



# *Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board*

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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

April 18, 2012 Minutes

**Members Present:** Cinnamon Fleener, Virgil Campbell, Jim Tucker, Jim Mason, LuEllen Luker, Dusty Luker, Inez Terra, Bryan Blew, Bill Leonard, Yolanda Cheley, Alison Grove

**Members Excused:** Sterling Crammer (Joe Williams as alternate)

**Members Absent:** Catherine Lara

**Guests:** Roberta Lindman

**Director:** Jim Rydingsword

**Deputy Director:** John Lawless

**Staff:** Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor I  
Cathy Kulick, Senior Office Assistant, Board Secretary

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by Chair Campbell and introductions were made.

II. **Public Comments:** None

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Campbell notified the Board of a change to the March 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes within IV. item B. He asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Inez Terra made the motion and Yolanda Cheley seconded.

IV. **New Business:**

A. **Mariposa Heritage House – Presented by Bryan Blew:** Mariposa Heritage House (MHH) is a non-profit organization under the ‘umbrella’ of Mountain Crisis Services. Mr. Blew is the Executive Director, Virgil Campbell is the current Advisory Board President and Chevon Kothari is their grant writer. There is also a dedicated group of volunteers that help keep the drop-in program running. The MHH is open to everyone in the community and offers a wide range of recovery support services to it’s’ clientele. Highlights of Bryan’s presentation include:

- MHH, in conjunction with the Mariposa United Methodist Church, began serving dinner to the growing indigent population.
- A Fund Raiser for MHH will be held over the weekend of the Butterfly Festival.
- Bryan is working with the Probation Department to set-up a Daily Reporting Center (DRC) in Mariposa for returning state inmates. MHH likely to move to DRC location.
- Securing community resources for inmates is important in order to prevent recidivism which often occurs within one month of release.
- Offering transportation for North County clients that require testing at Probation.
- Locating inmate housing within 48 hours to prevent violations.
- Connecting inmates to Mental Health services and re-establishing Medi-Cal for prescription drugs.
- When implemented, the DRC should reduce parole/probation violations, which accounts for 50% - 80% of the daily jail population. It will also relieve the County court system.
- Training will be offered in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) for personnel working at the DRC.
- Offer ‘soft training’ to promote employment opportunities through the Job Connection.

Chair Campbell commended Bryan for his ability to obtain Medi-Cal services within a 48 hour period, thus allowing inmates to receive their prescribed medications in a timely manner. This is important because upon release from prison these folks are only issued three days of meds. Chair Campbell also stated that the cost to provide meds to inmates in jail averages about \$10,000 per inmate per month. Legislation is being proposed to hold off on cutting Medi-Cal services to those being released.

B. **2012 Mariposa Fair – Chair Campbell:** Chair Campbell announced that the Mariposa District Fair would be held on August 31 – September 3, 2012. In the past, the Board has had a booth at the Fair and he asked for any

volunteers. Inez Terra stated that first the Board needed to decide if they wanted a booth or not. "We need a commitment from the Board", said Terra. She also asked about the cost to rent the booth and was informed that the fee is \$280.00. Bryan Blew of MHH stated that his group would be willing to help out with the booth again this year. Inez Terra then made a motion to decline a booth for 2012. Yolanda seconded. There was silence until Bryan Blew indicated that MHH would like to have a booth available to them. According to Bryan, last year's booth combined Mountain Crisis, County Mental Health and AOD with MHH's material and had a very successful booth. Jim Mason asked Bryan if MHH would take the lead on this activity and Bryan answered, "Yes, but MHH can't afford the \$280.00." Director Rydingsword indicated that there are County funds available for the booth rental. The motion to decline the booth for 2012 failed with three abstentions. Jim Mason then made a motion to have a booth at the 2012 Fair in partnership with MHH. LuEllen Luker seconded the motion. A show of hands approved the motion with two abstentions.

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

- A. Student Membership – Sterling Cramer: Joe Williams, sitting in for Sterling, shared a morning e-mail from Sterling stating that he had no students interested in becoming a Member of the Board. Reasons for the 'non-interest' may include the three year commitment along with the Board's desire to recruit a sophomore or junior. Cinnamon Fleener said she'd contact a couple of students that showed some interest back in February at the Leadership Training seminar. Bill Leonard stated he'd contact some members of the local tribal council to see if there is some interest there. Ultimately, however, it is every Board Members job to recruit new members.

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

- A. Membership: Chair Grove had no report.
- B. Staff: Deputy Director John Lawless announced that the transition of Linda Murdock's staff to Angela Phillips has been smooth. Angela stated that her "passion is mental health" and the Board gave her a warm welcome.
- C. Director: Director Jim Rydingsword reported that Deputy Director Lawless is now attending CADPAC Meetings in lieu of Linda. A preliminary budget for the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program will begin on June 3, 2012. Jim then provided the funding sources for SUD. No state funding, but certain Federal funds are available along with local. With local funding comes local control. Director Rydingsword indicated that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board's input would be helpful during the budget process.

**Additional comments:** Cinnamon Fleener provided the Board with wrist bracelets, pens, and literature commemorating Child Abuse Awareness Month. Dusty Luker stated he had a 14 year old nephew who might be interested in applying for membership to the Board.

**VII. Reminder of Next Meeting – June 20, 2012, at the Human Services Center, Mariposa Room, 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA at 12:30 p.m.**

**VIII. Adjournment:** At 1:20 p.m. Chair Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Inez Terra made the motion and it was seconded by Dusty Luker.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Kulick, Recording Secretary