



**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.