

SUTTER-YUBA
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas Collins called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest speaker, Tina Lavy, Health Program Specialist from the Sutter County Health Division.

2. Roll Call

In the absence of a Board Secretary, the Chair called upon the Executive Secretary to call the roll and the following members were present:

Chairperson Thomas Collins, and Kevin Hinckley. Sutter County Supervisor Stan Cleveland arrived following roll call.

The following Board Members were excused: Vice Chair Robert Klopff, Dr. Joseph Cassady, Roberta D'Arcy, Chaya Galicia, Narinder Dhaliwal, John Summers and Bob Swift.

The following Board Member was absent: Yuba County Supervisor Andy Vasquez

Also present were Brad Luz, Ph.D. Alcohol & Drug Program Administrator, Nancy Fontinel Executive Secretary and Kelly Scott, Prevention Services Coordinator for First Steps.

3. Action Items:

- a. Approve October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes - The meeting minutes of October 25, 2011 could not be considered in the absence of a quorum.

4. Program Presentation – Tobacco Prevention Program – Tina Lavy, Health Program Specialist – Sutter County Health Division

Chairperson Collins introduced Tina Lavy, Health Program Specialist for the Sutter County Health Division. Distributing informational handouts, Ms. Lavy reported that the Tobacco Prevention Program, which is funded through Proposition 99 (the California Tobacco Tax), serves residents of Sutter County. The objective of the program is to decrease smoking rates in the community, secondhand smoke exposure and the sale of cigarettes to youth.

Strengths are statewide technical support from the California Tobacco Control Program/Tobacco Evaluation and Research Oversight Committee. Collaboration with local programs such as 1st 5 Childrens and Families Commission, local health department, youth programs and services, and dedicated staff.

Continuing, Ms. Lavy noted that barriers can be understanding of the objectives of the program and support from local policy makers.

Ms. Lavy reviewed with the Board the current retail licensing policy proposal to be considered by the City of Yuba. This proposal will require local tobacco selling businesses to pay a one-time fee for a license to sell tobacco. Ms. Lavy would like to return to the Board and present this information as well as request a letter of support for this proposal. The Board thanked Ms. Lavy for a fine presentation on Tobacco Prevention.

5. Report of the Alcohol & Drug Program Manager

In the absence of Nancy Lee, the Alcohol & Drug Program Manager, Kelly Scott reported that program staff held a recent retreat at Hammond Grove Park to teambuild and present “Sappy” Awards. It was well received and staff expressed gratitude for this time of regrouping and refreshment.

6. Report of the Alcohol & Drug Program Administrator – Brad Luz, Ph.D.

Dr. Luz and Kelly Scott both reviewed recent program activities including:

- The mural contest has begun with three winners, one each from elementary, middle and high schools. The final winner receives a pizza party.
- A raffle for the client fund was held with funds to assist with items such as an ID card, books for a client at Yuba College and eye glasses.

In other business, Dr. Luz presented an update on AB109 [The Criminal Justice Realignment Initiative] and said that referrals from the prisons are coming in to Sutter County. Each county probation department is to develop a plan to manage the release of parolees. Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services (SYMHS) will hire an Intervention Counselor by the end of December, 2011 and possibly another in January to be located in the Day Centers to be managed by Sutter County Probation Department. Jim Arnold, Probation Chief in Yuba County is considering adding one Intervention Counselor in the Spring, 2012.

The implementation of the Electronic Health Record is moving forward and is anticipated to be on line by April, 2012.

In other business, Dr. Luz said the Drug Medi-Cal Negotiated Net Amount (NNA) funds were re-aligned in 2011. NNA Funds were paid by the State General Fund. The state created a sales tax pool estimating this year’s sales tax to approximate a similar budget to last year’s State General Fund budget. The sales tax funding is behind estimates right now, although SYMHS has begun to receive those payments. They have been disbursed separately to Yuba and Sutter County; and discussions with the Auditor/Controller and Counties have ensured the funding will continue to come to SYMHS.

There are two Methadone Treatment providers in the Marysville area who serve both counties. These are two of the three Drug Medi-Cal programs funded by realigned funding. SYMHS chose the option of leaving these contracts with State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) for the remainder of this fiscal year until the State clarifies what the ongoing budget for these programs will be. SYMHS would also have the responsibility of reporting on Drug Medi-Cal expenditures and does not currently have software in place to do this reporting. SYMHS will review the matter again in June of 2012. The Anasazi software currently being installed does have the capacity to do Drug Medi-Cal billing if needed.

A change in the Medi-Cal waiver could make Drug Medi-Cal a managed care program, put predictable limits on funding, and strengthen the medical necessity criteria for those admitted to these programs. These changes are being discussed by County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Association of California (CADPAAC) representatives and DADP officials.

7. Old Business

There was no old business offered.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion regarding Board Presentations and Speakers for SAAB Meetings: Chairperson Collins requested this item be moved to the next meeting.
- b. Radio Show Guest Spots on "Voice of Yuba Sutter" show and PSA on Radio Channel 1410 AM on Saturdays from 9-10: Chairperson Collins requested this item be moved to the next meeting.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments given.

10. Announcements/Correspondence

The Board has received correspondence from Margery Hubbard stating she has decided to retire from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board as of 11/6/11 [The vacancy will be posted with Yuba County].

11. Board Comments/Agenda Items for next meeting

Chairperson Collins suggested and it was agreed to discuss the scheduling of future November meetings in January.

12. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fontinel
Executive Secretary