

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
Due to health order this meeting was conducted via ZOOM**

Members Present: Antwon Cloird, Tom Aswad, Jonathan Ciampi, Guita Bahramipour, Rhiannon Shires Psy.D., Dylan Johnston, Logan Campbell, Talia Moore.

Members Absent: Victor Ortiz (E), Evelyn Howard (E), Ashley Gagnen (R) Candance Cowing (E), Robert Frey (E)

Staff Present: Fatima Matal Sol – Program Chief, Jayme Shipe – Prevention Coordinator, Sonya Blunt, Lashondra Goode Perinatal Staff, Dora Muñoz and Lacreena Williams- Counselors

Other Attendees: David Seidner Mental Health Detention, Chief; Sonia Sutherland Interim Medical Director; Chris Wikler, Jill Ray

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION
<b>I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Jonathan Ciampi called the meeting to order	<b>THE MEETING STARTED AT 4:06 PM.</b>
<b>II. <u>REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA</u></b>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to Adopt the agenda as presented	<b>ANTWON CLOIRD MMS by GUITA BAHRAMIPOUR TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Tom Aswad, Logan Campbell, Talia Moore E.D.D, Dylan Johnston, Dr. Rhiannon Shires, Jonathan Ciampi, Antwon Cloird, Guita Bahramipour, Cynthia Chavez, <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Victor Ortiz (E), Evelyn Howard (E), Robert Frey (E), Candace Cowing (E) <b>ABSTAIN:</b> There were no abstentions <b>THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
<b>III. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2021</u></b>	Fatima stated that last Sunday Jill Ray emailed the following errors on the minutes: Lori as well as Candace's last names had been misspelled.	<b>LOGAN CAMPBELL MMS by DYLAN JOHNSTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Tom Aswad, Logan Campbell, Talia Moore E.D.D, Dylan Johnston, Dr. Rhiannon Shires, Jonathan Ciampi, Antwon Cloird, Guita Bahramipour, Cynthia Chavez, <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Victor Ortiz (E), Evelyn Howard (E), Robert Frey (E), Candace Cowing (E) <b>ABSTAIN:</b> There were no abstentions <b>THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS PRESENTED</b>
<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)	Guita commented on the benefits of virtual meetings and indicated that the Board of Supervisors meetings are likely to continue via zoom until September	
<b>V. <u>County Settlement with the Prison Law Office</u> (9/29/20)</b> Regarding improvements in the mental AOD Board Minutes	David Seidner, MH Program Chief and Dr. Sonia Sutherland, MD Interim Medical Director presented power point slides	

health and medical health areas at the Martinez and West County jails, to improve treatment of inmates. Improvements made to date, David Seidner, Mental Health Program Chief, Dr. Sonia Sutherland, Interim Medical Director, Shanta Ramdeholl, Chief of Nursing, Detention Health Services Team (30 minutes)

about Detention Health's Response to the Contra Costa Prison Law Office's Negotiations that started in 2017 and the Consent decree which was approved in February 2021 that included the negotiated Medical and MH remedial plans to give patients standards of care. In 2017, a Value Stream Mapping was conducted and standards to track and evaluate were established, those included a medical evaluation and treatment for arrested patients along with a referral to a nurse/MH specialist depending on personal history and risk factors. In addition, a Suicide Prevention Program was implemented to decrease the large number of suicides that were occurring at the time. Furthermore, David said that Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) was also added for individuals with mental health and substance use issues. Dr. Sutherland added that Detention work is not completely new to her and that over the last 4 years while she was a Medical Director to the hospital, she was assigned to Detention and regularly collaborated with custody. This was an effort to provide better care to individuals transitioning from jail to hospital and vice versa. Contra Costa was one of the first counties to start COVID19 vaccinations of all inmates, and thus far; they have given 950 doses. David Seidner referred to the prescription of Narcan upon release due to Fentanyl exposure. The Advisory Board asked if there were services for Spanish speakers in the Jail. Tom and Fatima thanked David Seidner and Dr. Sonia Sutherland for their presentation.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Fatima Matal Sol

Fatima introduced the following new staff to the Board: Sonya Blunt, Substance Abuse Supervisor and Lashondra Goode Perinatal Services -Perinatal Services and Substance Abuse Counselor (SAC). Lacreena Williams is a SAC who will start on June 28 and will be assigned at West County Detention, Dora Muñoz, will work with clients who complete Pueblos Del Sol and all Spanish speaking clients. She is an addition to the two bilingual Counselors at the Access Line. Jayme Shipe is the new Prevention Coordinator and she will be supporting the Advisory Board meetings. Jonathan inquired about who will be taking the place of Christopher and running Discovery House, Fatima answered that for the time being and until a replacement is found she is doing it herself as Christopher transferred to Behavioral Health Division; however, until his role is clearly finalized

There were no questions for staff regarding Staff Report

Chris will continue assisting AODS. Fatima reported that the Department of Corrections had communicated that Contra Costa was awarded the grant for treatment in the jail and thanked all of those who had provided a letter of support including the Sheriff Office. Tom Thanked the Sheriff Office and recommended that a letter thanking the Sheriff should be sent on behalf of the Board.

**VII. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Executive Committee-** Jonathan Ciampi, Chair

Jonathan stated that the committee discussed today's presentation and updated the Board's Action Plan. He encouraged all Committees to submit updates to Vic Ortiz and stressed the importance of reporting progress. Jonathan also highlighted the importance of meeting regularly. Discussion ensued about challenges meeting on a monthly basis due to lack of staff. Fatima stated that if the chair submits the agenda on time, accommodations can be made to meet monthly until the committee is up to date on its goals and objectives.

**Community Awareness –** Guita Bahramipour, Chair

Guita said that she is preparing for the meeting with the Office of Education to discuss kids using drugs and alcohol on school campuses; she has concerns about the importance to monitor school bathrooms. Other discussion topics will include alternative ideas for detention or suspension. Instead of being sent home, students should be given a referral for drug treatment. Current strategies are not working for displacing students for drug use.

The ceremony for People Who Make a Difference Awards will be on July 13 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. This will be a virtual presentation.

**Program and Services-** Logan Campbell, Chair

There was no meeting, there was no report

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Board Action Plan Review and Updates by Committee. All\*

Jonathan said that he did not have the document available

There were no updates reported

**IX. Liaison Reports**

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness - Guita Bahramipour

Guita said that H3 is helping homeless people through COVID who could not pay rent. The allocated budget for this purpose is based on HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Data collection system for tracking housing, sheltering, etc.

Tobacco Prevention Project– Vacant

No report provided

Mental Health Commission – Guita Bahramipour

Guita said that the Mental Health Commissioners reported on their site visit to a program and the findings were

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discussed during the Commission meeting.

MEDS Coalition – Logan Campbell

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alcohol License Initiatives –  
El Sobrante Fuels for San Pablo Dam Rd.  
Type 21-Off Sale Land Use Permit  
Request

Jonathan reported that he talked to the owner of El Sobrante Fuels who indicated that his revenue is being impacted by the position of the Board or limitations on alcohol sales as he is unable to compete with other local businesses. Jon suggested for him to contact staff to reschedule discussion. Staff reported that there has been no contact from merchant. No licenses

Cannabis Licenses-

**West County Outreach:** “Self-Care Day” Antwon Cloird

Antwon reported on the success of the event that took place in the community, resulting from the collaboration with Richmond Rich Minds and AODS. La Familia staff had an opportunity to outreach along with counselors who were available to speak to youth and families. More efforts underway.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Fatima said that Dr. Shires will make presentation to the Board in July or August about the increase in Alcohol sales during COVID.

**ADJOURN**

Jonathan Ciampi adjourned the meeting

The meeting ended at 5:57PM