



# Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Minutes

August 21, 2013

**Members Present:** Bill Leonard, Jerry Johnson, Virgil Campbell, Inez Terra, Jim Mason, Yolanda Cheley, Alison Grove, Sterling Cramer

**Members Excused:** Roberta Lindman, Dusty Luker, Kelsey Foraker, Bryan Blew

**Members Absent:** Cinnamon Fleener, Jim Tucker

**Guests:** Britany Sturm and Mariah Tate, both from Safe Families

**Director:** Jim Rydingsword (not present)

**Deputy Director:** John Lawless

**Staff:** Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor  
Cathy Kulick, Senior Office Assistant, Recording Secretary  
Donna Shimer, Office Assistant II

**Note: This is for information only due to a lack of a quorum at 12:36 p.m.**

*Chair Leonard asked the two guests to introduce themselves. Recording Secretary Kulick introduced staff member Donna Shimer who may replace Kulick upon retirement. Chair Leonard then suggested that Buck Cregger, CAS II, Alcohol and Drug Specialist II, begin his presentation. Mr. Cregger explained that he is the primary counselor for Prop. 36, PC1000, an adolescent group, two adult groups and individual sessions as needed. His background in substance abuse counseling started in 1999 in Alaska; he then spent five years as a counselor for Diablo Valley Ranch in Clayton, CA, and has been with Mariposa County for over six years. Highlights of Buck's presentation are:*

- *Prop 36 is an intensive two year program with four levels which consist of a weekly group, weekly individual sessions, and Court monthly. Client's can earn credits (hours) by attending AA and/or Narcotics Anonymous meetings, going to Heritage House, Church, John Trujillo's group, and certain Native American programs. Credits are tallied on a card for each event and signed by an authorized individual for that organization.*
- *PC1000 is a 16 week program, usually for first time offenders, which costs \$432. The participant must pay this amount in order to receive their*

*certificate of completion. It's a diversion program which interacts with Probation and it's all about education.*

- *PC1000 currently has six participants. Prop 36 has 25.*
- *Groups can contain no more than 10 clients and must have a minimum of four in order to be counted.*
- *The County's Recovery Services (aka: AOD or Substance Abuse Program) lost most of its funding in 2006.*
- *Chair Leonard discussed the many Native American traditions that are recognized as treatment for substance abuse programs, including Sweat Lodges.*
- *Member Virgil Campbell reiterated that upon completion of PC1000 the records and conviction of the defendant are totally expunged.*

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:49 p.m. when three members arrived making a quorum.

II. **Public Comments:** None

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Leonard asked for a motion to approve the June 19, 2013 Minutes. Inez Terra made the motion and Jim Mason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **New Business:**

A. See above 'Information Only' for Buck Cregger's presentation.

B. **Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS):** Deputy Director John Lawless referred to the CLAS guidelines (e-mailed to Members) indicating that there are 14 standards mentioned in this document that are intended to provide culturally competent services to consumers. Quoting directly from the Executive Summary, "...60% of state residents are people of color, 27% were born outside the United States and 43% of California households speak a language other than English at home." While these percentages do not reflect the population in Mariposa County, it is important to note that these standards apply to all of California. Most people here, he said, are sensitive to the issues addressed in this document. The Deputy Director invited the Board to attend an upcoming training designed to provide an overview of this document. The training will be held on September 4, 2013, at the Mariposa County Government Center. Virgil Campbell asked if the percentages mentioned before were for California or Mariposa. Director Lawless replied that they are for California. He also asked if there are any penalties associated with non-compliance and Director Lawless said, "No." However, Mr. Lawless stated that Mariposa is in compliance with the CLAS standard's which is helpful when applying for funding and/or grants. Addressing Angela Phillips, Mr. Lawless asked if the new Strategic Plan addressed these standards and Ms. Phillips replied that it does not, nor does it need to. Yolanda Cheley asked for an agenda for the September 4<sup>th</sup> training and a brochure/flyer was provided to her and the Board.

**V. Old Business:**

A. None.

**VI. Sub-Committee Reports:**

A. Staff: Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor, updated the status of the 'almost official' three year Drug Court grant. The partners are: Heritage House, Probation, Mariposa Superior Court, Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and Alliance for Community Transformation (ACT). The grant will enhance the current Drug Court program while adding classes and new services in Coulterville. Virgil Campbell will have two duties assigned to him through the grant: 1) Drug Court Officer and 2) Compliance Officer for the Court. This grant was only issued to four applicants in California, with Mariposa County being one of them. "It's a big deal", said Member Campbell. Ms. Phillips concurred. Angela also mentioned that the new Affordable Care Act could offer transportation and outreach to our client's and she added that BHRS was finishing up the Medi-Cal audit. Deputy Director Lawless inserted that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will officially accept the Drug Court grant at their August 27, 2013 meeting. Social Worker Supervisor Phillips is designated as the Project Director.

B. Membership: Chair Leonard announced that he was in a dilemma as to whether he would renew his Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board (ADAB) Membership for three more years. He "feels out of the loop" and questions what he has to offer the Board. At this time he has decided to stay but may re-evaluate his decision after the first of the year. Regarding the status of two other Board Members, one has exceeded the three allowed absences set forth in the By-Laws and will be informed of his termination. Another member has recently left Safe Families but has yet to contact this Board regarding any changes in her status. Member Campbell questioned, "Are we following the By-Laws to insure the Board's authority?" and does this item need approval from the BOS. The response: The By-Laws are specific regarding termination, and yes, the BOS approves (or not) the ADAB request. During the review of the By-Laws Inez Terra noticed that the Board is required to start a nomination committee in September in order to elect officers in October. Chair Leonard mentioned that he lost a sister-in-law and a cousin this week and that he attended today's meeting because he found out that the Vice-Chair was not coming.

C. Director: None

**VII. Reminder of Next Meeting: October 16, 2013, at Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.**

**VIII. Adjournment:** At 1:21 p.m. Chair Leonard asked for a motion to adjourn. Virgil Campbell made the motion and Yolanda Cheley seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary