



Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Minutes

March 20, 2013

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

Members Excused: Jim Tucker

Members Absent: None

Guests: Jerry Johnson

Director: Jim Rydingsword (not present)

Deputy Director: John Lawless (not present)

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 12:34 p.m. by Chair Leonard and introductions were made. Jerry Johnson was recognized as a guest for the second time.

II. **Public Comments:** None

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Recording Secretary Kulick pointed out that the date on the February minutes needed to be changed. Yolanda Cheley also noticed that section VII. had the wrong date for the next meeting. Chair Leonard asked for a motion to approve the February 20, 2013, minutes, as amended. Jim Mason made the motion and Inez Terra seconded.

IV. New Business:

- A. April is Alcohol Awareness Month: Bryan Blew mentioned that in the past the Heritage House sponsored a variety of activities for Alcohol Awareness Month. This year, however, the Heritage House, together with Mariposa Safe Families, will ask the community to pledge not to drink alcohol over the weekend of April 5th – 7th. They also plan to speak at the high school and ask the students to make the same pledge. Mariposa Safe Families (MSF) will also present a proclamation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 9, 2013, acknowledging April as Alcohol Awareness Month. At this time, Bryan deferred to Cinnamon Fleener. Cinnamon announced that MSF and Friday Night Live were teaming up to hold a real DUI Court sometime between late April and early May on the high school premises. The Sheriff's Dept., Probation and County Judges are very much in favor of the idea. The proposed DUI Court will have a real defendant with a real conviction. The court proceedings are intended to show high school student's exactly what happens to an individual accused of DUI – with emphasis on the long term consequences of their behavior. After the court proceedings, the student's will be asked to take 'Casey's Pledge' not to drink and drive. As of this date, two or three other counties have successfully offered the DUI Court program. Virgil Campbell suggested that Board Members attend the April 9th BOS Meeting at 9:00 A.M. Chair Leonard added that the actual time to arrive should be closer to 10:00 A.M. Yolanda Cheley asked Cinnamon if MSF planned on having something in paper announcing these events and Cinnamon answered, "Yes, there will be a press release." Sterling Cramer asked Kelsey Foraker for this year's Prom date and she responded that it is scheduled for May 11th. Virgil Campbell joked about all the A's with April being Alcohol Awareness Month (AA Month!).

V. Old Business:

- A. Nomination of Membership Chair/Committee: Chair Leonard opened the floor to nominate a Membership Chair. No one responded. A discussion ensued about whether it was necessary to have a Chairperson and what the Chair's duties were. Virgil asked if anyone had invited those not present at last months meeting to become Membership Chair. The answer was, "No." Yolanda asked, "Do we have to have a Membership Chair?" Jim Mason commented, "We don't need one. All members can recruit." Inez Terra suggested that Members give applications to the Board Chairman. The consensus was that the Board did not need a Membership Chair. Alison Grove made the motion to present new membership applications to the Board Chair in lieu of a Membership Chair. Yolanda Cheley seconded. The vote was unanimous. Note: Guest Jerry Johnson asked for and was given a Membership Application

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- A. Membership – No report
- B. Staff – No report
- C. Director – No report

Additional Comments: Cinnamon Fleener reported that the revised Mariposa County Strategic Plan for Alcohol and other Drug Prevention was almost complete. The Strategic Plan will focus on three basic goals: 1) marijuana usage; 2) alcohol usage; and 3) capacity building. The plan's goal is to reach a 5% reduction in the usage of both alcohol and marijuana. Also, MFS is still working on tweaking the CalOMS reports. Inez Terra asked if the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board needed to be involved in the Strategic Plan and Cinnamon answered, "No."

VII. **Reminder of Next Meeting:** April 17, 2013, at the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.

VIII. **Adjournment:** At 1:05 p.m., Chair Leonard asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Mason made the motion and Sterling Cramer seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary