

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

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 Alcohol
and Other Drugs Services**

Due to health order this meeting was conducted via ZOOM

Members Present: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi, Logan Campbell, Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D., Victor Ortiz

Members Absent: Evelyn Howard

Staff Present: Fatima Matal Sol – AOD Program Chief, Nazneen Abdullah – AOD Program Manager, Amber Forsythe, AOD Clerical Staff

Other Attendees: Jill Ray, Jacquelyne Vera

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION
I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Jonathan Ciampi called the meeting to order at 4:10PM. Jonathan invited guests to introduce themselves. Jacquelyne Vera, Coordinator of the West Contra Costa County Alcohol Policy Coalition, was present. Jacquelyne conducted environmental assessments for various cannabis businesses.	JONATHAN CIAMPI CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:10PM.
II. <u>Review and Adopt the Agenda</u>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to adopt the agenda as presented.	TALIA MOORE E.D.D MMS GUITA BAHRAMIPOUR TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz NOES: None ABSENT: Evelyn Howard ABSTAIN: None
III. <u>Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of June 24, 2020</u>	Jonathan Ciampi opened floor to approve the June 24, 2020 meeting minutes.	TOM ASWAD MMS ANTWON CLOIRD TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2020 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz NOES: None ABSENT: Evelyn Howard ABSTAIN: None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Tom Aswad suggested providing Care Cards to clients showing what services are available once a client enters the AODS system. The Board can discuss this at a later date.

Antwon Cloird visited WestCare the new Substance Use Treatment Provider for Richmond. He introduced himself to the Director and offered his support.

Fatima Matal Sol submitted the staff report in writing as requested by the Executive Committee. She made herself available for questions.

IV. AOD STAFF REPORT

Fatima invited Jonathan Ciampi to report on Bright Heart Health. Jonathan reported Bright Heart Health (BHH) is now a contracted provider with the County. Thus far, BHH has provided tablets to Discovery House, Seeds of Recovery and Oxford House to support the intake process for Outpatient treatment through telemedicine services. Jonathan is working with Diablo Valley Ranch and Ujima to provide tablets as well.

V. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Executive- Jonathan Ciampi
- Community Awareness- Guita Bahramipour
- Programs and Services- Logan Campbell

Jonathan Ciampi reported that topics discussed at the Executive Committee are included on this agenda. No other updates are needed. Jonathan asked AODS Staff to add the recruitment of new Board members to the Executive Committee Agenda.

No updates provided.

No updates provided.

***THE RECRUITMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Proposed Revision
Discussion-Jonathan Ciampi

***POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 2020.**

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

- Contra Costa Council on Homelessness- Guita Bahramipour

Guita Bahramipour reported that the homeless population is being housed in hotels temporarily. There are organizations such as White Pony Express and Loaves and Fishes delivering food to the homeless in the hotels. There are doctors available to assist with medical needs including medications. This has contributed to a drop in emergency room visits and hospital costs. There is a concern as to what will happen when the homeless

VII. Old Business Cont.

can no longer be housed in the hotels.

Jill Ray clarified on the homelessness report. Jill stated that the most vulnerable living on the streets were placed into hotels. Clients are triaged based on need to specific hotels. Healthcare for the Homeless teams visit clients with the most healthcare needs several times a week and the other sites once a week. There is also Project Roomkey, which is a grant being released by the State to purchase hotels. The County's Health, Housing, and Homeless Division is applying for the grant for two hotels that have been identified. They believe they will get funding for at least one. The plan is to continue care and to not place people back on the street. Several clients have transitioned into housing. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers are being purchased for the hotel site to house more people as well.

- Tobacco Prevention Coalition - Appoint Representative* Jonathan Ciampi
- Mental Health Commission- Guita Bahramipour
- MEDS Coalition- Appoint Representative*- Jonathan Ciampi

None reported. A representative for the Tobacco Prevention Coalition has not been appointed.

None update provided.

A representative for the MEDS Coalition still has not been appointed. Jonathan Ciampi requested to add this item to the Executive Committee Agenda to discuss how the MEDS Coalition is going to be handled moving forward.

***MEDS COALITION LIASON TO BE ADDED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER recommendations to Support, Abstain or Oppose Land Use Permits as presented by the **License Initiatives Task Force Members:** Guita Bahramipour, Logan Campbell and Cynthia Chavez

- Alcohol License Applications- Guita Bahramipour
 - **Blackhawk Theater**, 4175 Blackhawk Pl., Danville, CA License Modification

Logan Campbell presented the findings from the License Initiatives Task Force on the Blackhawk Theater. This is an existing license looking to modify the existing Land Use Permit (LUP) to allow serving of alcohol from a keg rather than bottles. Guita Bahramipour expressed concern that this may make it easier for youth to access alcohol. This led to further discussion that the theater should have protocol in place to monitor alcohol consumption. Fatima advised the Board can make these recommendations.

VICTOR ORTIZ MMS ANTWON CLOIRD TO NOT OPPOSE LICENSE FOR BLACKHAWK THEATER.
AYES: Tom Aswad, Logan Campbell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz
NOES: Guita Bahramipour
ABSENT: Evelyn Howard
ABSTAIN: None

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- **Serendipity Cellars Winery** LP 20-2006, 1600 Chestnut Street, Brentwood, CA
Guita Barahamipour presented the findings on Serendipity Cellars. This winery is in a secluded location. The winery is proposing to host special events and wine tasting for ages 21 and over by invitation only.
ANTWON CLOIRD MMS VICTOR ORTIZ TO NOT OPPOSE LICENSE FOR SERENDIPITY CELLARS WINERY.
AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz
NOES:
ABSENT: Evelyn Howard
ABSTAIN: None

- Cannabis License Applications (Dispensaries)- Logan Campbell
 - **Element 7**, LP20-2019, 3515 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA
Logan Campbell presented the findings on Element 7, a proposed cannabis dispensary, which will be located in Bay Point. There is some concern with the location and hours of operation. It is a high crime area with low income housing directly across the street. The Task Force recommends opposing this license application. Jonathan Ciampi is concerned that if the Board opposes this license that they will not have any influence pertaining to other licenses. Jonathan suggested that placing conditions regarding the hours and location would be better than supporting or opposing the application as is.
ANTWON CLOIRD MMS TOM ASWAD TO OPPOSE ELEMENT 7 LICENSE PROVIDING A LETTER STATING THE REASONS THIS LICENSE IS OPPOSED.
AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz
NOES:
ABSENT: Evelyn Howard
ABSTAIN: None

- **Artist Tree**, LP20-20164100, San Pablo Damn Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Talia Moore presented the findings on Artist Tree. This location is a smoke shop applying for a license to become a cannabis dispensary. The location is less than a half mile away from an existing dispensary. The location is also within proximity to the library and schools. The concern is over saturation of dispensaries in this sensitive area as well as the potential for crime.
***JONATHAN CIAMPI AND NAZNEEN ABDULLAH WILL COMPOSE A LETTER STATING THE REASONS THIS LICENSE IS OPPOSED. THIS ACTION WILL APPLY TO ALL OPPOSED LICENSES GOING FORWARD.**
TALIA MOORE E.D.D. MMS LOGAN CAMPBELL TO OPPOSE ARTIST TREE LICENSE.
AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz
NOES:
ABSENT: Evelyn Howard
ABSTAIN: None

- **Embarc**, LPU 20-2017, 3503 Pacheco Blvd., Brentwood, CA
Logan Campbell presented the findings on Embarc. There are no issues with the location since it is not a high crime area. Embarc will have a private Board consisting of key stakeholders. Community members are invited to participate. Embarc is an advocate for Substance Use Prevention amongst youth and plans to invest back into the community.
ANTWON CLOIRD MMS GUITA BAHRAMIPOUR TO NOT OPPOSE LICENSE FOR EMBARC.
AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz
NOES:
ABSENT: Evelyn Howard
ABSTAIN: None

VIII. New Business Cont.

- Cannabis License Applications (Cultivation)- Cynthia Chavez
 - **Casa Rasta Farms**, LP20-2011, 505 Brookside Drive, Richmond, CA
 - **Magic Flower**, LP20-2011, 801 Chesley Drive Richmond, CA
 - **Diablo Valley Farms**, LP20-2020, 10500 Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, CA
 - **Lifted Spirit Collective**, LP20-2005, 5930 Balfour, CA Brentwood

Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor for discussion on the cultivation of cannabis. Jonathan asked if the Board wants to support, abstain, or oppose these licenses in one single designation. Jonathan recommended that the Board does not oppose any cannabis cultivation sites.

ANTWON CLOIRD MMS GUITA BAHRAMIPOUR TO NOT OPPOSE ANY CANNABIS CULTIVATION SITES.

AYES: Tom Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Logan Cambell, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D, Victor Ortiz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Evelyn Howard

ABSTAIN: None

IX. Public Comment

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Tom Aswad expressed concern with the over saturation of cannabis billboards.

Jacquelyne Vera discussed the West County Coalition's position pertaining to the cannabis cultivation sites. The Coalition is concerned about the potential increase in crime, the disruption to the environment and the contribution to the normalization of cannabis use amongst youth residing in the area. The Coalition would like to see the two cultivation sites in Richmond contribute back to the community to fund Prevention work.

***NAZNEEN ABDULLAH WILL PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES TO THE BOARD ON ANY PENDING BILLBOARD ORDINANCES.**

Jonathan Ciampi adjourned meeting at 6PM.

X. Adjourn

JONATHAN CIAMPI ADJOUNED MEETING AT 6PM.