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## California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**  
**Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Via Conference Call**

### I. Call to Order

#### a. Introductions and Roll Call

	Member/Title	County
	Jill Ward / President	Shasta
	Jim Raphael/Treasurer	Santa Clara
	Melody Beltz / Secretary	Humboldt
	Gloria Hernandez / Central Valley	Fresno
	Wendy Cheula / Far North	Siskiyou
	Martin Hernandez / South	Los Angeles
	Christina S. Kraushar / At Large	Merced
	Richard Krzyanowski – DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
	Jean McDonald / At Large	San Diego
	Mike Phillips / At Large	San Diego
	Melanie Roland / At Large	Santa Clara
	Daniel Waggoner – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area

✓ *Dave Vandenberg* —

### II. Housekeeping

#### a. Roll Call – Quorum met.

b. Treasurer's Report: Jim Raphael as interim Treasurer reports that the current balance is over \$10,000. Jill requests a motion be made to elect Melanie Roland as Treasurer. Chris makes the motion and the motion is seconded by Richard, no further discussion, the motion is approved. Melanie will take Annette Tran's resignation letter to Bank of America to have the account changed into her name and obtain a new credit card.

c. Interim liaison to COPR, Daniel Waggoner temporarily taking over for Ann Coller. Jill requests a motion be made to elect Daniel as an At Large member of the board, Jim makes the motion and the motion is seconded by Melody, no further discussion, the motion is approved.

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- d. Approval of Minutes There were no changes or corrections to the March 27, 2019 minutes. Gloria moves to approve the minutes from March 27, 2019 the motion is seconded by Richard, matter is opened for discussion, no further discussion, the motion is approved.

### III. Statewide Business

- a. AB 333 Eggman (formerly AB 2317) – Whistleblower protection for county patients' rights advocates under contract. Essentially allows for a cause of action to be filed without an administrative investigation by the Department of Labor. Arbitration is not included. Scheduled to go to the Senate Labor committee June 26<sup>th</sup> and the Senate Judiciary on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike Phillips is now on the council. CAMHPRA voted to support this bill, support letter reviewed.
- b. SB 66 Atkins and McGuire – Amended March 21, 2019. Allows for multiple appointments at the same location on the same day to be billed to Medi-Cal. Hearing on this bill scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gloria makes a motion to support this bill, Chris seconded the motion, matter is opened for discussion, no further discussion, the motion is approved.
- c. SB 10 Beall – Allows for a statewide peer support specialist certification program for mental health and substance use disorder systems. Programs could then bill Medi-Cal for peer support services. Hearing on this bill scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. CAMHPRA supports this bill. Melanie will check their shared drive for a draft support letter or will draft one if not done already. Law Foundation is contracting with an individual lobbyist. Jim will check to see if he is following this bill.
- d. CAMHPRA Legislative Committee – Jim and Melanie currently. Richard volunteers to be a member.
- e. SB 40 Wiener and Stern – Would broaden the definition of grave disability to include if a person is unable to care for their own health care needs. Would allow for conservatorship of 28 days or less if detained 8 times in a 12 month period. Megan is watching this bill. Jill reports that the Behavioral Health Director's Association is opposing this bill. Gloria makes a motion to oppose SB 40 and the motion was seconded by Richard, matter open for discussion, no further discussion, motion carries. Jim will check with Megan regarding letter of opposition. Richard is willing to help draft the letter of opposition.
- f. AB 43 Gloria – Would clarify MHSA planning process for innovative programs is to be completed in collaboration with stakeholders and is to

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comply with open meeting laws. Megan is following, Jim will investigate the status of this bill.

## IV. Coalition Reports

- a. Far North: Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou)

Siskiyou is having trouble retaining employees they are restructuring administration Shasta County has experienced some issues with their new facility. A hearing was missed on a client (client changed to voluntary).

- b. BayPac: Megan Wheelehan (Santa Clara)

No updates.

- c. Central: Gloria Hernandez (Fresno County)

Gloria is retiring at the end of September 2019. No further updates.

- d. South: Martin Hernandez (Los Angeles) –.Collaborated a lot with Orange County, loss of Annette Tran difficult. San Bernardino recently expanded holds to 14 days. They are working on the look of the Patients' Rights office.

## V. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): Melanie reports for Megan that they worked on their mission statement at last meeting "Call for Agenda of Fairness." New member, attorney Thomas Hart from Anthem could be a good ally for us in the private sector.
- b. California Office of Patients' Rights (COPR): Daniel reports 2 positions to be filled, one full time specialist and one supervisor. Hoping to open the positions up next month. He is working on putting together a training so send him your topics. The online PRA course is up and running. Links to additional resource materials in the future. The online course needs some edits. Daniel will follow-up.
- c. Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS): Jim will make contact with the new Executive Director and see if they have interest in joining CAMHPRA.
- d. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: CAMHPRO operating with skeleton crew. Received additional funding sources so they are expanding with several new committees. DRC – is working on seclusion and restraints and jail advocacy. Working on limiting conservatorships. Richard is in a great position as board members of DRC. He can put topics on their agenda.
- e. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Behavioral Planning Council looking forward to having Mike join. Patients' Rights

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Committee working on jail advocacy and would like information on how this is handled currently county-by-county. Richard was that Orange County Patients' Rights will likely be contracted out.

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## VI. Public Policy

- a. AB 103 – Mike Phillips reports that advocacy for these clients may be getting dumped on some county advocates. He had a conference call with DSH. Mike will send the information he has to the group. Hope to set up a conference call for more information. Committee formed consisting of Mike, Jill, Martin, Daniel, Megan (possibly per Jim), other possible member to include Chris and someone from Santa Clara.

## VII. New Business and Next Meeting; Adjourn

- a. Amendment to the bylaws to include Emeritus Membership. Jim will write up and send to the board.
- b. AB 516 – Would prohibit the removal or immobilizing of vehicles. Gloria will review.
- c. Richard suggests standing agenda item regarding advocate access and county retaliation issues. Rumored that Josh Bryant was terminated by Consumer Self-Help due to his zealously of advocacy. Fired to appease the county. This has not been officially reported to the board and would create a vice president vacancy. Jill will investigate.
- d. Next meeting: September 18th.
- e. Jill makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gloria seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

## VIII. Email Voting Results

- a. Jim Raphael sent out the following language to amend the by-laws:

### Article IV Board of Directors (pp.6-7)

#### Sec. 1. Board of Directors:

A. MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall be composed of up to 17 directors:

- a. Four (4) Executive Officers elected by the general membership;
- b. One (1) elected representative from each of the four (4) regional coalitions;

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- c. The immediate past president of the CAMHPRA Board of Directors;
- d. Up to four (4) at-large directors and;
- e. Up to four (4) emeritus advocate directors.

D. AT-LARGE DIRECTORS: The CAMHPRA Board of Directors shall elect up to four (4) CAMHPRA members to serve as at-large directors for a term of one (1) year, commencing at the annual meeting, to serve on the Board of Directors.

E. **[add this section]** EMERITUS ADVOCATE DIRECTORS: Retired or former Title IX advocates with at least ten (10) years of experience as a county patients' rights advocate & five (5) years of service as a member of the CAMHPRA Board of Directors.

The CAMHPRA Board of Directors shall elect up to four (4) emeritus advocate directors for a term of one (1) year, commencing at the annual meeting, to serve on the Board of Directors.

Gloria made a motion to accept the revisions to the by-laws as written, Wendy seconded the motion. Ayes from Melody, Mike, Richard, Jean, Jill, Wendy, Merida, Martin; Megan, Melanie, abstain from Daniel, the motion is approved.

## ADDENDUM:

These minutes of June 26, 2019 were sent to the Board via email for approval. A motion was made by Gloria to approve the minutes as is and was seconded by Richard, no further discussion, ayes have it, and the motion is approved.