

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
Alcohol and Other Drugs Services  
Due to health order this meeting was conducted via ZOOM**

Members Present: Antwon Cloird, Cynthia Chavez, Tom Aswad, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Victor Ortiz, Guita Bahramipour, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D., Evelyn Howard, Dylan Johnston, Ashley Ganem

Members Absent: Talia Moore E.D.D (E)

Staff Present: Fatima Matal Sol – Program Chief, Tashionna Goodwin – Prevention Coordinator

Other Attendees: Chris Wikler, Jill Ray, April Rovero, Patty Hoyt, Jacquelyne Vera, Jennifer Ellis, Anna Phillips

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION
I. <b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Jonathan Ciampi called the meeting to order at 4:10PM.	<b>JONATHAN CIAMPI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.</b>
II. <b><u>REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA</u></b>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to adopt the agenda as presented.	<b>TOM ASWAD MMS ANTWON CLOIRD TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Antwon Cloird, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Victor Ortiz, Evelyn Howard, Tom Aswad, Dylan Johnston, Cynthia Chavez, Ashley Ganem <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Talia Moore E.D.D (E) <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Guita Bahramipour, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D.,
III. <b><u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021</u></b>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to approve the March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 meeting minutes.	<b>ANTWON CLOIRD MMS VICTOR ORTIZ TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Antwon Cloird, Cynthia Chavez, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz, Evelyn Howard, Tom Aswad, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D., Dylan Johnston, Guita Bahramipour, Ashley Ganem <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Talia Moore E.D.D (E) <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)	Antwon Cloird expressed concern for West Care counselors being offered \$19/hour despite their experience.  Patty Hoyt thanked the Board for their support with sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors and Eric Hirata regarding third party alcohol delivery deregulation. Patty shared AB 1242 introduced by Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan. This bill will make permanent the regulations that allow alcoholic drinks be sold “to-go” or	

to be delivered along with the purchase of food, allowing an additional revenue stream for a quicker recovery for restaurants devastated due to the pandemic. Patty stated that the bill negates public health concerns and forwarded the Board's letter as a reference to Bauer-Kahan's staff.

**\*ADD AB 1242 TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA.**

April Rovero announced March as Prescription Drug Awareness Month and shared the 9 proclamations and 11 events attended by the MEDS Coalition in March. April invited Board member to attend the Opioid Overdose Rescue Training will be held on March 25, 2021 from 5:00-6:00pm.

Guita Bahramipour voiced concerns for the effects of edible marijuana on community members and advocated for the Board to seek opportunities to take action.

Tom Aswad read a letter from a Diablo Valley Ranch Treatment Center client to highlight why the Board exists and who the Board serves.

**V. LA FAMILIA COUNSELING CENTER EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY –**

Jennifer Ellis and Anna Phillips

Fatima Matal Sol introduced La Familia's Chief Strategy Officer, Jennifer Ellis, and Director of SUD Services, Anna Phillips, Ph.D, LMFT. Fatima conveyed excitement for the expansion of women and adolescent treatment in West and Central County. La Familia's mission is to provide people with the tools and support that they need to build their own resilience, wellness, and economic power. La Familia serves around 10,000 individuals each year utilizing a relational model for outreach and treatment. La Familia is funded by the county strictly for pregnant and/or parenting women and up to 60 days postpartum. Currently, there is no waitlist for services.

Tom Aswad suggested La Familia meet with Support4Recovery's outreach workers to discuss collaborative opportunities between the two organizations.

Antwon Cloird offered to facilitate La Familia's introduction to community

**LA FAMILIA Continued.**

members in Richmond.

Guita Bahramipour suggested that La Familia should partner with the Bay Area Crisis Nursery in Concord.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Fatima Matal Sol

Effective March 17, 2021, clients are no longer being placed at Person Under Investigation (PUI) hotels. Residential treatment facilities are following the CDC guidelines for safety precautions and staff will be trained on COVID-19 Vaccines for Mental Health and Substance Use Clients on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 12:30pm to support clients receiving vaccinations.

Transition Team Counselors will utilize Roundtrip to schedule rides for clients who have COVID-19 related appointments.

California has resumed working on CalAIM to combine the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waivers (1115 and 1915) and to further integrate mental health and substance use with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and payment reform.

Tashionna Goodwin announced resignation effective April 2, 2021.

**VII. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

Victor Ortiz

The Executive Committee discussed the best approach regarding Support4Recovery's request to be included in the liaison reports. Victor stated the updates can be provided to the Programs and Services Committee first and then to the full board during the committee highlights.

Tom Aswad expressed dissatisfaction with the prolonged resolution to Support4Recovery's request.

Tashionna Goodwin informed the Board of the Triennial Report feedback from the Board of Supervisor's to modify the agenda with information on how to access meeting materials after publication.

Cynthia Chavez

The Community Awareness Committee began planning for the People Who Make A Difference Awards. This award is for people who have contributed towards addressing substance use through prevention and/or treatment.

The deadline to submit the nomination form is Friday, April 23, 2021.  
The committee will meet with Superintendent Lynn Mackey to discuss outreach efforts in schools.  
As a result of Rhiannon Shires' advocacy, the Lucky's Supermarket in Danville removed the cannabis advertisements from their receipts.

Logan Campbell

The Programs and Services Committee decided to meet on a monthly basis to allow more time to review and update the action plan. The Committee would like to invite program managers and lead counselors to their meetings to discuss current issues.

**VIII. Liaison Reports**

Council on Homeless and Mental Health Commission - Guita Bahramipour commended the Board on being action oriented. Guita reported that the County is reviewing Section 8 policies and may include an amendment for subsequent generations.

Tobacco Prevention Coalition – Vacant

MEDS Coalition – Logan Campbell deferred to April Rovero's update during public comment.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

PUI Hotel Letter of Support

The letter of support at the request of Support4Recovery was sent to the Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021. The requested advocacy is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' adopted platform and they will advocate for the requested legislation. AODS staff will be contacted if a corresponding bill is identified to be advancing the policy for County support.

2021 Action Plan

Victor Ortiz requested for each committee to update the action plan with significant changes and to report progress during the Board meeting.

Marijuana Advertisements

Tom Aswad specified the importance and success of collaborative efforts between Support4Recovery, the Board, and Prevention Providers in educating the Board of Supervisors on environmental prevention to support AB 273.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Alcohol License Initiative –  
Type 21-Off Sale Land Use Permit  
Request

Jacquelyne Vera from West Contra Costa Alcohol Policy Coalition (WCCAPC) completed an environmental scan of El Sobrante Fuels gas station on March 16, 2021. Jacquelyne contacted the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) who stated 3 permits are allowed in the census track. There are 12 alcohol licenses in the area, which is an excess of 9 licenses. The WCCAPC members are concerned about the gas station’s proximity to the public library and will make a final recommendation after receiving more data. Jacquelyne will present at the next El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council meeting. Tashionna Goodwin read a statement from Talia Moore’s in her absence. Talia Moore does not recommend or support the approval of the alcohol license due to the proximity to other alcohol retailers and the potential for additional transient congregation in the area. The Board agreed to recommend not granting the alcohol license for El Sobrante Fuels gas station due to oversaturation.

**ANTWON CLOIRD MMS CYNTHIA CHAVEZ TO RECOMMEND DECLINING EL SOBRANTE ALCOHOL LICENSE. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AYES:** Logan Campbell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi, Antwon Cloird, Victor Ortiz, Guita Bahramipour, Tom Aswad, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D., Dylan Johnston, Ashley Ganem

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Talia Moore E.D.D (E), Evelyn Howard (E)

**ABSTAIN:** None

**\*ADD RECCOMENDATION LETTER ON EL SOBRANTE ALCOHOL LICENSE TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA.**

2021 AOD Care Process Flow

Victor Ortiz reminded Board member that the AOD Care Process Flow captures issues discussed during meetings. This document should be reviewed and updated with relevant open issues and their status during committee meetings.

Narcan Availability

Fatima Matal Sol stated that Behavioral Health has a standing order with the California Public Health Department (CPHD) for Narcan. In February, the homeless shelters had an emergency need for Narcan that CDPH would not supply. Thanks to the MEDS Coalition, Narcan kits were distributed to the homeless shelters.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Dylan Johnston reported on Support4Recovery’s (S4R) housing grant distribution to 88 people in 2021. S4R will begin focusing on a community needs assessment, continuing care after treatment, and recovery support services. S4R’s program, Step Zero is a weekly support group that utilizes evidence-based relapse prevention curricula held by Martin Walters, CADAC II Counselor.

Guita Bahramipour advised Board members to consider applying for the Measure X Advisory Board to advocate for substance use disorder related funds.

Fatima Matal Sol suggested that Support4Recovery staff apply to the Measure X Advisory Board to increase recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Jonathan Ciampi reminded Board members to review Fatima's email regarding alcohol medications and criminal justice.

## **XII. ADJOURN**

Jonathan Ciampi adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.