



Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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October 17, 2012

Members Present: Jim Tucker, Virgil Campbell, Sterling Cramer, Brian Blew, Bill Leonard, Cinnamon Fleener, Alison Grove, Jim Mason, Dusty Luker, Yolanda Cheley, Roberta Lindman, Ines Terra

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Guests: Kelsey Foraker, LuEllen Luker

Director: Jim Rydingsword

Deputy Director: John Lawless (not present)

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by Chair Campbell and introductions were made.
- II. **Public Comments:** None
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Campbell asked for a motion to approve the August 15, 2012 Minutes with a notation that the September 19, 2012 meeting did not have a quorum. Sterling Cramer made the motion and it was seconded by Yolanda Cheley. Inez Terra abstained.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. **Creation of Mariposa County Prevention Coalition Board - Cinnamon Fleener:** Member Fleener began her presentation by referring to the formal document entitled *Strategic Plan for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention* ('Plan'). Ms. Fleener specifically referred to the creation of the Coalition/Advisory Board required by the 'Plan'. Her question to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory

Board (ADAB) was whether this new coalition should be represented by the current ADAB, the Mariposa Safe Families Board (MSF), or a hybrid of the two. Member Fleener expressed her preference: the ADAB should be a major player in the new coalition. Chair Campbell asked about the structure of the 'Plan' (who reports to who) and stated that he agrees with Cinnamon's recommendation. A discussion ensued with the following:

- Member Fleener stated that the Strategic Plan is a seven year document.
- Member Leonard questioned the funding mechanism of the 'Plan'.
- Angela Phillips added that the 'Plan' was written by former AOD Supervisor, Linda Murdock.
- The new coalition will include young people (Friday Night Live participants) from the community.
- Angela Phillips asked Cinnamon Fleener to provide a copy of the 'Plan'.
- Chair Campbell asked, "Would the ADAB have any fiscal obligation?"
- The Strategic Plan calls for MSF to report updates on the goals and objective's of the 'Plan' to the State monthly and quarterly.
- The contract is between MSF and the County.
- Chair Campbell asked if this 'Plan' is a mandate from the State. He then reintegrated his position to consolidate the ADAB with the new Coalition/Advisory Board.
- Bill Leonard wants to review a copy of the Strategic Plan document. Many members agreed that they wanted to read the 'Plan' prior to making any decision.
- Inez Terra thinks that very few members of the ADAB would be interested in joining the Mariposa County Prevention Coalition Board. She believes the new board should consist of FNL and MSF members.
- Ms. Phillips informed the Board that each county within the State is providing a Strategic Plan and that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors 'tweaked' the 'Plan' to fit the needs of this County.

Noting the Board's desire to review the 'Plan', Chair Campbell asked Cinnamon Fleener to provide a copy of the document to the board secretary. Upon receipt the secretary was asked to distribute it to all ADAB members. This item has been tabled until the November 21, 2012 meeting as per Chair's request.

- B. Vote on Kelsey Foraker's Membership Application dated August 15, 2012 - Chair Campbell: Ms. Foraker's Membership Application was handed out to those members who needed a copy. Chair Campbell praised Ms. Foraker's for her attendance at this and last month's meeting. Her interest, he felt, was a good indication of her commitment to the Board. Kelsey was then excused from the room in order to vote on her Membership. Bill Leonard made the motion to accept her as a new member and Member Terra seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Sterling Cramer welcomed her as a new member of the Board.

II. Old Business:

- A. Report on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board Booth at Mariposa County

Fair: - Bryan Blew: Bryan said that the booth at the Fair went well. Lots of literature was picked-up (i.e. Gambling, Huffing, and illegal use of Prescription Drugs) by folks either seeking information for themselves or for someone they knew. Volunteers included Buck Cregger, Alcohol and Drug Specialist II for Behavioral Health, and Dusty and LuEllen Luker. Asked if area homeless folks were present at the County Fair, Bryan responded that if they were, there were no apparent issues. At this point, Bryan took the opportunity to hand out *Homeless Survey Analyses* compiled by Human Services, Manna House, Mariposa Heritage House, and the Homeless Shelter. With 139 respondents Member Blew felt it a very good snapshot of Mariposa's homeless situation. Bryan reviewed some pertinent data regarding the lack of affordable housing, employment instability, financial needs, and services required by this population. Director Rydingsword commented that it is unfortunate that the homeless could not be connected with Delaware North (DNC) in Yosemite Park because they (DNC) are looking to hire new employees. Returning to the booth at the County Fair, member Leonard thought that the before and after pictures of users of meth, drugs, and alcohol really had an impact on the public.

III. Sub-Committee Reports:

- A. Membership - Alison Grove: Chairperson Grove presented the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board Member Binder to newly elected Member Lindman.
- B. Staff: Angela Phillips reported that Treatment Plan's for client's who receive both Alcohol and Drug (AOD) and Mental Health (MH) services are merging in order to facilitate Medi-Cal billing. She also noted that AOD Counselors are once again providing services at the County Jail. Chair Campbell questioned whether there was a safety issue at the jail, but noted that MH clinician's who have gone out to the jail have made good progress.
- C. Director: Jim Rydingsword mentioned that there would be upcoming AB109 meetings and welcomed any and all Board Members to attend (dates to be announced). The Director also said that he found out earlier about a \$10 BBQ Chicken Dinner that will be held at the Fairgrounds on Friday, October, 19th. He noted that the event is sponsored by CASA with all proceeds benefiting Foster Youth. He suggested that we all attend. A flyer for the BBQ was handed out.

IV. Reminder of Next Meeting - January 16, 2013, at the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

- V. Adjournment: At 1:25 p.m. Chair Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Sterling Cramer made the motion and it was seconded by Inez Terra.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary