

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

**Alcohol and Other Drugs Services**

**1220 Morello Ave, Second Floor Large Conference Room**

**Martinez, CA 94553**

Members Present: Antwon Cloird, Cynthia Chavez, Michael Collins, Sienna Cowing (late), Tom Aswad, Victor Ortiz

Members Absent: Guita Bahramipour (E), Jonathan Ciampi (E), Kevin Orozco (E), Sunita Frey (R), Talia Moore (E)

Staff Present: Fatima Matal Sol - AOD Program Chief

Member Liaisons: Sam Yoshioka - Mental Health Commission

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE/CONCLUSION</b>	<b>ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION</b>
I. <b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Michael Collins called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.	<b>MICHAEL COLLINS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM.</b>
II. <b><u>Review and Adopt the Agenda</u></b>	Michael Collins opened the floor to adopt the agenda. The agenda was revised as follows, requested by Patty Hoyt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move the Alcohol License Initiative corresponding to EJ Phair discussion to follow the first public comment.</li></ul>	<b>ANTWON CLOIRD MMS CATHERINE TAUGHINBAUGH TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Antwon Cloird, Cynthia Chavez, Catherine Taughinbaugh, Michael Collins, Tom Aswad, Victor Ortiz <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Kevin Orozco, Sienna Cowing, Sunita Frey, Talia Moore <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None
III. <b><u>Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of February 27, 2019</u></b>	Michael Collins opened the floor to approve the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.	<b>TOM ASWAD MMS ANTWON CLOIRD TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Catherine Taughinbaugh, Cynthia Chavez, Michael Collins, Tom Aswad, Victor Ortiz, Antwon Cloird <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Kevin Orozco, Sienna Cowing, Sunita Frey, Talia Moore <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None
IV. <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b> The public and Board members may comment on any agenda item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board. (Maximum three minutes per speaker.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catherine Taughinbaugh stated she is connected with "Safe Launch Healthy Futures," a non-profit in Santa Barbara. This program advocates for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention messaging in high schools. Participants in the program have their children voluntarily and randomly drug tested throughout the year. Catherine was interested to know if high schools within Contra Costa have SUD prevention programs.</li></ul>	

- Fatima Matal Sol responded that SUD prevention is available in the schools and she would be willing to discuss the topic after the meeting.
- Antwon Cloird reported that there will be a Cannabis Forum in Richmond on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and he invited Board members to attend.
- Tom Aswad announced that the first Oxford House has been named after “Susan Cinelli” and is a 12 bed Sober Living Environment (SLE), and Support4Recovery (S4R) has placed the first grant recipient. Tom also stated that based on reports from the Cinelli House manager, they expect the house will have full occupancy within the next week. Tom thanked Contra Costa Alcohol and Other Drugs Services (AODS) and the Advisory Board for their support, because S4R’s contract will be renewed shortly. Finally, Tom informed the Board that he is no longer the president of S4R, he is now the CFO.
- Antwon Cloird stated that West County dedicated \$3million from their caucus for housing. He stated that the Board needs to ensure that the SLE’s follow the Recovery Residence Guidelines in order to be seen as reputable.
- Patty Hoyt reported that AB 1356 is a bill requiring any local jurisdictions that voted more than 50% in favor of proposition 64, to have a minimum number of cannabis businesses. The minimum number of dispensaries is tied to the number of active alcohol licenses within the jurisdiction. More information will be shared with Isabelle Kirske.
- Catherine Wong, a member of the public, shared that she wanted to learn about resources available to share with the Acalanes School District.
- Michael Collins shared a newspaper article about health care professionals being involved in opioid busts throughout the nation.

**X. NEW BUSINESS\***

Alcohol License Initiatives. EJ Phair Brewing Company, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo, CA. Type 41 On-Sale Beer and Wine for BonaFide Public Eating place.

\* Item moved as requested.

Patty Hoyt reported on an environmental scan that she conducted at the future site of EJ Phair Brewing Company in Alamo, CA. Some key points from her presentation were as follows:

- There is no reason not to approve this location. The EJ Phair Brewing Company would be going into the Alamo Plaza, which is the central part of Alamo.
- Although there are more alcohol licenses than are allowed within the census tract, the

overconcentration does not have a negative impact on the community. There is not a high crime rate for this census tract.

- Patty shared that the Alamo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) recommended the approval of the license. Their main concern was related to parking, not the license selling alcohol.
- Catherine Taughinbaugh commented that she visited the location and spoke with the two neighboring businesses, Peet's Coffee and a hairdresser; both were in favor of EJ Phair selling alcohol. The hairdresser did comment that there needs to be more parking added to the shopping area.

**V. Updates on the process for selecting a new Behavioral Health Director.**\* Erika Jenssen, Assistant to the Health Services Director.

\*The Board continued with the agenda as approved.

Erika Jenssen, Assistant to the Health Services Director, gave updates on the process for selecting a new Behavioral Health Director as follows:

- Six individuals moved forward in the hiring process to be interviewed by two different panels: a community panel, and a professional panel. The interviews were scheduled for April 11, 2019 and they are in the process of making a decision. She added that the Behavioral Health Director needs to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

**VI. AOD Staff Report**

Fatima Matal Sol submitted the Staff report in writing as requested by the Executive Committee. She made herself available for questions and highlighted the following items:

- Fatima shared that Alcohol and Other Drugs Services (AODS) has requested an outpatient rates increase from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). She shared that the outpatient rates for Contra Costa are in the middle in comparison with other counties implementing the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Waiver, meaning they are neither the highest nor the lowest.
- AODS just started care coordination to ensure movement across the levels of care and prevent duplication of services.
- One of the challenges was to determine what clients had a Whole Person Care case manager. AODS is now collaborating with Whole Person Care to utilize the Electronic Health Record System to view the name of the case manager assisting the client.

**DHCS IS STILL REVIEWING THE REQUEST.**

**VII. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Executive Committee

Michael Collins shared that the Executive Committee met on April 24, 2019 to interview an applicant to the Board. During the interview they learned that he resides within District V so he may be an appropriate replacement for

Sunita Frey who has resigned from the Board.

- Accept the resignation of Sunita Frey from the AODAB.

Michael Collins opened the floor to accept the resignation of Sunita Frey from the AODAB.

**ANTWON CLOIRD MMS CATHERINE TAUGHINBAUGH TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SUNITA FREY. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AYES:** Antwon Cloird, Sienna Cowing, Victor Ortiz, Tom Aswad, Catherine Taughinbaugh, Cynthia Chavez, Michael Collins.

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Kevin Orozco, Sunita Frey, Talia Moore

**ABSTAIN:** None

- Review and update the DRAFT 2019 Board Goals and Objectives based on the recommendations from the retreat.

Michael Collins opened the floor for a brief discussion of the DRAFT 2019 Board Goals and Objectives.

Community Awareness

Cynthia Chavez shared that the Community Awareness Committee will need to schedule a special meeting in order to score the People Who Make a Difference Award nominations.

Programs and Services

- Review and discuss the Continuum of Care document currently under development.

Victor Ortiz shared that the Programs and Services Committee did not meet, due to lack of quorum. He shared the preliminary iteration of the Continuum of Care currently under discussion by the committee and asked for input.

**FATIMA MATAL SOL WILL ATTEND THE NEXT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**INVITE THE ACCESS LINE TO PRESENT TO THE AODAB.**

**BRING THE AGENDA ITEM BACK TO THE FULL BOARD TO RECEIVE FURTHER GUIDANCE.**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Marijuana Interdepartmental & Social Host Ordinance Workgroups.

Fatima Matal Sol shared that the Social Host Ordinance Workgroup has not met, but AODS has received updated language to prepare the draft of the Social Host Ordinance with the workgroups input. There will be a workgroup meeting convened shortly to review the final updates and before forwarding it to the Board of Supervisors.

SB 58 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale.

Michael Collins opened the floor to discuss **SB 58 (Winer) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale.** He reminded the Board that this is a newer version of previous bill that the AODAB recommended the Board of Supervisors.

**MICHAEL COLLINS MMS ANTWON CLOIRD TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING THAT THEY TAKE A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO SB 58 (WIENER). MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AYES:** Catherine Taughinbaugh, Cynthia Chavez, Antwon Cloird, Victor Ortiz, Tom Aswad, Michael Collins

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Kevin Orozco, Sienna Cowing, Sunita Frey, Talia Moore

**IX. LIAISON REPORTS**

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Tobacco Prevention Coalition

Mental Health Commission

CCC Medication Education & Disposal Safety (MEDS) Coalition

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

AB 1713 (Burkey and Flora) Vehicles: driving under the influence. Information and Discussion only, vote in May 2019.

The Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act (STATES Act). Discussion only.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public and Board members may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Alcohol and other Drugs Advisory Board. (Maximum three minutes per speaker.)  
Public comment cont.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Jill Ray shared that quarterly the council meets as a continuum of care with H3.

Cynthia Chavez stated that the next meeting will take place in May 2019.

Both Guita Bahramipour and Sam Yoshioka were not present. There was no update.

Fatima Matal Sol said that Isabelle Kirske included the report in the staff report.

Michael Collins opened the floor to discuss **AB 1713 (Burkey and Flora), Vehicles: driving under the influence.** He asked the Board to review the documents provided and they will discuss it and vote during the May 2019 Board meeting.

Michael Collins opened the floor to discuss The Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act (STATES Act).

- Tom Aswad shared that he has read multiple articles in Men’s Health Magazine about the benefits of cannabis use and CBD use which is normalizing the use of the substance.
- Michael Collins commented that one of his friends who owns a business has stated that they have employees who are showing up to work under the influence of cannabis.

Michael Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

**ABSTAIN:** None

**THE BOARD REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ACT DURING THE MAY 2019 MEETING.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM.**