

**County of San Luis Obispo  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, July 19, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** James Adams, Charlie Archibald, Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Clint Weirick

**Board Members Absent:** John Lovern, Melissa Santoro, Aurora William, Maryanne Zarycka (Leave of Absence)

**Staff Members Present:** Star Graber, Kimberly Miramon, Karen Baylor, Monica Butler

**Guest Present:** Harlan Hobgood, Thomas Keylon

Agenda	Discussion	Action	Who/When
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Chair Clint Weirick called meeting to order at 12:10pm. Roll call was taken to establish that a quorum was present, confirmed.		
<b>REVIEW OF MINUTES</b>	The June 21, 2012 minutes were approved with correction made. In Committee Reports section under DAAB membership, the first sentence “Jason will take over as committee chair,” is to be removed. Approved with corrections by Clint Weirick		
<b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b>	Clint states that Harlan Hobgood is formally leaving the advisory board, his term ended June 30, 2012. With his leaving, Jason Reed will take over as the legislative committee chair. James Adams will take over as the treatment and recovery committee chair. Aurora William will continue as Prevention committee chair. As for the membership committee, Linda Connolly and Clint Weirick will chair. John Lovern will continue to be chair for education committee. As for Liaisons Aurora William will report on Juvenile Justice Commission, Jason Reed will report on SLO County Adult Services Policy Council, and Clint Weirick will report on Beginnings of SLO County. These members will hold this position for the year 2012/2013. Clint attended the Mental Health Advisory Board meeting. He states two presentations were held, one from our POEG program and one from FNL (Friday Night Live) program. So the Mental Health Board has been exposed to areas in our realm also.		

**COUNTY STAFF  
REGULAR REPORTS**

Division Manager Report- Star gave report on Choices House. This is a residential treatment facility for women and their children. Five beds for women with up to 10 children. Originally started with a private provider. As of November 11, 2012 the provider gave a 30-day notice to discontinue the contract. SLO County stepped in and took over program. Services have been maintained, with grant funding running out on September 30, 2012. The County plans to close this facility. No new admittances are being taken as of July 1, 2012. County has worked out an arrangement with Good Samaritan in Santa Maria. A referral process is in place, where Department of Social Services refers clients to Drug and Alcohol Services for their level of care placement. We determine, as a group, with CWS that this is a viable case to send out of County. Good Samaritan has two facilities, one in Santa Maria and one in Lompoc. If a case where women need residential treatment, but not have their children, the Mother's are kept here locally. CWS does have money for residential and the County still has some grant money available. SLO County does monitor the Mom's progress, with most placed into the Dependency Drug Court. Moms are returned to SLO County as soon as possible. A new grant has been applied for, if we receive the grant almost all funding will go to residential placement. Having run the facility with 24/7 supervision, we now know the true cost of running the facility well. The annual cost runs at \$400,000. This covers 5 women and up to 10 children. The Moms pay \$250 a month, which basically pays for food. Star states that we are in a bind as far as residential care. Currently working on finding more funding from partner agencies to help cover costs. Star states County will be putting out an RFP for contracts for sober living environments sometime in August. This will come mostly from AB109 funding. Clint asked that the RFP be sent out to DAAB members. Star informed the board that the RFP would be posted on the County website under "doing business with the County." County has established guidelines for sober living environments. Star is currently working on Phase 3 of the BHEHR project, which are our electronic health records. Sober schools are now trained on our electronic health records. Drug Medi-Cal certification has not been yet submitted. Estimated date to submit is mid August. Star states that Drug Medi-Cal does cover residential care for pregnant women and post partum-60 days. Good Samaritan has the housing component priced separately from the outpatient treatment; therefore Drug Medi-Cal will cover the outpatient treatment services. Harlan asked if there would be any significant increase in funding available for Drug and Alcohol Services under the Medi-Cal program. Star believes there will be. Research seen for other states has seen an increase in funding.

Behavioral Health Dept Administrator's Report- Karen Baylor reports that things are nice and quiet at the moment. Mental Health Board executive committee has set up a date with DAAB executive committee to discuss the two boards merging.

State NNA and County Budget- No new updates, just working thru the Trailer bill and some of the changes to State budget. Doesn't yet know how this will effect funding locally.

<p><b>BOARD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><u>Adoption of 2012-2013 DAAB Board Meeting Schedule-</u> Calendar shows dark months of February and August. Jason asked why February is a dark month, as we have never taken this month off before. After discussion held, February was added back in. Karen Baylor states only other time County goes dark is December as it is so close to the holidays. Members present discussed, and decided to go dark for the month of December. Jason made a motion, James 2<sup>nd</sup>. No meeting will be held for the months of August and December 2013.</p> <p><u>Approval of Resolution-September 2012 as National Recovery Month-</u> County Board of Supervisors traditionally does the resolution. Because SAMSHA collects proclamations and resolutions by public entities, the DAAB is eligible to submit a resolution. Karen states that last year North County Connection brought the resolution, we did the paperwork. Karen asked Clint if board had heard from North County Connection if they will put forth this resolution again. Clint has spoken with Sue Warren and yes they will be doing this. Jason Reed made motion to approve the presented resolution as drafted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Adams. Jason made a motion for chair of DAAB to sign presented resolution on behalf of board. 2<sup>nd</sup> James Adams</p> <p><u>Approval of Resolution-Recognizing 9/9/12 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day-</u> Beginnings of SLO County does annual recognition work for this Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders awareness day. They have provided a sample resolution for adoption. Motion to approve adopted resolution and direct chair to sign resolution as presented made by Jason Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Connolly</p> <p><u>Approval of Position Statement on Proposed Medical Marijuana Clinics Countywide-</u> At the DAAB's last meeting, the position statement was approved. With any amendments to be brought back to this months meeting. James states he has not had contact from any members in regards to amendments. James passed out the final draft of position statement. Position statement adoption date is June 21, 2012.</p> <p><u>SLO County Grand Jury "Out of Sight, Out of Mind Medical Marijuana in SLO County-</u> Clint had emailed out to DAAB members the article in the Tribune in regards to this Grand Jury report. Clint says they covered some areas that the DAAB has been talking about when writing up the position statement. Discussion ensued. Clint asked to draft a letter to BOS that addresses the Grand Jury report in our roll that were helping to assist them in responding to the first recommendation. If they convene a committee, we would want to be part of the process of community representatives. Harlan states the letter should be simple. Stating that the DAAB is aware of the recommendation of the Grand Jury that this committee be formed, and given the function of the board, we would be happy to take part in that activity in the roll of committee representatives. Harry also states to include that this DAAB has itself approved a position paper on medical marijuana, which is attached for your information. Jason feels the statements should be worded more strongly, changing "we would be happy to" to "we would request to." Keep it simple. Linda and Clint to author letter.</p> <p><u>Discussion: Integration of County Mental Health Board with County Drug and Alcohol Board-</u> Karen states that most Counties have gone in the direction of combining behavioral health. The Executive committees will be meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Karen asked DAAB members for their input. Jason is concerned about the core mission of DAAB potentially being diluted by integrating. Linda stated that combining the boards will make us stronger.</p>	<p>Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Handout given</p>	<p>Jason Reed James Adams</p> <p>Jason Reed James Adams Jason Reed James Adams</p> <p>Jason Reed Linda Connolly</p>
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	<p>Karen states that one way to accomplish this is to have a dedicated committee on substance use disorders. Harlan strongly agrees with combining the boards, he feels it makes sense. For one thing, he thinks reducing the amount of staff time that has to go in to the servicing of the advisory board in this time of fiscal constraint is the least we can consider. Charlie feels combining the boards is counter-productive. Says our board is different because we discuss alcohol issues. James asked logistically, how long will a combined meeting be? He doesn't want the DAAB to be diminished. Karen states this is not just a financial issue. She feels there is a lot of overlap with the two issues. In light of health care reform, it's worthy of a conversation. Karen made note of comments and suggestions to take to the meetings.</p>		
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	All committee reports deferred until next meeting		
<b>LIAISON REPORTS</b>	All liaison reports deferred until next meeting.		
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	Discussion: Integration of County Mental Health Advisory Board with Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board.		

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm. Next meeting to be held September 20, 2012 12-1:30PM