



# *Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board*

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Minutes**

February 20, 2013

**Members Present:** Bill Leonard, Dusty Luker, Jim Tucker, Sterling Cramer, Inez Terra, Kelsey Foraker, Bryan Blew, Virgil Campbell, Cinnamon Fleener, Jim Mason, Berta Lindman

**Members Excused:** Alison Grove, Yolanda Cheley

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Jerry Johnson

**Director:** Jim Rydingsword

**Deputy Director:** John Lawless

**Staff:** Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor (not present)  
Cathy Kulick, Senior Office Assistant, Recording Secretary

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Chair Leonard and introductions were made.

II. **Public Comments:** None

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Leonard asked for a motion to approve the November 21, 2012 Minutes. Virgil Campbell made the motion and Bryan Blew seconded.

IV. **New Business:**

A. **Resignation of Alison Grove from Membership Chair:** Chair Leonard circulated a copy of Alison's request to resign as Membership Chair. Bryan Blew made the motion to accept her resignation and Dusty Luker seconded.

B. **Nomination of New Membership Chair or Committee:** Chair Leonard asked the Board if anyone was interested in becoming the next Membership Chair.

Virgil Campbell asked about the duties/responsibilities of the position. Because no one offered to become the new Chair, Member Campbell proposed that the absent members be contacted and offered the position. He also asked the sitting Board to reconsider it too. With that proposal, Virgil made the motion to table the nomination of a new Membership Chair/Committee until the March 2013 meeting. Inez Terra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Old Business:**

- A. Creation of Mariposa County Prevention Coalition Board Update: Chair deferred to Vice-Chair Fleener. Cinnamon Fleener stated that she, Angela Phillips, and a consultant have begun the process of simplifying the existing Plan. In formulating a new county Plan, the emphasis will be on 1) marijuana usage; 2) alcohol usage; and 3) capacity building. Virgil Campbell inquired about the status of the County's Prevention Coalition Board and Ms. Fleener replied that the state rejected that portion of the Plan and, at this point, the creation of a new Board is a moot point. Asked by John Lawless about whether the new Plan would be for five years, Ms. Fleener replied, "Yes". In conclusion, Vice-Chair Fleener told the Board that the State is allowing the entire Plan to be re-written.

#### **VI. Sub-Committee Reports:**

- A. Membership: As a follow-up to **IV. (B.)**, Virgil Campbell asked Chair Leonard if Board Members can recruit new members on their own. His response was, "Yes. You don't have to be Chair of the Membership Committee. Anyone of us can recruit members."
- B. Staff: Deputy Director John Lawless stated that all Alcohol and Drug Programs (AOD) are going well, even though the staff has had some illness recently. He also reported that Mariposa Safe Families has been working with Human Services staff to get the California Outcome Measurement System (CalOMS) to accurately report some of their activities. This is a state report that has been used by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and is now administered by California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). The CalOMS report is intended to capture pertinent information about the population being served and what services are being provided.
- C. Director: Mr. Rydingsword updated the Board on the expansion of California's Affordable Care Act (ACA), better known nationally as Obama Care. Starting October 1, 2013, applicants for Medi-Cal will qualify using a new formula based on a change in poverty levels established by the government. The Director estimates that by using this new income threshold, as many as 1,000 more people in Mariposa County will become eligible for Medi-Cal. Another important change to Medi-Cal begins on June 1, 2013. That is when current Medi-Cal recipients will move to a Managed Care Provider. Under the County's bidding process, it is hoped that up to three Managed Care Providers will be on board by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that the County has been working closely with John C. Fremont to understand the

new health care law. Under the ACA, Medi-Cal patients will be encouraged to establish and maintain a primary physician. Jim Mason asked if CMSP (County Medical Services Program) patients will transition to Medi-Cal and Director Rydingsword answered, "Yes." Virgil Campbell asked Mr. Rydingsword if Medi-Cal would pay for PC1000. Mr. Rydingsword answered, "No." and added that, "AOD is not the highest priority with CHHS."

**Additional Comments:** Referring back to item V. (A), Chair Leonard stated that County Council had told him the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board could become part of the County Prevention Coalition Board if the By-Laws don't state you can't.

**VII. Reminder of Next Meeting: March 20, 2013, at the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.**

**VIII. Adjournment:** At 1:00 p.m. Chair Leonard asked for a motion to adjourn. Inez Terra made the motion and Virgil Campbell seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary