

**CCC ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY July 27, 2022**  
**To prevent the spread of COVID this meeting was conducted via ZOOM**

**Members Present:** Antwon Cloird, Guita Bahramipour, Dylan Johnston, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Talia Moore E.D.D, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D, Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Bob Frey

**Members Absent:** Victor Ortiz (E), Cynthia Chavez (U), Nicolette Schumacher (R), Candice Cowing(U)

**Staff Present:** Dr. Suzanne Tavano, Behavioral Health Director; Fatima Matal Sol, AODS Program Chief, Patricia Rogers, AODS Program Manager; Darren Webb, Recovery Housing Program Supervisor; Mary McLain, AODS Secretary

**Other Attendees:** John Dante, SLE Owner; District IV Representative; Jill Ray, District II Representative; Tom Aswad, Support4Recovery (S4)

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE/CONCLUSION</b>	<b>ACTION/RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	The meeting was called to order. There were only introductions of Board members. Members of the public did not introduce themselves	<b>DR. MOORE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:05PM</b>
<b>II. <u>REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA</u></b>	Dr. Moore opened the floor to review the July 27, 2022, agenda as presented and approved	<b>LOGAN CAMPBELL MMS BY MICHAEL WARD TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. MOTION APPROVED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Guita Bahramipour, Dylan Johnston, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Talia Moore E.D.D, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D, Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Bob Frey <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Victor Ortiz (E)Candice Cowing (U) Cynthia Chavez (U) <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None <b>NOT APPOINTED:</b> Antwon Cloird
<b>III. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2022</u></b>	Dr. Moore opened the floor to approve the July 27, 2022, Draft Meeting Minutes.	<b>LOGAN CAMPBELL MMS BY ANTWON CLOIRD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Guita Bahramipour, Dylan Johnston, Logan Campbell, Jonathan Ciampi, Talia Moore E.D.D, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D, Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Bob Frey <b>ABSENT:</b> Victor Ortiz (E), Candice Cowing (U) Cynthia Chavez (U) <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> None <b>NOT APPOINTED:</b> Antwon Cloird
<b>IV. <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 shared he received a phone call from a community member regarding Fentanyl and the need for education/ outreach services in West County. He is asking for better Education / Prevention services in the schools and he stated this issue is very serious in his community  Logan Campbell shared on Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> 11am – 4pm at Baldwin Park in Concord, CA. Softball Alumni-Fundraiser, Discovery House /DVR BBQ and Softball. Great opportunity to meet Alumni groups and talk to people in recovery. He thanked Christopher Pedraza and Fatima for supporting this event.	<b>PEOPLE JOINED LATE AND INTRODUCED THEMSELVES</b>

Tom Aswad- Thanked Dr. Moore, Victor, and Fatima for participating in the June 25, 2022, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of S4R. He also thanked Logan and Dylan. S4R and Tom received Congressional recognition for work in the community.

Patricia Rogers- Thanked everyone for attending on July 15, 2022, the Clean Slate Event- It was a success!

Antwon- Shared there was a training on July 23, 2022, for 30 mental health providers in the Contra Costa Coalition. This was held by Rich Minds and GRIP, and it was geared to address Mental Health and Trauma.

**V. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
DIRECTOR UPDATE:**

Dr. Suzanne Tavano

Dr. Suzanne Tavano presented the following updates:

As reported by Dr. Steve Hahn Smith in June, Suzanne gave more details pertaining the continuing efforts to implement Electronic Health Records (EHR) for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Alcohol and Other Drugs (AODS) will be joining Streamline along with other 22 other Counties around the State. AODS will be joining this group which will allow for stronger marketing power. With the blessing from DHCS we will be moving from ShareCare to Streamline to make it more of an integrated system. The payment reform is a big change that requires large participation by county departments in order to implement.

Dr. Tavano said CalAIM began in January 2022 and most of the changes were implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. CalAIM allows for more flexibility, and beneficiaries are eligible to receive services by different providers. Contra Costa has two different Managed Care Plans CCHP and Anthem Blue Cross. In the past, a Medi-Cal recipient could only receive mental health services from one system but now they can receive services from both specialty and non-specialty mental health.

She also stated that prior to the changes, MH providers were reluctant to diagnose substance use disorders due to State audits. Now, they are being encouraged to fully assess all conditions appropriately. CalAIM has facilitated streamlining documentation so that clinicians and counselors are able to spend more time with and serve clients. Likewise, there is recognition for the need to access non- specialty MH services. MHSA funds can now be used for co-occurring disorders.

**VI. AODS Staff Report**  
**Program Chief -Fatima**  
**Mata Sol**

Fatima shared the AODS unit is working on the EQRO Report that is scheduled for September 13-15, 2022. The focus of this review is on quality.

AODS continues to supply the SUD programs and SLE's with Covid Rapid Test Kits.

The Access Line calls are stable, sometimes there are fluctuations on the volume of the calls. Plans to hire 2 new counselors for Access are underway. Guita asked if the calls to the Access Line are placed on hold because there is not enough staff to take the calls. Fatima answered the incoming calls are taken within the parameters or regulatory requirements and presently the volume of calls has decreased.

Fatima added everyone is looking forward to the electronic clinical notes that will go straight into the billing system. Fatima said AODS reapplied for treatment services in the Jail; it is grant funded for the implementation of the Crossroad Program. Access into the jail unfortunately has been restricted due to Covid.

Dr. Moore announced the Executive Committee discussed the newly developed Community Assessment Survey and reviewed the Advisory Board attendance policy.

**FATIMA ADDED THAT CURRENTLY, ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE ON PAPER AND CAUSES UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF WORK. THIS IMPLEMENTATION WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE TIME SPENT ON PAPERWORK. FUNDING FOR THIS MAJOR AND IMPORTANT EHR MILESTONE IS THE RESULT OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AOD'S COVID RELIEF ONE-TIME FUNDING AWARD RECEIVED WHICH INCLUDED ALL PROVIDERS.**

**VII. Committee**  
**Highlights-**  
Executive Dr. Talia  
Moore, Chair

Community Awareness  
Dylan Johnston

Dylan announced September is National Recovery Month and Nomination for Recovery Champion Proclamation are now open to all Board Members.

Tom Aswad of S4R shared the Recovery Month Proclamation at the Board of Supervisors (BOS) is scheduled for September 27,2022 he suggested that since the Recovery Champion Award is also in September perhaps the Board would like to consider holding both events together. Discussion ensued by Board members that since AOD staff is currently working on the EQRO submission and the EQRO review also takes place in September; there may not be sufficient bandwidth to support the Committee. Fatima said the AODS will commit to release the nomination forms for Board members, as soon as approved by Committee Chair, but agreed with staff time limitations.

**Nominations are due by Sept 9, 2022.**

Programs & Services-  
Victor Ortiz

Victor was not present for this meeting therefore Logan reported. He thanked Darren Webb- Recovery Housing Supervisor for the presentation given to the Programs & Services Committee. Logan said it was a great presentation.

Logan requested a Recovery Housing update be added to the AODAB agenda; to reflect new staff, new providers, and other general housing updates monthly.

Housing Updates

Tom Aswad of S4R mentioned that he watched the Board of Supervisors Meeting and felt sad about we the losing 55 SLE's Beds due to the mismanagement of AODS and Behavioral Health Services. He stated as of June 7, 2022, S4R is in a position and is ready to take the contract back. Tom encouraged everyone to attend the next Board of Supervisor's Meeting on Tuesday, August the 2<sup>nd</sup> and he expressed his dissatisfaction with Fatima and the AOD Staff.

Information about the August 2, 2022, Board of Supervisor's Meeting was distributed to all attendees

Antwon suggested that an earlier meeting be held to further discuss of past and current housing related issues. He stated it is important to know some background information.

**VIII .OLD BUSINESS**

Review Goals and Objectives for 2022

There was no update. Victor was not present for the meeting.

Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)- Logan Campbell

Logan stated he attended the BHCIP meeting and shared there are 4 applications considered for acquisitions. More detail will be provided once those are publicly announced.

Community Awareness Survey Update

Dr. Moore sated that the meeting at the college has been confirmed for October 2022 meeting but there are still some minor things that needs more work. For example, it would be important to have some employers, and number of openings.

DR. MOORE WILL BE SEEKING HELP FROM PATRICIA AND FATIMA

Board Meeting at Diablo Valley College. Update

Jill Ray reminded the Board about technology requirements for in person meetings.

JILL RAY REMINDED BOARD MEMBERS OF THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUIRING A ZOOM LINK FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IF NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Dr. Moore reported the survey has been launched and is already being distributed in various events.

Clean Slate Event. Update. Dylan

Dylan thanked Azi, Dr. Moore, and others for all their support in making the Clean Slate event a success. Dylan shared the following data: there were 20 vendors, 43 Narcan kits distributed 68 surveys disseminated, 70 clients received expungement for their records, 400 N95 Masks were distributed and 30 free haircuts.

Gita commended 211 for their participation in

the Clean Slate event stating she was impressed. She also Congratulated Dylan on a great job!

Contd. Clean Slate Event.

Fatima gave a special thanks to Bellos Barber Shop.

**IX. Liaison Reports**

Vacant, there was no update

Council on Homelessness

Tobacco Prevention Project  
Azi Carter

Azi reported A call to Action Taking place on Big Tabaco on behalf of the Contra Costa Tobacco Coalition on August 16, 2022, at the Concord City Council. Azi announced a request for letters of support for a recommendation that the FDA remove all cigarettes containing menthol from the market. For tobacco prevention Azi will also be assisting at the Pride March for the LGBTQ minus Tobacco- Jimmy Ancira. Azi Also provided updates on the Cannabis group called Getting it Right meeting Momentum Youth Advocacy Meeting in July.

Mental Health Commission  
Dr. Rhiannon Shires

Dr. Shires shared information from the Mental Health meeting she attended, she reported the focus of the meeting centered around different contracts and how to analyze programs grades k- 12. West Contra Costa Unified Schools District, School Based Counseling & Wrap Around Program is available to insured and non-insured school children. The goal of the program is to improve academically while providing emotional & supportive services to the students. She added that there was discussion about other programs and the need to look at the cultural background of adolescents when working with them. She pointed out that the committee is looking at funding distribution per region.

Vacant – no report

MEDS Coalition Logan Campbell

Community Reports

Fatima mentioned she will be reaching out to the BACR-Meds Coalition Coordinator Marielle Sanding in West County to help provide support to the West County to help address the Fentanyl crisis.

Gita added - April Rovero of BACR invited her out to attend the Youth Ambassador Event last month. She stated she enjoyed it.

Antwon- National Night Out August 2, 2022- The AOD will be staffing a table in Antioch. All AODAB Board member are encouraged to attend this event within their community. Antwon also shared August 28, 2022, Social

ANTWON RECOMMENDED TO REACH OUT TO MICHELLE MILLAN AT THE RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Softball Sunday will take place and we as the AOD board should try to attend.

Contd. Community Reports

Cannabis Score Card -Presented by Dr. Rhiannon Shires will be placed on next Month's agenda.

There were no new licenses to discuss

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Alcohol/Cannabis

License Initiatives

- Cannabis License: None

- Alcohol License: None

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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)**

Jill Ray provided to the Board members the email link for next Board of Supervisor Meeting taking place on August 2, 2022.

Jonathan Ciampi shared his feelings around the importance of advocacy and stated that everything on the agenda could have been postponed. He said the opportunity to discuss important issues should have been allowed. He added it was important for him to hear what is going on in order to advocate.

Dr. Moore stated as a point of reference everyone needs to be informed to have a discussion and not everyone here today was informed on this discussion. She spoke about the need to place this issue back on the agenda and have a healthy discussion as a Board.

Antwon suggested for the Board to have a special meeting to follow up on this item of discussion.

Logan said he appreciated everyone for the discussion and closed by stating we are on the same team let us help one another. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6: 07 pm

**XII. ADJOURN**

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:07PM**