

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

**Wednesday, August 26, 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 – AODS Program Chief, Nazneen Abdullah – AODS Program Manager, Amber Forsythe, AODS Clerical Staff

Other Attendees: Michael Fischer, Jill Ray, Jenny Robins, Cathy Rodriguez, April Rovero, Chris Wikler

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION
I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Jonathan Ciampi called the meeting to order at 4:26PM.	<b>JONATHAN CIAMPI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:26PM.</b>
II. <u>REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA</u>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to adopt the agenda as presented.	<b>TOM ASWAD MMS VICTOR ORTIZ TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Toma Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D., Victor Ortiz <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Evelyn Howard <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None
III. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF August 26, 2020</u>	Jonathan Ciampi opened the floor to approve the August 26, 2020 meeting minutes.	<b>ANTWON CLOIRD MMS TOM ASWAD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN WITH AMENDMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.</b> <b>AYES:</b> Toma Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Jonathan Ciampi, Antwon Cloird, Talia Moore E.D.D., Victor Ortiz <b>NOES:</b> None <b>ABSENT:</b> Evelyn Howard <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 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)	Tom Aswad provided Support 4 Recovery (S4R) updates. S4R has provided 377 housing grants this year. Tom shared that there is a Sober Living Coalition that was formed last year. The Coalition was put on hold due to COVID-19. S4R has been meeting with Public Health and has decided to combine efforts with the Sober Living Coalition to come up with some basic guidelines for Sober Living Environments (SLE's).	Jill Ray commented that the Contra Costa County Health Officer recommended that all residents get tested monthly for COVID-19 and those working with vulnerable populations

should be tested every couple of weeks.

Antwon thanked the Board for advocating for the new program in West County, WestCare Richmond Health and Wellness Center.

Antwon also thanked Michael Fischer for his help in getting a homeless family off the streets and placing them with shelter.

## **V. HOTEL OPERATIONS**

Presentation by Health, Housing and Homelessness (H3) Jenny Robbins, LCSW, H3 Chief of Programs and Michael Fischer, H3 Project Manager

Jenny Robbins, Health Housing and Homeless (H3) Chief of Programs and Michael Fischer, H3 Project Manager, presented an update on Project Roomkey. Project Roomkey is an initiative to keep the homeless population safe during COVID-19 by placing them into hotels. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing some funding for this effort.

In Contra Costa County Project Roomkey consists of five hotels, one in Pittsburg, two in Concord, and two in Richmond. There is one PUI (Persons Under Investigation) hotel. This hotel serves people who have tested positive or are awaiting COVID-19 test results. The population includes homeless individuals, inmates that have been released from prison that have been exposed to COVID-19 with nowhere to safely quarantine, clients from Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) and clients entering a residential treatment program. The additional four hotels are dedicated to people who fall into the high-risk category. Priority use for these hotels is limited to people over 70 with two or more qualifying health conditions.

H3 is partnering with Behavioral Health to provide services to clients in need. AODS and Bright Heart Health are providing services via telehealth for people with Substance Use Disorders (SUD).

## **VI. AOD STAFF REPORT**

Fatima Matal Sol

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

## **VII. COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Executive- Jonathan Ciampi

Jonathan Ciampi presented the Executive Committee highlights. The Committee is going to get an education

series set up as part of their action plan.

- Community Awareness-  
Guita Bahramipour
  - Recovery Champion Awards Selection\*

Guita Bahramipour asked Nazneen Abdullah to address the Recovery Champion Awards. Every year the Board acknowledges Recovery Champions with a Proclamation Award. This annual proclamation recognizes individuals or organizations for their efforts to enhance and improve the lives of people in recovery. The Board has submitted three nominations for 2020. This year's nominees include BI-BETT, Malcom Jones, and Sarah Enemark.

**VICTOR ORTIZ MMS GUITA BAHRAMIPOUR TO AWARD ALL THREE NOMINEES. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**AYES:** Toma Aswad, Guita Bahramipour, Cynthia Chavez, Jonathan Ciampi, Talia Moore E.D.D., Victor Ortiz  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Evelyn Howard  
**ABSTAIN:** None

- Programs and Services-  
Logan Campbell

Logan stated that Programs and Services Committee did not meet but is scheduled to meet Friday October 2, 2020.

**\*PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE NEXT MEETING FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2020**

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- Bylaws- Approval by Board of Supervisors in progress
- AODAB 2020 Action Plan, Review and Discuss- Victor Ortiz\*

Victor Ortiz addressed the AODAB 2020 Action Plan. Victor went through the Action Plan and updated the Executive Committee section. He recommended the remaining committees meet and go through each item and decided what they can complete and what cannot be completed due to COVID or other reasons.

**\*COMMITTEES WILL UPDATE ACTION ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT OCTOBER AODS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.**

Guita stated that many of the goals Community Awareness Committee set can no longer be accomplished due to COVID. Guita recommended that the Board have their annual meeting now to address what the goals can be realistically going forward. It was agreed that each committee needs to go over the Action Plan and update the report to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

- Cannabis Billboards Update- Staff

No updates.

### **IX. LIAISON REPORTS**

- Contra Costa Council on Homelessness- Guita Bahramipour
- Tobacco Prevention Coalition- VACANT
- Mental Health Commission- Guita Bahramipour

No reports. This topic was covered in H3's presentation.

No report.

Guita Bahramipour reported on the Mental Health Commission. The Commission is in the process of

reviewing their budget. The Commission is also reviewing their programs and services.

Jill Ray clarified that the Commission makes recommendations regarding funding, but the Board of Supervisors make the decision on where the funds are distributed.

Jill Ray reported that there was a Mayor's conference where nineteen cities and Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Mitchoff met to discuss adding more services to the Mental Health system.

Guita also shared that September is Suicide Prevention month and the Commission discussed prevention strategies.

- MEDS Coalition- Logan Campbell

Logan Campbell asked April Rovero to report on the MEDS Coalition meeting as he was unable to attend this month.

April reported that as part of the Coalition's Strategic Plan they have been focusing efforts on community outreach. These efforts include delivering presentations via Zoom, YouTube, and FaceBook .

The Coalition is bringing a Mental Health First Aid Certification Program training for their members.

The Coalition has 100 units of Narcan left if that they are looking to distribute where needed.

#### X. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Alcohol License Initiatives-** None.

No Alcohol License Initiatives.

- **Cannabis License Initiatives**

- Authentic 925, 5753 Pacheco Blvd., CA 94553. Public Hearing September 21, 2020. No Opposition Letter Submitted.

The Board has already submitted a "No Opposition" Letter for Authentic 925.

**\*NO OPPOSITION LETTER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.**

- Annual Report- Committees to prepare summaries. Report due December 31, 2020

Nazneen Abdullah stated that the Committees should meet to update their Action Plans as this will be needed when preparing the Annual Report. The Annual Report is due to the Board of Supervisors December 31, 2020.

- Board of Supervisors Triennial Review- Due December 1, 2020

Nazneen Abdullah and Victor Ortiz are working on the Triennial Sunset Review. A first draft will be produced by the October Board meeting.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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April Rovero shared that the manufacturer of Narcan has released a notification that the FDA has approved a one-year extension on the current expiration dates.

Tom Aswad commented that five San Quentin inmates that had been given life sentences have been released and are working for Support 4 Recovery. These former inmates received training from S4R while still incarcerated.

Tom Aswad requested an update on the West County Expansion at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Victor Ortiz commented that there is a section in the Sunday paper called the Cannabis Times. It is a large multi-color insert that advertise articles about and promoting marijuana use. Victor suggested that the Board advocate for a section within the insert providing information on recovery services and resources.

Fatima Matal Sol commented that through Prop 64 AODS received a grant. The Board of Supervisors approved AODS' ability to receive the funds. Fatima and Nazneen Abdullah had a meeting with Deer Valley and Black Diamond High School. These are the schools selected to receive the funding toward Youth Services.

Fatima also shared that AODS has established a contract with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MAAD). This has also been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Through the funding two billboards will be purchased that will be focused on prevention of underage drinking as well as collaboration between Community Awareness Committee and MAAD.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Jonathan Ciampi adjourned the meeting at 6:18PM.

**JONATHAN CIAMPI ADJOURNED  
THE MEETING AT 6:18PM**