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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Via Zoom Call**

I. Call to Order

a. Introductions and Roll Call

	Member/Title	County
	Lisa Long / Interim Vice-President	Placer
	Melanie Roland / Treasurer	Santa Clara
	Melody Beltz - Secretary	Humboldt
	Wendy Cheula / Far North	Siskiyou
	Christina S. Kraushar / At Large	Central Valley
	Jean McDonald / At Large	San Diego
	Mike Phillips / At Large	San Diego
	Richard Kryzanowski – DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
	Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Santa Clara
	Dave Vandenberg / Emeritus	Monterey
	Frank Smithwaters / Guest	Northern California
	Jude Stern – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area

II. Housekeeping

a. Roll Call – Quorum met.

b. Treasurer's Report: Melanie Roland reports the account balance as of the October bank statement is \$7,554.95.

- i. Jim makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Richard, no further discussion, motion carries.

c. Approval of Minutes- Jean makes the motion to approve the minutes, Richard seconded, no further discussion, motion carries.

III. Statewide Business

- a. SB 340 (Stern) – Authorizes a family member, friend or acquaintance to request to testify in judicial review proceedings. Action: Follow.

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- b. SB 516 (Eggman) – Authorizes evidence considered at certification review hearing to include the persons medical condition and how that bears on certifying the person. Action: CAMHPRA is opposed. Melanie will draft an opposition letter.
- c. AB 118 (Kamlager) – Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act (C.R.I.S.E.S.). Position: Following.

IV. Coalition Reports

- a. Far North: Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou) -

Smithwaters –Del Norte County approved their contract. Now Smithwaters Group provides advocacy in 7 counties. They are contracting with the 4 remaining facilities in Sutter/Yuba. Yuba is mostly shut down and is only open by appointment only. Lake County is still shut down. The MH Advisory Board is back up after 5 years.

- b. BayPac: Melanie Roland (Santa Clara):
Melanie has no updates from Brett. Likely they did not meet. Brett has been on medical leave.

- c. Central: Chris Kraushar (Fresno County):
Has not met.

- d. South: Jean McDonald (San Diego) – Coalition has not met. Dave reports that Monterey County rejected Laura’s Law.

V. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): No report.
- b. California Office of Patients’ Rights (COPR): Jude reports they are accepting bids on a new listserve service. AOT – Sacramento and Santa Clara opted in, Butte County opted out. PRAT will be virtual this year and will occur October 4th – 8th. Hoping for in-person PRAT in Spring of 2022. Jude would like to attend Regional Coalition meetings, please include him in your invites. There is a new committee at DRC called the Disability Law Committee.
- c. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: Richard advocates for Peer PRAT to occur simultaneously to PRA PRAT instead of 2 separate events. Discussion regarding whether PRAs know what Patients’ Rights Committee is, Jude suggests this committee present at PRAT.
- d. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard reports the jail surveys were sent to the head of each PRA program. They only received about 11 responses. This is not enough responses.

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Suggestions provided to improve the survey. Richard will take all suggestions back to the committee. Discussion regarding AOT – deadline July 1, approximately 30 counties are undecided. Data shows programs like these do not work well. Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance is under new leadership. Richard writes a newsletter for them. They are taking more of an advocacy stance.

VI. Public Policy

- a. State Plan Amendment 21-003: Disaster relief for COVID-19 Crisis Stabilization Units - proposal to allow 96-hour stay in CSU. Item still pending. We will continue to follow.

VII. Standing Items

- a. Race, gender, ethnicity reporting. No discussion at this time. Add Cultural Competence to agenda.

VIII. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. Election: We did not receive 2/3 of the general membership responses to certify the election results. Per the by-laws, the Board can vote to certify the results. Chris makes a motion to certify the board member candidates that have agreed to serve, seconded by Jude, no further discussion, motion carries.
- b. Lisa, as the new President, will be having one-on-one conversations with all board members to discuss the direction of the Board.
- c. Facebook Administrator: CAMHPRA's Facebook page administrator is still Gloria Hernandez. Lisa will work with Gloria to transfer that responsibility.
- d. The next CAMHPRA meeting will be Wednesday, August 18th 2021.
- e. Jim makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

IX. Results of Email Voting

- a. Motion: Shall Merida Saracho and Ann Venegas be re-elected At Large Members? Deadline for further discussion regarding interpretation of the by-laws expired. No further discussion. Of the 6 eligible votes, 5 voted in favor, 1 abstained. Motion carries.