Stanislaus Recovery Services, 1904 Richland Ave., Bldg. A., in Ceres.

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VIII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT

Adrian Carroll reported on the 1115 Demonstration Waiver, this is the largest in terms of expansion of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment in California for Medi-Cal reimbursement. The State currently submitted a petition at the Federal level. If waived, this program switches Drug Medi-Cal service to an organized delivery system that encompasses a multi-level continuum of care based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) placement indicators. If passed, this program would be implemented in three phases starting with the largest counties effective April 2015. In addition, Adrian mentioned that a proposal to create Mental Health Full Service Partnerships will be voted on at the next Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Stakeholders meeting on February 27.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None Reported.

X. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) will be a held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Redwood Room, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Bocage