Diversion Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 9, 2009  
Los Angeles, CA

Members Present:  
John Bettinger, DDS, Chair  
William Baker, Public Member  
Luis Dominicis, DDS  
Rebecca Downing, Public Member  
Judith Forsythe, RDA  
Huong Le, DDS

Members Absent:  
Stephen Casagrande, DDS

Staff Present:  
Richard DeCuir, Interim Executive Officer  
Nancy Butler, Acting Enforcement Chief  
Lori Reis, Complaint & Compliance Unit Manager  
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager  
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst  
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst  
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator  
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst  
Karen Fischer, Licensing Analyst  
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel

Dr. Bettinger, Chair, called the committee meeting to order at 4:47 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

DIV 1: Approval of the July 22, 2009 Diversion Committee Meeting Minutes  
M/S/C (Le/Forsythe) to approve the July 22, 2009 Diversion Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

DIV 2: Diversion Program Statistics  
Dr. Bettinger asked staff to clarify the definitions of Program-to-date and Fiscal-year-to-date, column titles which appear on the first page of the report. Program-to-date shows cumulative data collected since MAXIMUS took over the program 5 years ago. Fiscal-year-to-date references data from July 1, 2009 to present. In summary, five (5) people self referred into the program; five (5) were investigative referrals; and fifteen (15) were probation referrals. Alcohol is the highest presenting problem at intake.

DIV 3: Diversion Program Overview, Description and Status  
Dr. Bettinger noted that although quiet now, next year will be quite busy. Interim E.O. DeCuir said he would speak to this and the two following items, to speed things along. He
reported that SB 294 did not pass out of Committee, which would have sunset all diversion programs. He noted that this bill may move during the next session.

DIV 4: Status Report on AB 456 – Diversion Program Legislation
Interim E.O. DeCuir reported that this bill stalled in Committee due to its conflicts and overlap with SB 1441.

DIV 5: Status Report on SB 1441 and Progress of the Substance Abuse Committee
Legal Counsel Powell reported that the 16 standards required by the bill have been developed.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

ADJOURNMENT
The committee meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.