1. Call Meeting to Order 1:00PM
2. Roll Call
3. Introductions

* Nicole Rose, Interim AODS Program Coordinator
* Judi Johnson, MHS Inc. Drug Court
* Lisa Romain, Palomar College (attended for first 45 minutes)
* Mary Charlton, Mission Treatment
* Karla Lomiglio, Welcome Home Ministries
* Daniel Duclos, Southern California Recovery Centers

1. Review Minutes from 2014 Board Meeting
2. Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program:

Strengths:

* Karla discussed how wonderful the interns from Palomar’s AODS Program have been at Welcome Home.
* Daniel mentioned that the students are great with the clients and have a wide knowledge of the field of addiction counseling.
* Judi said that the students are coming in at about 80% professionalism which she felt was promising.
* Mary mentioned that the students have a raw desire to help the population.

Weaknesses

* Nicole brought up the topic of clinical skills, written and verbal being a deficit in the AODS student population.
* Group consensus was that Law and Ethics needs to be a pre-requisite to all Field Experience courses (140, 298, 299) b/c without it, the students are a liability to the agencies and Palomar.
* Lisa mentioned that the students struggle with their English and grammar skills, both verbal and written
* Daniel said that many of the students that have applied for internships at his facility have poor interviewing skills.
* Judi agreed with Karla, stated that the students lack the ability to write clinically and in turn doesn’t allow them to do much written work since the reporting and record keeping at MHS is very important for the funders and courts.
* Mary spoke on the topic of “molding” stating that the students need help to becoming appropriate professionals in the addiction counseling field and have challenges “putting all the puzzle pieces together.”
* Karla believes that English 100 should be a pre-requisite to the students coming into the AODS program. All of the members of the board meeting agreed that this would benefit the program greatly.

Opportunities

* Judi stated that she is willing to take one intern if they are willing to dedicate 1 year of internship to her program.
* Daniel gave a talk on SoCal Recovery and its desire to take more Palomar AODS interns, especially at their Carlsbad location
* Karla stated that Welcome Home is in a funding crisis and they are unable to offer internship opportunities at this time.

Threats:

* Judi stated that it is challenging the keep contracts and funding going since there is so much competition out there in the field and the student interns can jeopardize that if they lack law, ethics and clinical skills. She also mentioned Medi-Cal requirements will not cover clients past 1 year and it is hurting the client numbers at her program.
* Karla said that Welcome Home is being threatened due to lack of funding and could have to close their doors once again.

Student Professionalism:

* Group discussion regarding:
* Need for pre-requisites for the AODS Program
* Students need more time in each class learning clinical skills, both written and verbal.
* Need for more assistance with interviewing skills

1. Open Discussion

* Discussed new certifying board: CCAPP vs CADAC
* Talked at length about the need for the 255 course on Case Management and Law and Ethics to be separate classes.
* Talked on the topics of:
* Expanding the AODS program to offer more classes during the day, online.
* Offering field experience courses every semester, in lieu of 298 in Fall and 299 in Spring.

1. New Business

* Judi spoke on Prop 47 and how the new law has effected Drug Court in the following ways:
* 100 clients previously and 69 currently
* Challenges in client desires to succeed in treatment
* Referrals have decreased
* Had to change some of the entry criteria

1. Adjournment 3:00pm