



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

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D.
Director

ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

March 17, 2016

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Parsons
Michael Shinkel

Jill Neifer
Charmaine Monte

Kathy Rupe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Robin

Gregg Clifton
Jeff Gullo

BHRS STAFF PRESENT:

Veronica Ortiz-Valle
Debra Buckles
Charles Yarnell

Cameo Culcasi
Jennifer Marsh
Elaine Byrom

Tabitha Sprague
Madelyn Schlaepfer
Francisca Curiel

GUESTS PRESENT:

John Poor

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Chair Michael Shinkel. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair Michael Shinkel 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 February 18, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Rupe/Neifer,
unanimous approval

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

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V. FACILITATION: POTENTIAL MERGE

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D., introduced Christy Almen from the Community Services Agency (CSA). Christy was invited to facilitate and guide the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) and the Mental Health Board (MHB) on the idea of a potential merger. The intent of this discussion was to identify concerns and challenges from both boards, not to resolve on how to merge.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive:

The Executive Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to set the agenda.

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensics Committee:

The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 801 11th Street, Suite B-100, Modesto.

Prevention Committee: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Sutter Gould Education Center, 1700 McHenry Village Way, Modesto.

VII. CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

The CCESJC meeting was held on March 14, 2016. Charles Yarnell summarized on the highlights of the meeting:

- Luis Molina discussed the topic of Social Justice, a component of the CCESJC efforts and how it is relevant in our community.
- Dr. Schlaepfer discussed the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards (CLAS).
- The Directing Change awards will be held on May 20, 2016 in Glendale. More information about the contest guidelines are located at www.directingchange.com
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Abraham Andres has accepted the role of CCESJC Co-Chair replacing Veronica Ortiz-Valle.
- The March issue of the CCESJC Newsletter was included in the packets. The article featured the Wellness Recovery Center and Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Peer Network by John Black, Coordinator, Wellness Recovery Center.

VIII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D., BHRS Director highlighted on the following topics:

- The Co-Occurring Treatment Residential bed availability has increased to 10.
- The Full Services Partnership Innovation Program, is moving forward. This is an outpatient intensive program formed to help stabilize those suffering with a serious mental illness and prevent hospitalization.
- Approval to opt-in to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver will go before the Board of Supervisors in April.
- Proclamation to claim Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month will go before the Board of Supervisors in April.

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IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Charles Yarnell announced that West Modesto King Kennedy Center is hosting a community free health screening on March 19, 2016.
- John Poor announced a softball tournament hosted by the Central Valley Inner Group, an Alcohol Anonymous group will be held on May 28, 2016
- Charmaine Monte shared the Modesto Bee featured an article about Elliot High School PHAST Club event held March 16, 2016, offering activities on the school campus in efforts to raise awareness on the dangers of smoking, tobacco and vaping.
- Jennifer Marsh announced the next Drop the Drugs event is scheduled Saturday, April 30.

X. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The next joint meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) and Mental Health Board will be held on Thursday, April 26, 5:00 p.m., HSA/Martin Conference Rm., 830 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Bocage