Mariposa County
Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

March 21, 2012 Minutes

Members Present: Bryan Blew, Catherine Lara, Yolanda Cheley, Alison Grove, Virgil Campbell, Inez Terra, Jim Tucker, LuEllen Luker, Sterling Cramer, Bill Leonard

Members Excused: Jim Mason, Dusty Luker

Members Absent: None

Guests: Joe Rabon, Cinnamon Fleener, Roberta Lindman

Director: Jim Rydingsword

Deputy Director: John Lawless

Staff: Linda Murdock, SUD 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 Campbell and introductions were made.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Approval of Minutes: Chair Campbell asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2012 Minutes and noted that the February 15, 2012 meeting did not have a quorum. Yolanda Cheley made the motion and Bryan Blew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
IV. **New Business:** (Please note that Board voted on these in reverse order)

A. **Appointment of Membership Chair for 2012:** Chair Campbell inquired if a member of the Board was interested in chairing the Membership Committee. Alison Grove motioned she would accept the Chair appointment and the Board moved to pass her motion.

B. **Vote on Cinnamon Fleener’s Membership application:** Chair Campbell asked if the Board had any comment’s regarding Ms. Fleener’s application. There being none, Ms. Fleener was asked to leave the room during the voting process. Inez Terra motioned to accept Ms. Fleener’s membership application and Yolanda Cheley seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Cinnamon returned to the meeting as a new member-elect to the Board.

V. **Old Business:**

A. **By-Laws Committee Report:** The By-Laws Committee submitted their purposed amendments for Board review. Chair Campbell went through each segment and had the Board vote on each change separately. The added language in A-6 was approved by Bryan Blew and Bill Leonard. Inez Terra liked both of the ‘Resignation Form Letters’ presented in A-6, a). Members suggested, however, that the resigning members’ name be added to each letter. Sterling Cramer and Inez Terra approved the letters, as amended, to include an area for the members name to be hand printed on the form. LuEllen Luker and Alison Grove approved of the added language in #7. Each vote was passed by the all Board Members present.

VI. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

A. **Membership:** No report this month

B. **Staff:** Deputy Director John Lawless announced that Linda Murdock, SUD Supervisor, has been laid off effective March 31, 2012, due to budget restraints. She will be replaced by Angela Phillips, current Social Worker Supervisor, Adult Systems of Care. The Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) will be discontinued and merged into the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Lawless reported that the number of services provided to the SUD clients are down compared to last year. Inez Terra asked if the DUI Program showed a greater decrease in the Multiple or the 1st Offender enrollments but Mr. Lawless did not have that specific data. Chair Campbell added that the Probation Department has seen a downturn too. That includes Drug Court, PC100 and Prop. 36. It appears that many of the violations issued in this County are being followed up with services in the perpetrator’s county of residence.

C. **Director:** Director Jim Rydingsword noted that on Friday, March 16, 2012, State AB109 funding was approved to start a “Daily Reporting Center” in Mariposa. The concept includes relocating Mariposa Heritage House to the
proposed new facility; possibility the building for rent across the street from
the Human Services Center. Headed by the Probation Department, this
facility would serve the inmates that have been released to our community
rather than going to the County Jail. Member Leonard thought it was an
excellent cost saving idea. The Director noted that all of this is still in the
planning stage but is hopeful of the outcome.

Additional Information: Bryan Blew asked to be placed on the Agenda for next
month’s meeting. He would like make a presentation to the Board about the Mariposa
Heritage House. Finally, Chair Campbell asked for an update from Sterling Cramer
regarding the recruitment of a student for membership to the Board. Sterling stated that
he has been in touch with Vice Principle Doug Jensen, via e-mail, and they are
continuing their search for such a candidate. This student will fulfill the Boards’ By-Laws
requirement that states members “shall represent as broadly as possible the
demographic characteristics of the county.”

VII. Reminder of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2012, at
the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Leme Lane, Mariposa,
beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary