



Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Minutes

April 17, 2013

Members Present: Kelsey Foraker, Dusty Luker, Bill Leonard, Sterling Cramer, Inez Terra, Berta Lindman, Cinnamon Fleener, Jim Mason, Bryan Blew, Yolanda Cheley, Virgil Campbell, Alison Grove

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Jim Tucker

Guests: None

Director: Jim Rydingsword

Deputy Director: John Lawless

Staff: Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor
Cathy Kulick, Senior Office Assistant, Recording Secretary

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Chair Leonard and introductions were made.
- II. **Public Comments:** None
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Leonard asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2013 Minutes. Jim Mason made the motion, Inez Terra seconded, along with a unanimous vote of approval from the Board.

IV. New Business:

A. Status of Grant Application for Drug Court: Virgil Campbell informed the Board that about two weeks ago he, along with Judge Walton, Chief Probation Officer Pete Judy, Pam Hawkins, and Bryan Blew, began meeting with Chevon Kothari to finalize a grant application intended to enhance Drug Court. Jim Rydingsword stated that the grant is for \$1.18 million spread over five years. The grant proposal was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 16, 2013 and signed by Director Rydingsword that day. The Director noted that the county had applied for a similar grant three years ago but it was denied. Highlights of the grant are:

- Allows for additional prevention and individual services instead of just groups. Pays County for these new services.
- Provides greater cooperation between Human Services, Mariposa Heritage House and Probation. Has the Court's approval.
- Offers rural and centralized services.
- Contains outreach to the North County including drug testing.
- Has the potential to offer inpatient services.
- Aims to prevent recidivism by offering more family support.
- Approval possible as soon as July 2013.

Chair Leonard was very pleased to hear the grant's emphasis on prevention. Director Rydingsword reiterated the importance of keeping families together. State funds and Drug Court participants will be better served under these new guidelines. Inez Terra asked for more details on North County services. Bryan Blew stated that the grant would offer one-on-one and group counseling services in Coulterville on a weekly basis. Probation would also be present to provide drug testing and interviews. He added that C.O.R.E. (Center for Opportunity, Re-entry and Education) currently transports several clients from Coulterville to Mariposa and that this grant would help defer the cost of fuel. Other pertinent information includes:

- The estimated cost to provide Drug Court services in the past are \$2,500 per person over the duration of 18 months.
- Testing for Hepatitis B and C must be provided with this grant.

Finally, Chair Leonard agreed with the Director's comments regarding the family support component in this program as he has witnessed so many Drug Court clients' relapse in the past. "Drug use affects the whole family," he said. Virgil Campbell added that this grant will help all of the folks involved in the Drug Court Program.

V. Old Business:

A. None

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

A. Membership: Bryan Blew delivered Jerry Johnson's application for membership to Chair Leonard. Copies of the application were handed out to Board Members and they were notified the application was not signed; therefore not officially received at this time. Chair Leonard asked if any

member had an issue with Mr. Johnson's application (another person from Mariposa Heritage House). Yolanda Cheley pointed out that she and Alison Grove were both from Delaware North. There was no objection made to Mr. Johnson's application. Bryan said that he would have Jerry sign it and return it by Thursday, April 18th. This item will come back to the Board at May's meeting.

- B. Staff: Deputy Director John Lawless reported that caseloads are down a little in the Drug and Alcohol Program. He is hopeful that the grant application for Drug Court is approved as it aligns well with the State's Drug and Alcohol objectives and our Strategic Plan. Social Worker Supervisor Angela Phillips updated the Board on the status of the County's Strategic Plan that is being written in conjunction with Mariposa Safe Families. It will be a seven year plan with three primary goals: 1) Reduce alcohol abuse by minors; 2) Reduce marijuana use by minors; and 3) Address capacity issues. Ms. Phillips also noted changes with the County's Alcohol and Drug Program (AOD). California is combining the State Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) into the Department of Health Services. This reorganization will allow Medi-Cal payments for local county AOD services.

- C. Director: No further comments.

VII. Reminder of Next Meeting: May 15, 2013, at the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment: Chair Leonard asked for a motion to adjourn at 1:02 p.m. Inez Terra made the motion and Dusty Luker seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary