

**CCC ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022
To prevent the spread of COVID this meeting was conducted via ZOOM**

Members Present: Cynthia Chavez, Logan Campbell, Victor Ortiz, Talia Moore E.D.D., Rhiannon Shires Psy.D., Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Robert Frey

Members Absent: Antwon Cloird (U), Guita Bahramipour (U), Dylan Johnston (E), Jonathan Ciampi (E), Mark Howard Ph.D (U), Candace Cowing (E)

Staff Present: Fatima Matal Sol, AODS Program Chief; Patricia Rogers, Program Manager; Jessica Recinos, Prevention Coordinator.

Other Attendees: Kristen Smith, John Dante, Danielle Aubin, Jill Ray, District II Staff Representative

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ISSUE/CONCLUSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION</u>
I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	The meeting was called to order by Logan Campbell, Vice Chair who is filling in for Dr. Moore.	LOGAN CAMPBELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:06 PM.
II. <u>REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA</u>	Logan Campbell opened the floor to review the September 28, 2022, agenda as presented.	VICTOR ORTIZ MMS BY AZI CARTER TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED. AYES: Logan Campbell, Victor Ortiz, Dr. Rhiannon Shires Psy. D., Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Robert Frey NOES: None. ABSENT: Antwon Cloird (U), Guita Bahramipour (U), Cynthia Chavez (Late), Dylan Johnston (E), Jonathan Ciampi (E), Talia Moore E.D.D. (Late), Mark Howard Ph.D. (U), Candace Cowing (U). ABSTAIN: None.
III. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2022. MEETING</u>	Logan Campbell opened the floor to approve the August 24, 2022, Board Draft Meeting Minutes.	VICTOR ORTIZ MMS BY RHIANNON SHIRES, PSY.D TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED. AYES: Logan Campbell, Victor Ortiz, Dr. Rhiannon Shires Psy. D., Michael Ward, Azi Carter, Robert Frey NOES: None ABSENT: Antwon Cloird (U), Guita Bahramipour (U), Cynthia Chavez (Late), Dylan Johnston (E), Jonathan Ciampi (E), Talia Moore E.D.D. (Late), Mark Howard Ph.D. (U), Candace Cowing (U). ABSTAIN: None.
IV. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> 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).	Kristen Smith stated that she is happy to attend this meeting for another month. Logan informed that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting a brief report on Measure X was provided. He said that \$10 million will be available this year and \$12 million thereafter. Requests will be taken either later this year or beginning of 2023.	

V. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES

Fatima Matal Sol, AOD Program Chief

Fatima asked if there were any questions regarding the written Staff Report.

- Jill Ray asked if the SLEs have settled their claims, if payments have been made, and asked for an update on Recovery House operator meetings. Fatima responded that meeting with House Operators went well, this meeting was focused on clarifying new processes, inviting them to monthly meetings with Recovery Residences (RR), and making resources available such as personal protective equipment. There are no outstanding invoices, and clarification on documentation for claims has been shared.
- Fatima added that there is a new Shelter Inc. outreach staff who works closely with Darren who ultimately is the County's SUD To-Go person for all providers and clients.
- Fatima shared preliminary findings from the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) held last September 13th through the 15th, 2022. She said that a written report will be forthcoming. The three reviewers were very impressed with AODS' work in the jails specifically with Crossroads and Nuevos Comienzos as well as the expansion at Juvenile Hall and the collaboration with County Probation. Fatima stated that she is optimistic of improvements in a year from now.
- Fatima shared that there were two COVID closures corresponding to Diablo Valley Ranch (DVR) and Pueblos del Sol. Fatima worked with Public Health, and closures were temporarily suspended.
- Fatima introduced Options for Recovery as the new Outpatient facility in Concord, CA which will begin operations as of October 1st. The Open House is scheduled for October 12th.

Logan asked about open positions in AODS and if the process of hiring affects outcomes. Fatima shared that there are only a handful of vacancies in AODS but that generally that is the case; outcomes are impacted if not adequately staffed. The counselor's list is continuous. County is working with local Colleges.

FATIMA ENCOURAGED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE TO INVITE CROSSROADS PROGRAM TO PRESENT AND SHARE DATA

THE EQRO REVIEWERS CONTINUED TO POINT THAT MORE EFFORTS SHALL BE PLACED ON INCREASING THE PENETRATION RATES WITH HISPANICS/LATINX AND ASIAN AMERICANS

FATIMA STATED APPRECIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

STAFF TO SEND FLYER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE TO WELCOME NEW PROVIDER.

FATIMA ADDED THAT THERE IS A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, COUNTIES AND STATE

VI. Cannabis Right to Know Act
Dr. Rhiannon Shires,
Psy. D

Dr. Shires gave a presentation on the *Cannabis Right to Know Act* and emphasized the importance of raising awareness about cannabis. She stated that most of the information used for her presentation was gathered from the National Institute of Health (NIH) and JAMA.

The Cannabis Right to Know Act, Dr. Shires added, will provide accurate, visible, and science-based health and safer-use information allowing consumers to recognize a legal product more easily and make informed decisions when using cannabis. Key health warning messages on mental health, edible absorption, driving, and use during pregnancy, and other risks will be clearly visible by this Act. Prop 64 funding would be used for recommended evaluation research.

Dr. Shires informed that the Act went to the Assembly, but it did not pass. She commented that profit outweighed public safety.

The AOD Board By-Laws were discussed with emphasis on the importance of every member being an active participant.

VII. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS
Executive Committee

Logan Campbell, Vice Chair
Board By-Laws

New members Committee
assignments

Cynthia Chavez and Dr. Mark Howard were appointed to committees. Discussion on Dylan Johnston stepping down from Community Awareness committee.

Staff clarified that there are no current vacancies but encouraged new applicants to continue to attend all meetings and learn more about the Board.

Community Awareness

Dylan Johnston, Chair
Recovery Champion
Proclamation Awards

Dylan was not present. Staff provided an update on the Recovery Champion Award recipients.

Program and Services

Victor Ortiz, Chair

Logan attended BOS meeting on Tuesday, September 20th and spoke on behalf of AOD, and thanked BOS for support of the Board. Logan commented that the Board of Supervisors do not fund Sober Living Environments (SLEs) or Recovery Residences. Logan added that the goal is to examine how the Board can support and provide recommendations. Logan

DR. SHIRES CALLED FOR THE AOD BOARD TO STAND BEHIND THE ACT WHEN PRESENTED AGAIN.

LOGAN THANKED DR. SHIRES AND FOR HER EFFORTS TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS. HE RECOMMENDED A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED ON ACTION AT COUNTY LEVEL (PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE). CANNABIS ISSUE IS ON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

DR. SHIRES LEFT AT 5:00 PM.

LOGAN TO EMAIL FATIMA WITH NAMES TO CONTACT.

CYNTHIA CHAVEZ WAS APPOINTED AS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE.

MARK HOWARD APPOINTED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE.

VICTOR ORTIZ ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE RESIGNING FROM THE BOARD AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2022.

RECOVERY CHAMPION AWARD RECIPIENTS: MALCOM JONES, INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY VILLAGES, ORGANIZATION. THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION WAS POSTPONED. STAFF TO INVITE RECIPIENTS TO NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Committee Highlights- Contd.

VIII. Old Business

Review Goals and Objectives for
2022 Action Plan/Retreat Planning –
Victor Ortiz

In Person Board Meeting at DVC in
October and Counseling Job
Resource Fair – Dr. Talia Moore
E.D.D.

RECOVERY RESIDENCES
UPDATED. STAFF

IX. Liaison Reports

Contra Costa Council on
Homelessness – Vacant

Tobacco Prevention Project – Azi
Carter

encouraged Board members to attend the next BOS meeting to support Measure X and be alert of any grants that are available for SLEs and Recovery Residences.

Victor discussed goals and objectives status and explained who can access and edit. He said that a goal and objective of Programs and Services for this year was to research what data was available in the County. AODS Program Manager, Mark Messerer, presented performance measures and perceptions survey in August. Victor summarized data and survey findings in a Word document from presentation and included additional reports that Fatima provided. Victor stated that data can be challenging to interpret.

Logan said that next Board meeting will be in person at Diablo Valley College on October 26th, 2022. Patricia stated that Programs and Services meeting will be cancelled to allow for travel time. Patricia shared that there will be a Job Resource Fair. Zoom logistics are being planned to make meeting accessible to public.

Dr. Moore shared excitement from students at school to have a meeting on campus and meet prospect employers.

Fatima said that a significant number of enhancements is being added to Recovery Residences, in general. AODS has started planned visits to ensure that clients are in safe environments. Wellness Recovery Check visits are being conducted. Before the visits, data on Management Information System (MIS) is verified. Visits conducted last Friday showed that three clients were no longer engaged and was transferred back to residential treatment. Logan asked if the two clients who were not engaged in treatment will have their housing paid for. Fatima clarified that funding requires that clients must be actively engaged in treatment to receive the grant. However, this is not the responsibility of the house, is the Outpatient's SUD treatment provider responsibility. AOD staff will strive at reengaging the client, the idea is to ensure clients continue treatment.

There was no Report

Azi thanked staff for orchestrating the delivery and distribution of flyers for the City Council meetings.

**DR. MOORE JOINED THE MEETING
AT 5:15 PM.**

**UPDATE WAS DEFERRED TO LATER
IN MEETING. REVISITED AFTER
NEW BUSINESS.**

**VICTOR SAID THAT
PRESENTATIONS AND SUMMARY
OF DATA AND SURVEYS WAS
DISTRIBUTED BY STAFF IN
SEPTEMBER AGENDA PACKET.**

**STAFF TO CONTACT DR. MOORE
FOR PREPARATIONS AND
PLANNING OF EVENT. FLYER TO
BE DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE.**

**PROPOSED EVENT TO BE
DISCUSSED AT A LATER TIME WITH
BOARD.**

Liaison Reports. Contd.

Mental Health Commission –
Dr. Shires

MEDS Coalition – Logan Campbell

Community Reports

Dr. Shires left earlier there was no report

Fatima shared that CCC MEDS coalition had a virtual Narcan training for Recovery Residences. Narcan Kits will be distributed by September 30th.

Logan said that they are currently in the planning stages of the Alumni Holiday celebrations
No new licenses to discuss.

**WHEN THE FLYER BECOMES
AVAILABLE STAFF WILL
DISTRIBUTE.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

• Alcohol/Cannabis License Initiatives –

Alcohol License: None

Cannabis 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 OF THREE
MINUTES PER SPEAKER).**

Kristen Smith said that AB 2188 was approved on September 18th, 2022, adding section 12954 that does not permit employers to discriminate against a person's use of cannabis. Kristen commented on the potential effect of new Bill.

Logan commented on the Needle Exchange program approved locations in the County.

XII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned

**THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED AT 6:03 PM.**