

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Minutes for March 2, 2011

Members Present: Burke Adrian, Melinda Avey, Harry Carlson, Madalyn Craviotto, Heike MacKenzie, Yvonne Rodriguez, Anne-Marie Rucker, Paul Tanner, Steve Wirtz

Members Absent: Lt. Raymond Bechler (excused), Judy Cooperider (excused), Leo Zuniga (unexcused)

Alcohol and Drug Services Staff: Marguerite Story-Baker

Guests: Staci Anderson (PRO), Nikki Buckstead, Angela Da Re (NCADD), Dana Martinez (Bridges) Joelle Orrock (FNL), Lorraine Rinker (MAAP), Jessica Rodriguez, Deborah Vogel (Alpha Oaks/Cornerstone), Emily White

I. **Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by **Paul Tanner**.

II. **Advisory Board Actions**

Moved, seconded and passed February minutes.

III. **Provider Presentations:** **Joelle Orrock** reported FNL leaders met with Anne Steins (ProPose) to discuss media and slogans for their efforts to promote the social host liability ordinance. On behalf of Maria Morfin, **Marguerite Story-Baker** asked how the current meeting location was working. Although there are some challenges, a brief discussion ended with the Board willing to try it for at least six months. **Staci Anderson** reported they are conducting seven 8-week parenting classes with some drug diversion clients participating. She also highlighted the value of their bi-cultural Russian counselors. **Angela Da Re** reported the (Sacramento Youth Drug and Alcohol Coalition (SYDAC) was preparing to submit a community and environmental prevention grant with NCADD as the lead agency.

IV. **Advisory Board Announcements:** None.

V. **Presentation:** **Lorraine Rinker** is the President/CEO of the Mexican American Alcoholism Program (MAAP) that was founded in 1975 (36th anniversary on March 12, 2011) with Mi Casa residential treatment center for men at 48th and Franklin. She was hired more than one year ago to oversee MAAP's financial turnaround after their 2009 financial crisis. MAAP filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January 2010, completed restructuring in October, and made a first distribution to pay off debt. Lorraine explained MAAP had lost focus because of its health clinic operations. Before its crisis it had eight programs and a ~\$6.5 million budget (103 Full Time Equivalent), but has now re-focused with five programs and a ~\$4 million budget (62 FTEs). She described how all clients were transitioned to other providers and thanked both Maria Morfin and Bob Caulk for their support and honest feedback. She hopes MAAP will be fiscally viable again by next year and again give back to the community.

Lorraine handed out their MAAP Core diagram highlighting the five programs: Mi Casa (20 male clients now; may add an all-female facility in future), Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Outpatient Treatment and Diversion for drug offenders, federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded outreach and treatment program for high-risk clients, Sacramento Drinking Driver Program (DDP) to educate DUI arrestees, and New Choice Program employment and support services for prison/jail re-entry clients. She reported the DDP has developed a new collaborative focus with the other three providers of DUI education services (Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] in place with Terra Nova, Breining, and Safety Center) to provide more integrated and standardized services (i.e., outreach contact, financial assessment and curriculum).

Lorraine received very laudatory comments from the Board and audience for her integrity and very frank and open presentation. There was further discussion of several issues: certification of counselors, completion of financial audit, how she was recruited, and the drinking driver and diversion programs. **Burke Adrian** will follow

up to check on recent changes in the DUI court process. **Yvonne Rodriguez** provided suggestions for the Diversion program. Board members thanked Lorraine for presenting.

VI. Administrator Report: Marguerite Story-Baker announced the Behavioral Health Division is starting its contract cycle with site visits and negotiations for FY 10-11. All contract amendments must be in by March 18th. Several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are underway: Prevention, Detoxification, Residential (all funded by the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment [SAPT] Block Grant) are in process. The Outpatient RFP is now re-released and SAPT Perinatal is to be released soon. Marguerite reported on meetings to re-formulate Proposition 36 as an unfunded mandate with fee-for-service (but SAPT funded for indigent clients). The System of Care received its first set of indigents and 2 of 4 providers are out of SAPT funds this month. She reported the centralized waiting list has no delays for females and only a two-month delay for men. Marguerite explained the pre-treatment “holding” groups run by mental health counselors are going well and ADS asked DADP to certify youth treatment services at satellite school sites. She reported on Probation not receiving the Drug Court Enhancement grant. She also described the court decision on the Trask lawsuit that ruled a Sacramento provider could not refuse to certify completion of its program if the client could not pay the program fees. In the past the County certified the provider’s criteria and protocols, but now that role is at the state DADP level.

In response to questions Marguerite elaborated on why the waiting lists were shorter, citing better knowledge of the system and the ability of the counselor (Jarrett) to develop good relationships with clients, rapport that may be serving a treatment role as well. She reported another System Of Care meeting for residential providers will be held soon, to help address providers’ concerns about the uncertainties of filling available beds. The value of designating a provider in advance and creating a “warm hand-off” is essential. She also clarified that only the client pays (except for CalWORKs clients) for Drug Division educational programs. Uncertainties also remain for services presently under the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) due to State realignment.

VII. Board’s Chiefs of Staff Meeting – Paul reported on the February 17th meeting. Burke and his Probation administrator attended to discuss the Proposition 36 situation (e.g., downsizing, recent Trask and Beatty court decisions, realignment of DADP services).

VIII. Advisory Board Committee Reports - See handout notes.

1. **Executive Committee** – Melinda, Harry and Paul met to plan the upcoming Board meeting. Discussed vacancies on the Board and recruitment of Board reviewers for the Options For Recovery RFP process.
2. **Prevention and Education Committee** – Steve reported on the special presentation by Dr. Christina Borbely on prevention planning and evaluation (outcomes and measurement) on February 8. Next meeting will be March 8, 1:30 PM, at the CAARR Office, corner of Wright Street and Marconi Avenue.
3. **Treatment Committee** – Paul reported the Committee had a presentation on the Youth Services Strategic Plan. Next meeting will be on March 9, 12:00 noon, at the CAARR Office.
4. **Membership Committee** – Board members reported on their outreach efforts. Two potential new members were present at today’s meeting.
5. **Budget, Planning and Evaluation (BPE) Committee** – Paul reported BPE discussed realignment, federal cuts, provider client survey information, and AVATAR. The other half of the meeting focused on Strategic Planning. The Committee will meet Thursday, March 10 (half of the meeting will focus on strategic planning).
6. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Paul reported on strategic planning progress with Alan Lange as facilitator. The committee is developing a set of draft goals and objectives for community input and feedback. The Committee will meet Thursday, March 24, 1:30 PM, at the CAARR Office.

IX. Reports from other Boards

1. **Human Services Coordinating Council** – Paul reported Melinda is the new secretary. Melinda reported there remains concern about the future of advisory boards in light of county efficiency efforts.

2. **First 5 Advisory Committee** – Steve reported attending his first meeting and sees many potential overlaps with AOD issues. First 5 is facing significant cuts. There will be an initiative on the next State ballot to transfer funds from First 5 to fund Healthy Families insurance program for low-income families and children.

X. Unfinished business

Burke mentioned problems with medical marijuana dispensaries and a recent 4th Appellate Court ruling (Beatty) that allows medical marijuana clients to continue to use marijuana while in a diversion program. Discussion followed on both issues. There is no current policy for Sacramento County providers.

- XI. Future Month's Agenda items** - Presentations by current providers of county public AOD services will continue – The Effort will be asked to present next month. How to handle medical marijuana issues was suggested as a future topic.

- IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.