

Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board Minutes JAN 23, 2018

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**Antelope Valley College Drug and Alcohol Advisory Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting began at 3:00 pm in BE 207**

In attendance:

- Dr. Irit Gat
- Dr. Ronald Chapman
- Noemi Beck – Wegner
- Carina Giorgi
- Amy Andrada
- Tawunny Haymond
- Jacob Marciel
- Carol Devargas
- Dr. Fredy Aviles
- Mary Jacobs

Absent:

- Dr. Tom O’Neil
- Carol Devargas
- Laureano Flores
- Vince Scribner
- Elizabeth Sunderberg

Introductions:

Member introductions:

1. AVC faculty: Dr. Gat (Psychology), Dr. Chapman (Sociology), Dr. Aviles (Psychology), Mary Jacobs (Nursing), Amy Andrada (Sociology), Noemi Beck – Wegner (Psychology)
2. Jacob Marciel (CSUB Counselor and Program Director Drug and Alcohol Studies Palo Verde College), Tawunny Haymond (Tarzana treatment center),

Other Schools that have this program –

- Paolo Verde college has a certificate program – started and reaccredited under Jacob Marciel
- Palomar College has a program that is accredited by both CCAPP and CAADE

Need for D&A counselors for the area –

- locally Tarzana is in the process of opening a 60-bed unit for Tarzana’s Antelope Valley treatment center. They are in desperate need of counselors who are CAADE or CCAPP approved. They are also willing to intern students for the practicum portion of the

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certificate program. However, students would need to be live scanned and clear DOJ (for working with adults) and DOJ and FBI (if working with kids).

- there's a treatment center in Acton that could use potential counselors and possibility of using them for internship/hands on training (similar to style of hands on training done in nursing program)
- The discussion was brought up that the AV has a high drug and alcohol abuse issue and that besides Tarzana there are many smaller private, fee for service locations in need of counselors as well.

Historical background – dire need of treatment in the AV, Irit mentioned that she started thinking about the possibility of AVC offering this type of certificate program a few years ago. What about creating a cert program at AVC? This type of program would facilitate getting students into the workplace sooner. Most students don't make it the four years. Many need training that will provide them with work right away. The program could be a 2-year certificate program and then students could possibly come back and obtain an associate degree.

Irit discussed results of the survey done over employment opportunities and needs for the Antelope Valley.

Proposal/Data packet showing a great employment opportunity was turned into the AVC president and vice – president to get certificate program approved. Backing was obtained from president and vice – president.

Many smaller treatment centers looking for staff

Large need in the AV as far as job opportunities – Many people out of work who are looking and might be interested in taking this kind of program to help them get into the workforce.

Timeline – just started, just got approval, a little release time to focus on this program, handout Palomar college, has a streamlined certificate program, (handout about the 11-course program), 8 – 9 courses that need to be put together to be approved by AP&P which takes 1-2 semesters to get approval. Curriculum needs to be updated; required courses (listed in handout); 3<sup>rd</sup> page of handout email from Melissa regarding curriculum: some of the classes already available at the college, will attempt to get much of the curriculum drawn up by end of this summer (internships available at Tarzana), will also need to bring in new faculty members, Adult residential, outpatient, intensive outpatient treatment, 30 women 10 men; also has youth facility that can also take students. Tawney – Tarzana contact. Expanding to another location as well (in process).

Program needs to be submitted to CAADE, curriculum in place prior to going to CAADE for approval, at least 20% release time needed for director of program and has been approved by AVC President. On page 3 advisory committees, does the program have an advisory committee, meeting at least 1 x a semester then possibly 1 x per year. VP would like to see the cert program taught in the prisons, work within it, where they can get treatment while going through the program. (licensed psychologist)

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CAADE 2 or higher can supervise interns (CCAPP2?) it is necessary to supervise interns due to need to maintain certifications for accreditation for certified addiction counselor program. Jacob spoke about how Imperial Valley (?) has an inside out program where instructors .....

How can we supervise while people are getting treatment while going through this program as well – possibly use Tarzana employees level 2 or higher. **County contracted facilities must pass DOJ/FBI** (depending on area of work) **Live Scan in order to work in these areas. Violent crime charges are excluded from working as a counselor.** When submitting for staff make sure to include minimal qualifications. **Students and teachers must be live scanned.** (DOJ and FBI [kids] or just DOJ [adults]).

Finding internships will be dependent upon CAADE accreditation. This is due to CAADE requires student internships at a CAADE approved facility (Tarzana is CAADE approved)

Exclusions – violent crime (mandated non-hire) Tawny will send information about specific exclusions, requirements for interning in the areas, as well as Tarzan’s hiring requirements, and Tarzana’s curriculum for continuing education.

Mary – will keep advisory committee advised about how student live scanning will work (RN program currently waiting on feedback from LA County Health Facility about how to get students Live Scan without costing them a lot of money)

When discussing approximate number of students that can be handled in a clinical/practicum setting approximately 25 give or take a few

Because the program would be a certificate program and not associates degree, the program falls under Dean Flores the Dean for Tech Ed.

Irit discussed some of the approval requirements regarding program offers at other schools

Possibly overlap with the nursing program – guest lecture, students attend some of the classes; continuing education offers; prison education program;

Tarzana has an online curriculum and Tawny can provide information on the required CEU’s

Irit discussed an email she received regarding changes in curriculum for CAADE approval

*Title of the program* (Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate Program)

CAADE website for information on approved programs and required information was passed around

The accreditation committee recognizes that some courses may vary, but the competencies must be covered within the courses for accreditation approval. So once curriculum is in place will begin working on CAADE approval proposal and then move forward with the working towards the full program approval and Regional Consortium “blessing”.

Tarzana drug tests anyone that applies for a position but doesn’t continually test. Qualitative testing offered at Tarzana as opposed to Quantitative

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**\*\*\*\*\*Drug screening should be included in the disclaimer for the program. Drug testing will be required to obtain certificate. \*\*\*\*\***

Students will self-diagnose, need to be aware of things that may be legal, but prevent them from getting a job upon completion of the program.

Program can eventually apply for Perkins funding application and other grant funding.

What would be required of faculty to teach the courses?

Social and behavioral sciences – technically according to the state they would need 4 years' experience with a BS, AD and 6 years' experience, (preferably a background in addiction counseling. Chancellor's office will be able to give min qualifications for faculty. Teaching and drug and alcohol experience; correspondence from online faculty. Master's degree may not need the alcohol and drug experience. Remediation courses possible for current faculty to get the drug and alcohol work background. Licensed or certified to be CAADE approved. Most people who work in the field have their certificates or licensure and we may be able to initially recruit CAADE instructors.

Jacobs will email a guideline for the curriculum

Implement face to face program classes first; then possibly look into online or correspondence classes for students and teachers not in the area. In a correspondence program - Field faculty liaisons are paid to oversee students doing their work in the prisons.

First step: Irit will start on curriculum. She will also work with Jacob regarding curriculum courses and advisory committee will meet again in the spring.

Would like to get the program going within a year possibly a year and a half. **Tawunny** and **Jacob** are willing to assist with helping with the curriculum development. Tawunny did mention that Tarzana's CAADE certified staff had to switch over to CCAP and CADUC certifications.

Options outside of Tarzana that may offer counseling services that don't require students to get live scanned can possibly be looked into.

It was brought up in the meeting that due to the requirement of Live Scan for Tarzana and County Facilities, it will need to be included in the disclaimer for the certificate program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm