



Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

for MARIPOSA COUNTY
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MINUTES
September 21, 2016
12:30 - 1:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Mason, John Trujillo, Jerry Johnson, Dusty Luker, Berta Lindman, Clarence Tedrow, Mariah Lord, Jeremy Briese

MEMBERS EXCUSED: David De'Ment

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Bennett, Yolanda Cheley

GUESTS: Bria Kemp (from Mt Crisis)

QUORUM: Yes

DIRECTOR: Chevon Kothari - present

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Barbara Gatlin - present

STAFF: Todd Davidson, Social Worker Supervisor II - present
Donya Evans, Recording Secretary - present

I. CALL TO ORDER by Clarence Tedrow, Board Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS Bria Kemp reported "We Stand Together" event is scheduled October 27th for Domestic Violence awareness and Red Ribbon Week. Event will be at Mariposa Courthouse lawn, time to be determined. Activities will include stories from survivors and a candlelight march downtown. Other partners to participate include: Sheriff, Probation, Victim Witness, Mariposa Safe Families and more. Item will be put on October agenda to discuss how AOD Board can support event.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Jim Mason made a motion to approve June 2016 and August 2016 meeting minutes. Jeremy Briese seconded the motion. The motion passed; June 2016 and August 2016 meeting minutes are approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding possible merger of AOD and Mental Health Boards. Ideas of how new board might function were explained by Chevon Kothari (i.e. two board chairs, one representing each "branch" of new board, and both represented separately on agendas). AOD Board members will continue as members of MH Board. Decision can wait until after combined November 3rd meeting with MH Board. AOD Board will continue to collect everyone's ideas and as a group will decide.

John Trujillo made a motion that the AOD Board members attend the combined meeting on November 3rd; Berta Lindman seconded the motion; none were opposed; there was one abstention from Jim Mason - motion passed.

Chevon Kothari will provide contact info for Susan Wilson who will be the facilitator at the Nov 3rd meeting. Board members can contact Susan or Chevon with any questions.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Membership - Tim Bennett needs to be contacted regarding possible resignation

B. Stakeholders -

- **Mariposa Heritage House** - Clarence reported new groups including Rest & Relaxation. Currently hiring new director; interviews this Monday. Currently open 7-days a week. Drug Court (collaboration with Todd, Kathleen, Wendy and probation) has been phenomenal. Behavioral Health met with MHH and will give support to them.
- **Mariposa Safe Families** - Mariah reported Friday Night Live and Club Life groups have started (to educate and raise awareness to prevent peers from drinking and substance use). Upcoming events: Red Ribbon Week, assemblies at schools, a "Fun Run," pledge tables at football games, annual Trunk-or-Treating event at Courthouse. Theme for this year: "Real heroes don't do drugs!" Currently hiring child abuse prevention position - interviews this week.
- **Drug Court** - John reported 30 active clients, with 3 graduates and a lot of others promoted to next level. SCRAM's have been a great tool to deter clients from drinking (measures skin alcohol content).
- **Today Is A New Day Recovery Home** - Jerry reported challenge with "free time" and clients are learning how to plan healthy activities - had an overnight camp trip and are planning something special at end of month. Clients have been working - weed eating, painting, etc. Learning how to budget money, save and spend wisely. Currently 3 are in the house, with room for more.

C. Staff -

Deputy Director (Barbara Gatlin) - Kathleen Paxton-Bailey is new supervisor for TRAC and SUD teams at Behavioral Health.

Social Worker Supervisor II (Todd Davidson) - Thank you to Jerry and other BH staff for volunteering time at booth at County Fair.

Director (Chevon Kothari) - For any additional concerns about possible merger, please contact her.

VII. NEXT MEETING **October 19, 2016** at the Mariposa County Human Services Mariposa Room, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

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Recording Secretary