



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

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Director

ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

October 15, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gregg Clifton
Eric Parsons
Michael Shinkel

Jeff Gullo
John Robin

Randy Heldt
Kathy Rupe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charmaine Monte

Jill Neifer

BHRS STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Denkha
Veronica Ortiz-Valle
Dawn Vercelli

Cherie Dockery
Jim Rokaitis
Charles Yarnell

Jennifer Marsh
Madelyn Schlaepfer

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kimberly Kennard
Jerry Galeazzi

Marlena Neely
Frank Ploof

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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 September 17, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Heldt / Clifton,
unanimous approval

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

V. PRESENTATION: BUTANE HONEY OIL

Jim Rokaitis provided a PowerPoint presentation on Butane Hash Oil (BHO), a form of cannabis that is a more potent marijuana product and more concentrated than hash oil. BHO is so refined that it is basically pure THC and is very popular among younger people. The main method of using BHO is smoking in liquid form, but it is also taken orally where it is melted with butter in cooking, and in a form that is absorbed through the skin. The percentage of THC content varies by source. In the late 1990's and early 2000's, THC level was 5% which is considered relatively low compared to 20% – 30% today. With marijuana legalization, it is projected to have more use for recreational purposes than medicinal.

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VI. PRESENTATION OF SLATE OF OFFICERS

Kathy Rupe, Ad Hoc Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers nominations. Nominees included Michael Shinkel for Chair and Jeff Gullo for Vice Chair. The election of slate officers will be considered at the next meeting in November.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive:

The Executive Committee set the agenda. The Joint ABSAP/MHB Executive meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee:

The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held October 21, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at SRC.

Dawn Vercelli reported the current census for Genesis is over 200. Charles Yarnell reported the census for SRC as follows: Detox, 10; COT Residential, 17; COT Intensive Outpatient Treatment, 18; COT Outpatient Drug Free, 4; SUD Intensive Outpatient Treatment, 26; SUD Outpatient Drug Free, 7; Spanish group, 10; Aftercare, 14.

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensics Committee:

There was no report. The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 801 11th Street, Suite B-100, Modesto.

Prevention Committee:

Jennifer Marsh shared that the Drop the Drugs event held on September 26th at CSUS in Turlock, collected 280 pounds of prescription medications. Efforts for placing permanent prescription medication disposal boxes at Modesto PD and Ceres PD are in motion. The Committed Program had 300 students attend the last 5th Quarter event that entailed various alcohol and drug free activities after Waterford's home football game. Prevention is currently going strong with a lot of education within 16 schools.

VIII. ABSAP/MHB LIAISON

Kimberly Kennard reported on the RAIZ Promotores Program, a presentation provided during the last Mental Health Board (MHB) meeting. Promotores are community leaders who work to build communities, develop leadership and support well-being with a main focus on suicide prevention and stigma reduction of mental health. The program appears to be working well and may be replicated at another site. The MHB annual report went really well.

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

The CCESJC meeting was held on October 12. Gregg Clifton summarized the highlights of the meeting that included the following:

- CCESJC Newsletter October Issue highlighted an article by Denise Dillon, Family Advocate about their team's participation in the four-day 2015 National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference.
 - Luis Molina and Jennifer Marsh presented on the different topics focused on changing the culture on drug and alcohol abuse in youth and young adults including the activities of the Committed Program.
 - Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D., discussed on stigma reduction.
 - Jennifer Baker provided an update on upcoming trainings.
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X. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D. shared that the legislation for the ability to have medical personnel part of the residential treatment program was signed by the Governor. The residential treatment will be Medi-Cal reimbursable for services and will be able to obtain accreditation by CARF, for instance. The SB614, Peer and Family Support Certification, is still pending approval; however, the State has agreed to work with counties to move that along.

Dawn Vercelli provided a synopsis of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant application process and criteria for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver (1115).

Dr. Schlaepfer further added that the Department will implement a stakeholder process and eventually go to the Board of Supervisors to opt-in to the waiver. She also mentioned that the coordinator for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Full Service Partnership for Co-Occurring Disorders program has been hired; only waiting for the office space to become available.

In addition, Dr. Schlaepfer indicated that a meeting will be scheduled with the four individuals from the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) and Mental Health Board (MHB) to work on the potential merger of the boards.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Shinkel announced Randy Heldt's last meeting as ABSAP Board member is in November.

XII. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next joint board meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) and the Mental Health Board (MHB) will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Avenue, Ceres.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Denkha