

**PAROLEE SERVICES NETWORK
REGIONAL MEETING
Kern County Mental Health
3300 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield
August 8, 2007**

PRESENT:

Maurice Lee – WestCare	Elvira Diaz – ADP
Rashid Frye – WestCare	Kurt Klemencic – ADP
Natalia Salinas – KCMH Gate Team	Valerie Linton – KCMH Gate Team
Ramona Hernandez – KCMH Gate Team	Lily Alvarez – KCMH
Cindy Coe – KCMH	

SUMMARY MINUTES:

- 1. Introductions:** Accomplished. Those present made brief background introductions.

Ms. Alvarez provided an extensive review of the Kern County treatment levels and the gatekeeping process and staff roles. WestCare won the PSN contract award and will be providing Levels 2, 3, 4 and 5, and staff are working to transition most PSN clients from Turning Point.

Mr. Lee indicated that WestCare had the capacity to do video conferencing, should members wish to conduct a future meeting in that manner. Mr. Lee also provided a brief summary of the services offered through his agency and agency locations.

Ms. Diaz expressed an interest in perhaps conducting a joint meeting with Fresno County through video conferencing.

Mr. Frye provided a brief description of his role and local services offered through WestCare. Ms. Alvarez offered a brief explanation of the relationship of monitoring conducted by the County.

Mr. Klemencic commented on the number of services offered in light of a static level of funding. Ms. Alvarez agreed that funding has been flat, but the implementation of Prop 36 forced the County to become as efficient as possible, work collaboratively with other agencies, and problem solve challenges that arise.



2. Approval of April 11, 2007 meeting minutes: Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Follow-up items:

(Those items attributed to Cathy Phoenix will remain.) Mr. Klemencic reported that Cathy Phoenix is out on extended medical leave, and suggested that Ms. Diaz could follow up with the items that still resolution. Ms. Alvarez asked that items 3A and 3B receive attention, explained the history behind each, and led discussion on possible resolutions.

A. Page 1, Item 3 A: *Ms. Phoenix will follow up on the issue of who had made the POC decision not to let the psychiatrists or psychologists go out in the field with the parole agent to service clients.*

B. Page 1, Item 3 B: *Ms. Phoenix will clarify with ADP the issue of whether ADP would support a zero tolerance for alcohol, including any environment where alcohol is the primary business.*

4. State ADP Issues:

A. Mr. Klemencic distributed and reviewed copies of a screen shot of the new PSN Web page. The site will eventually have available PSN information and resources such as letters, allocations, contacts, forms, PSN providers, and regional groups and their meeting records. Ms. Alvarez indicated that the provider list for Kern should be brought up to date using the current Work Plan. Ms. Alvarez also questioned whether regional meetings, such as the Central Valley for Kern, Fresno and Sacramento, will be held in a more central location. Mr. Klemencic responded that the previous meetings in Diamond Bar will continue to be open semi-annual administrators meetings. Ms. Alvarez asked that Kern be allowed to meet with other central valley counties and not be required to attend southern county meetings; Mr. Klemencic and Ms. Diaz agreed. Ms. Diaz indicated that there are common areas of interest and challenge and it would be of benefit to hold such meetings.

B. Ms. Diaz reported that Mr. Klemencic now has a fully staffed unit. Staff would like to use technology to link PSN programs and would like counties to use the new PSN site, including sharing information, practices, successes, and systemic problems.

C. Ms. Diaz reported that site visits will now be coordinated through Ms. Alvarez's office.

D. Mr. Kelmencic reported that two areas remain to be added to the PSN Web site, practices that work and success stories. The practices that work page could

include items like using gatekeepers, and success stories page could be client or provider successes.

5. **State CDCR Issues:** Not present.
6. **Kern County Parole Issues:** Not present.
7. **Provider Issues:**
 - A. WestCare: No additional items noted.
 - B. College Community Services: Not present.
 - C. Turning Point: Not present.
8. **Mental Health Issues:**
 - A. Those present discussed the utilization of licensed sober living environment (SLE) facilities, funding streams, and which could be used to fund what kind of treatment. Members also discussed the monitoring, accountability, and certification that needs to be present for SLEs and residential facilities.
 - B. Ms. Alvarez questioned who was the current CDCR PSN liaison; Ms. Diaz responded that they received the list a few days ago and will post it on the PSN site.
 - C. Ms. Alvarez introduced a concern that in a relatively short period, Kern County has had numerous ADP liaisons for PSN, which is very disruptive. It is hoped that the decision to move PSN under the Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration (OCJC) would help to stabilize; Mr. Klemencic expressed the same desire, and felt that this was partly caused by ADP staff moving on to other jobs.
 - D. Ms. Alvarez introduced discussion regarding the need for ADP to advocate to CDCR to fund drug testing, which is contained in the interagency agreement. When ADP has staff turnover, issues such as this get dropped.
 - E. Ms. Alvarez questioned whether ADP would be doing the September treatment conference; Mr. Klemencic responded that he is on the planning committee for the conference, representing OCJC, and the conference would not be in September. Ms. Alvarez felt that the conference would be a good time to bring the 17 PSN counties together; Ms. Diaz and Mr. Klemencic agreed, and indicated they were already looking into the possibility. Mr. Klemencic added that keynote speakers had been identified, but the call for presenters had not been done. He will advocate for at least one workshop will be PSN related. Ms. Alvarez

indicated that WestCare had proposed to deliver the Matrix Model to the parolee population, which is an evidence-based practice, and felt it would be interesting to see what other programs are available that have been designed specifically for the parolee population.

F. Copies of PSN admission and discharge forms were distributed to WestCare and reviewed.

9. Next meeting **October 10, 2007**, at Kern County Mental Health Administration.

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Attachments to original minutes:

ADP's PSN Web page screen shot – *ADP*

PSN Regional Meeting Web page – *ADP*

PSN Kern County provider list – *ADP*