**Palomar College Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program**

**Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2019**

1. Meeting called to order: 1:00PM
2. Established quorum – see sign in sheet
3. Welcome and introductions – facilitated by Jim Fent. Each advisory board member introduced themselves and shared about their program; mission, goals and population served.
4. Distance Learning – Jim Fent and Dean Ly presented. Dean Ly informed the committee of a grant provided by the State funding CTE courses to programs that can offer/provide all of their courses and certificate online through distance education. Dean Ly is applying for this grant for several of Palomar College’s programs including AODS. The funds from the grant will be used to assist with building online courses. A lively discussion followed: Overall the committee thought adding distance learning was an excellent idea. Several expressed concern about all online courses being too heavy and dense, lack of counseling skills and ability to stand in front of a group and speak. Several suggestions/ideas provided by the committee members: Make AODS 150: Introduction to Chemical Dependency Counseling the perquisite to taking all courses online. This course must be passed with a “C” grade or better before additional online courses can be taken. Offer “Zoom” counseling/group skills through canvas to provide “face to face” practice. Make some of the courses hybrid: partially online and partially on campus. Finally, the student’s internship experience can serve as their group “practice.” Distance education an excellent option for students who already have a degree.
5. Jim Fent and Dean Pearl Ly both presented Palomar College’s new, North and South Campuses. Committee advised that AODS will be discontinued at the South Campus and will begin at the North Campus. Committee members felt this was a good plan. A request was made for suggestions on how to promote the AODS program at the North Campus. Each Advisory Board member volunteered to help promote the program. Suggestion to promote at Camp Pendleton. Liz Winchell stated she will help promote in the Temecula and Murrieta region.
6. Jim Fent facilitated discussion on changes with CAADE, CADTP and CCAPP (State drug counselor accreditation agencies). Each member expressed frustration with CCAPP but each also felt this was the organization to align with. Concern expressed about CAADE not being stable and CADTP being too small with not enough members or financial support to be viable.
7. Documentation and Assessment: Each member shared what they use: All use ASAM and Biopsychosocialspiritual. In addition, some others used: ASI, Kipu, YAI, AUDIT, DASH and GAIN and proprietary programs. Members stated that Palomar College students would benefit from a better understanding of diagnostic criteria, DSM-V, ability to write a “comprehensive” summary at the end of the assessment. Students would benefit from a better understanding of what payers or insurance companies are looking for in order to provide authorization for treatment. Announcement made that SAMHSA is offering ASAM training through the county.

**Strengths** – “The College really helps impart passion to the students.” “Palomar students are much more prepared than student from other programs.” “We like to hire Palomar graduates.”

**Weaknesses** – “Students don’t understand the levels of care and are not adequately prepared to refer to various levels of care.” “Students need to improve their basic English and writing skills.

**Opportunities** – Post online employment opportunities. Create an alumni email list.

**Threats** –Three of the five committee members stated they were not in favor of “MAT” Medically Assisted Treatment

Adjourned at 3:00PM

Minutes recorded by Jim Fent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_