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Draft Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2016 – 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Pea Soup Andersen’s Pavilion Room, Buellton, CA

Members Present: Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District; Chris Burtness, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 1st District; Megan Cerney, 4th District; Mike Cordero, 5th District; Jim Laponis, 1st District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District, Kati Smith, 3rd District; James Rohde, 3rd District; Edwin Weaver, 4th District
(Absence) Judy Blue, 2nd District; Tom Urbanske, 5th District; Jennifer Smith, 3rd District

ADMHS Staff: John Doyel, Lucero Garcia, ADP/ADMHS. Public: Chair Mental Health Commissioner, Michael Gorodezky

I. Call to Order

- Chair Byrne, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Advisory Board members and attendees introduced themselves.

II. Introductions/ Announcements

- Chair Byrne announced that Barry Keenan resigned from the Advisory Board.
- Ms. Cerney announced she was ordered to move to Texas in April and will continue to be part of the Advisory Board until March. She will leave the Board after that.
- Chair Byrne discussed the pending SB County ordinance for medical MJ cultivation. The act states that California will become the authority for medical marijuana cultivation if a city or county doesn’t develop its own ordinance.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Corrections to the November 2nd, 2015 minutes: Under item VII, 1st bullet, change the word “counting” to “counseling.”
- Change Sharon Rumberger from listed present to absent.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Board member Jim Laponis and seconded by Board member Kati Smith. The minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comment

- No Comment.

V. Set meeting Schedule for the 2016 year

- Vice Chair Laponis asked if each Joint meeting will be hosted by the Advisory Board. Ms. Byrne confirmed it would be easier if the meetings were held by the Advisory Board. The consensus was affirmative.

Chair, Byrne made a motion to approve the 2016 meeting schedule. The motion was moved by Board member, Jim Laponis and seconded by Board member, Kati Smith. All were in favor by unanimous vote.

VI. Set joint meeting schedule with MHC & clarity rules regarding joint meetings

- Chair Byrne confirmed she will ask Celeste Andersen for clarity on any Brown Act issues regarding joint meetings.

VII. “Minutes, Notes, and Motions;” Merging the MHC & ADP Advisory Board?

- Chair Byrne observed that the department is moving towards integrating services and suggested to Board members that the possibility of a merged MHC & ADP Advisory Board might be part of that integration process. Vice Chair Laponis agreed but cautioned that that County Counsel may be necessary to consummate the merger. Mr. Gorodezky commented that other counties have merged commissions and that such mergers may be becoming the standard. Ms. Burtness asked how many active members are in ADP Advisory Board. Mr. Doyel responded usually about 12-15 members. Chair Byrne will correspond with the MHC to determine how many members are they required to have. Kati Smith commented that the Advisory Board has been well-established and quick to act on certain tasks and would not like to see the Board decision making process compromised. Chair Byrne shared the interest Mental Health Commissioners have on conducting site visits. Mr. Cordero advised the Board to first research how the formulation of a merged commission will function prior to merging. Chair Byrne noted merging of both commissions will be a long-term process and it will not happen immediately.
- Kati Smith suggested having an Ad Hoc committee to explore and research the merging of the Board and MHC. Chair Byrne argued that the research will include the framework, recommended membership, and scope of duties. Ms. Burtness suggested inviting MH commissioners to participate in the Ad Hoc committee. Mr. Gorodezky mentioned he will ask MH commissioners if they would like to participate in the Ad Hoc committee. Mr. Weaver argued that the Ad Hoc committee should consist of Board members only first to define “where the Advisory Board stands” and only then have MH commissioners join. Mr. Laponis agreed with Mr. Weaver’s suggestion but was concerned about the increased of membership size. Kati Smith nominated Sharon Rumberger to chair the Ad Hoc committee, Ms. Rumberger agreed.

Kati Smith made a motion to have an Ad Hoc committee to study and research the merging of the Mental Health Commission and the ADP Advisory Board in Santa Barbara County. Seconded by Board member, Chris Burtness. All were in favor by unanimous vote.

VIII. Education and Prevention Subcommittee

- Ms. Burtness reported on the Operation Medicine Cabinet and the new and improved bins that are safer and have been placed throughout the County. She then indicated the extent of the safety of the bins is still unknown.
- In February the BOS will be presenting a draft of the safe drug disposal ordinance and would like Board members' support. Ms. Burtness shared the Alameda County model will not be used and has been replaced with Los Angeles (LA) County's model. Chair Byrne requested Ms. Burtness to distribute a copy of the ordinance to Board members.
- Ms. Burtness discussed that the STAR funding was not approved to have an Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services facility around the new North County jail facility.

IX. Site Reviews

- Discussion of the ADP staff on-site monitoring schedule.
- A site-visit list was distributed to confirm the chosen agencies by Board members. The red font on the document indicates members requested ADP staff to come along.
- No Site Reviews reported.

X. Program Manager's Report, including Systems Change, MJ Legislation Update

- **1115 Organized Delivery System (ODS) Waiver Work group and Stakeholder meetings:** The ODS waiver will expand services provided in the county and change the system of care. Mr. Doyel reported on the ODS work group and the upcoming stakeholder meetings.
- **Overdose Prevention and Reversal:** Mr. Doyel announced the development of the PO for the OD Prevention and Reversal program. He expects the purchase of naloxone kits and will be distributing them to the appropriate individuals and agencies.
- **Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT):** MAT is requested by community members and is highly recommended in the ODS. Further information to be discussed.
- **IV Update:** Two projects in Isla Vista, the Sobering Center and Intervention & Treatment Services, to provide mental health and alcohol and drug services. Mr. Doyel reported that intervention services will occur earlier than the sobering center. The sobering center is more of a long term project but he anticipates it to occur as well.
- **Aegis Treatment Center, SM, and Update:** Mr. Doyel shared that the community complaints about the Aegis Treatment Center are being addressed. ADP staff is working on alleviating the problem and Aegis is taking full responsibility. There is a large homeless population in the area that are not Aegis clients and staff are working with the community to mitigate the issue.
- **SB 1022 Construction of adult local criminal justice facilities:** John discussed on the SB Sheriff's grant for a residential mental health SUD facility near the new jail. ADMHS is working with the Sheriff's department to present this matter at the BOS hearing.

XI. New Business

- Chair Byrne, would like Board members to formulate a position on the medical MJ cultivation ordinance as they will be writing a letter to the BOS stating their opinion.
- Ms. Burtness will request to Erin Weber a copy of LA County's safe drug disposal ordinance to distribute to the Board members.

- Kati Smith shared she will be on the planning committee. Information on the Veteran's Treatment Court will be announced as needed.
- Kati Smith shared Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Centers has received community complaints about their facility. Chuck Madson, Director of Program Services for Coast Valley requested to Ms. Smith to write a letter of support to City Council. She then mentioned she would like to write the letter on behalf of the Advisory Board, Jim shared it may be a Brown Act issue. She agreed and will draft the letter as an individual stating she is part of the Advisory Board.

XII. Adjournment

- Chair Sharon Byrne entertained a motion to adjourn, it was motioned and seconded by Jim Laponis to adjourn the meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.
- The next ADP Advisory Board meeting will take place on February 1st, 2016 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.