

MEETING MINUTES

MADERA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD

Madera Community Hospital, Shebulet Room
1250 E. Almond Avenue
Madera, CA

May 21, 2008

Present: Betty Cates, Loraine Goodwin, Don Horal, John LeCompte, Christine Richard, Mark Swan, Michael Wilkins

Excused: Donald Sellai

Also Present: Janice Melton, Kathy Hayden, David Weikel, Tracy Callaway – Madera County Behavioral Health Services; Alfonso Lopez- Hope House

CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was conducted by Tracy Callaway in the absence of the Recording Secretary and a quorum was present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 16, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments made.

D. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Methamphetamine Recovery Initiative- Juanita Fiorello and John Aguirre

Juanita and John informed the group that the Methamphetamine Recovery Project is a forum that's goal is to learn from the community so that they can educate and inform our politicians. They are looking for contact people so that they can find out what works at the local levels, and they want to get the word out that community has a voice at the table. Juanita added that the next meeting in Madera would be on June 20, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and the location would be the DSS building.

After this presentation ended, Loraine Goodwin mentioned that it would be a great idea to have the Board sponsor or host a community meeting. John LeCompte invited the Board to continue the conversation regarding Meth Recovery, so Juanita and John volunteered to stay in case they could answer any further questions. Janice Melton and Kathy Hayden indicated that in their experience it is very difficult to get community participation at meetings. Janice pointed out that it might be better to get involvement from key groups that meet for other purposes, such as service clubs and collaborative agencies. Kathy suggested that it might be easier to reach the community through a series of small focus groups, and the Board could reach larger groups. Alfonso Lopez pointed out that the Town Hall Meetings at Hope House would be good place to start a focus group.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election for new Officers will take place in June.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Length of Methamphetamine Presentation to be given by Jana Price-Sharps

John LeCompte opened the discussion of how long the presentation to be given by Jana Price-Sharps should be. Mark Swan suggested that brief would be sufficient, while John LeCompte preferred a longer presentation. By a show of hands, it was decided that 2 hours was acceptable if Jana Price-Sharps was willing to do that. Judy Comer will be asked to contact her and set this up.

2. BHS Organizational Changes

Janice reported on some organizational and space changes related to budget concerns. Programs are being moved so that BHS can eliminate one office building. Prop 36 will vacate the Madera Avenue building and move to Maple Street. Janice also mentioned that the phone numbers will remain the same.

3. 2008-09 State Budget –May Revise

Janice informed the group that there were no surprises at the State level, but it is apparent that the Governor's plan is not going to be sufficient for the current deficit. Janice also reported that there will be cuts to the CalWorks Program but it is not known at this time how extensive the cuts will be.

4. 2008-09 SACPA Plan

Kathy Hayden discussed funding issues related to Prop 36 and OTP (Offender Treatment Program) funds for FY 08-09. OTP funds will allow us to return a half-time probation officer to supervision of some Prop 36 clients. Kathy will be meeting next week with probation staff to discuss how to structure the program; i.e. what clients to support with OTP funds and which will stay in Prop 36. Madera County is eligible for \$71,000 in OTP funding which will help offset some of the reductions in Prop 36 funding.

5. PC 1000 Providers for Madera County of Madera

With concurrence of the County Administration Officer, Janice announced that we will consider certifying Cornerstone Family Counseling of Oakhurst to be a PC 1000 Program once they submit the necessary paperwork and we conduct a site visit.

G. REPORTS

1. BHS PROGRAM REPORTS

a.) MHSA CSS Program Updates

David Weikel gave a report based on a handout which gives statistics current caseloads, new clients served by General Systems Development as well as Outreach and Engagement. David also mentioned in the handout the current status of the MHSA Housing Program and what its purpose is. (Please see attached handout).

b.) Hope House

Alfonso Lopez reported that Hope House raised \$170 by participating in this year's NAMI Walk. They had approximately 70 participants from BHS consumers, staff, and family members. Alfonso also reported that Hope House had t-shirts, designed by a Hope House consumer, made up for this event and all Hope House participants wore them at the NAMI Walk. The purpose was to show unity for members.

Alfonso reported that CASRA made a site visit to review the program so that Hope House could be considered as a rehabilitation agency. This would enable staff and consumers access to a great deal of information and resources. CASRA is very happy with what Hope House is doing.

2. CHAIRPERSON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Report From Student Advisory Member

No report.

b. Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Committees

1. Executive Committee

No report.

2. Legislative Committee

No report.

3. Membership Committee

c. Ad-Hoc Committees

1. Provider Report Model

No report.

2. Problem Gambling

Loraine Goodwin mentioned that the Problem Gambling Training on May 21 was a good summary of the problem and what it involves.

H. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADMINISTRATOR

Janice reported that BHS is trying to keep services going without losing any staff members due to the budget. Janice also mentioned that there is a huge demand for services at this time. One morning there were 14 calls requesting mental health services.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

June: Election of new Officers

July: Educational Presentation: Methamphetamine by Jana Price-Sharps

J. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on June 18, at 12:00 Noon at Madera Community Hospital.