

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes for February 12, 2014

**Members Present:** Anthony Albanese, Melinda Avey, Harry Carlson, Jennifer Churchill, Sara Kahoalii, Sheryl Matranga, Paul Tanner, Steve Wirtz, Walter Wyniarczuk

**Members Absent: Excused:** Judy Cooperrider, Nick Mori, Carol Paris, Beth Selling; **Unexcused:** Geoffrey Colton, Heike Mackenzie

**Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) staff including Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS):** Official holiday

**Guests:** Paul Cruz (MAAP Inc.), BJ Davis (Strategies for Change), Craig Koury (CAARR), Joelle Orrock (Friday Night Live, SCOE), Marion and Michael Straw (Intercept Reno), Barbara Thompson (NCADD)

I. **Introductions:** Melinda called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. **Agenda and Minutes: ACTION:** Moved, seconded and passed to accept minutes for December and January meetings.

III. **Provider Presentations:**

- Joelle Orrock (FNL-SCOE) reported Folsom FNL has produced a prevention video on underage alcohol drinking adapted from Butte County and created as part of their State SPF-SIG grant. They have localized it with Sacramento County data and youth. It will be premiered February 24 at 6:30 PM in Folsom (invitations provided). She was asked to present it at an Advisory Board meeting. Steve Wirtz suggested tying it to the County Strategic Prevention Plan that focuses on underage drinking – too early, too much, and too often messages.
- Barbara Thompson (NCADD) had three announcements: 1) Upcoming Lunch Series at NCADD with Brian Shaw speaking on tobacco cessation on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM; 2) “Artworking the Steps”, a 6-week course for women in 12-Step recovery, on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>; 3) She had two Channel 13 TV appearances on opioid problems.

IV. **Board Announcements:**

- Melinda Avey reported Sacramento 1<sup>st</sup> Five is seeking public input on their draft strategic plan with several neighborhood evening meetings. She handed out the schedule for the public meetings.
- Anthony Albanese said the California Society of Addiction Medicine supports a bill allowing pharmacists to hand out Naloxone without a prescription, so as to counteract opioid overdoses.

V. **DBH and ADS Reports:**

- No County employees were present due to the County holiday. However, both Dorian and Marguerite provided written notes that were handed out, leading to general discussion about AVATAR and providers’ AOD-specific electronic medical records systems. The “meaningful use” requirement means information needs to be shareable across systems. Additional discussion of electronic data covered client releases, firewall protections, and confidentiality.
- The Drug MediCal re-certification process was also discussed. The State Department of Health Care Services initially rejected all 189 providers across the State applying for re-certification. Concerns were expressed about the urgent need for re-certification to cover the new clients becoming eligible, as well as appreciation for Dorian’s pro-active efforts to address the issue. Further information may be available at the upcoming County ADS meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM because CADPAAC’s Executive Director Tom Renfree will provide an overview of the current status of ACA implementation in California.

- VI. Board of Supervisors' Chiefs of Staff Meeting:** Steve and Sara provided a brief review of the January meeting. The Chiefs requested more information on E-cigarettes. Melinda established an ad hoc workgroup to help develop a response and asked for volunteers. Melinda, Anthony, Paul, Jennifer, Steve and Sara all volunteered.
- VII. Advisory Board Committee Reports:**  
Instead of a topical presentation for the Board, each committee was asked to provide some overview of its recent work and facilitate discussion on their committee's work:
- **Prevention and Education Committee:** Steve reported the primary work of the Committee was focused on helping with the County Prevention Strategic Plan that has two parts: school-based services and broader environmental strategies in the community. The overall budget is approximately \$1.2 million. The latter component represents a new county focus and the coalition-based work will be informed by a "collective impact" approach. In response to questions about how the county RFP would fund the coalition work, Steve noted the Committee has not seen the final plan and has not been involved in developing the RFP. However, the Committee sent an e-mail to Rachael Beutler recommending specific funds (~\$150 K) be set aside in the RFP for creating and facilitating the work of a coalition and each provider that receives prevention funds have monies carved out for active participation in the coalition.
  - **Treatment + Budget, Planning and Evaluation Committees:** Paul reported the two Committees have lately been meeting as one because of their overlapping focus. He reported on the recent Community Corrections Program meeting on AB 109 services. New post-incarceration services have started under the guidance of Probation. Both Well Space and Gateway have expanded residential services and Well Space hired a case manager. Probation doubled its staff at the Central and South Adult Day Reporting Centers and the North Center has 6 staff. Paul also noted the Committee continues to follow the confidentiality issues with AVATAR (i.e., 42 CFR and HIPAA). Several additional topics were discussed, including the status of safety net services in the County. The group consensus was that services need to change their priority to focus on a holistic approach with client success and self-sufficiency as the ultimate outcomes.
  - **Membership Committee:** Walter briefly reported the Committee was working on recruitment of new members. The latest members were recognized for their quick learning and active participation.
  - Based on the discussion, six topics for future presentations were identified:
    - Prevention—FNL video review & discussion of underage drinking and environmental prevention strategies
    - Safety Net Services – Prepare input to HSCC for Board of Supervisors' April 9<sup>th</sup> workshop
    - Marijuana – Have a panel with a balanced presentation on the multiple issues surrounding medical marijuana and potential legalization
    - DUI – Follow up on reforms in the State/local DUI education programs
    - Electronic Medical Records – status report from the County on confidentiality issues in AVATAR
    - Access to Services – Review of the challenges and barriers to accessing treatment services in general and specifically through the ADS System of Care
- VIII. Reports from other Boards**
- **Human Services Coordinating Council:** Paul mentioned the HSCC has requested input from member advisory boards on strengthening the County's service safety net. They have about six questions for us to answer.
  - **First 5 Advisory Committee:** Walter is succeeding Melinda as our Advisory Board's representative.
- IX. Unfinished and Ongoing Business:**
- Prison overcrowding – A federal court has given Governor Brown until April 2016 to meet the court's requirement for reducing the prison population and addressing health and safety concerns.
  - New jail grant – Sacramento received a \$40 million grant to build infrastructure and in-house capacity. It is mostly for new buildings but will have some small benefits for in-custody treatment services.
- X. New Business and Future Month's Agenda Items:** No new business; see list of topics above for future agenda.
- XI. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.