

CAMHPRA

California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting Minutes

Time: Aug 28, 2024 01:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: ZOOM

Meeting Called to Order at 1:17 PM

Introductions and Roll Call: Jean & Wendy were recorded absent. Melanie's name was removed as she is no longer on the board.

Quorum established.

Current President's Resignation: There was discussion and acceptance of the President's resignation. Nominations were taken from those present Richard Krzyzanowski accepted his nomination for the position. Election results were in the affirmative for Richard Krzyzanowski to become President of CAMHPRA.

To make Board Member communication easier a new Google group, all board members have been added or invited, and if there are any problems contact Lisa.

The treasurer's report was given. The ending balance is \$7,793. Dues: \$245 & the expenses totaled: \$600

Coalition Reports were given.

Far North: Wendy Cheula is absent Gloria Lindburg gave the report: Coalition plans to continue meeting Quarterly, to support each other and provide updates. There is still concern about the amount of time that people are staying in the emergency departments after their hearings. In some cases.

BayPac: (Representative needed)

Central: Christina Kraushar (Merced): No report.

South: Whitney Wilson (San Diego): Having a little bit of difficulty this quarter getting feedback from the counties in my region, actually only heard back from Orange County, they were able to get a delay to get the Care Act going. Seeing a small amount of 2, 7, 5 hearings, but they are occurring. Valerie would love to advocate for better salaries for all advocates, she said, as the governor continues to make decisions that impact what the role of the advocate is. As far as San Diego: Most of the new work that we've been doing lately is in relation to Sb. 43. Our contract was expanded in April, so we are providing education to all of the law enforcement officers, as well as all of the lps facilities. So we have been incredibly busy trying to meet these.

Legislation Committee Report Richard & Jim gave the report from the Legislation Committee meeting. There was some discussion on the format and content of the report.

Legislation Update/Discussion – Jim & Mike led the update and discussion. They also gave an update on the following Bills:

SB 1184 (Eggman) CAMHPRA position: OPPOSE-Melanie Roland drafted letter & submitted to Sen. Health cmte members on 3/19. DRC also submitted an opposition letter.

SB 402 (Wahab) 8/15 passed out of Asm. Appropriations 10-0-2. In Asm. Floor process. Per Deb Roth on 7/31, there is strong opposition to county reporting requirements & collection & publishing responsibilities assigned to DHCS. Provisions remain in the bill but may be stripped out during Asm floor process.

AB 2154 (Berman)

Amended: 5/24 addressed remedy for principal issue of concern for CAMHPRA & DRC. Bill now provides that when a handbook is provided to a family member, the facility “shall also offer and provide a printed or digital copy” to the detained person.” WIC Sec. 5324.5(c).

8/15 passed Sen floor vote & enrolled. Awaiting governor’s signature or veto.

SB 42 (Umberg)

Location: In Asm floor process. On 8/19, bill was amended during Asm. Floor process. The court requirement to notify originating 3rd party petitioners highlighted in bold above have been deleted.

AB 1316 (Irwin & Ward)

Location: In Sen floor process. Passage expected.

AB 2352 (Irwin)

Status: **DEAD**. Per Deb, author pulled the bill in late June due to how messy the politics had become. This was probably the right call. Deb & Mike were coordinating w/ the innovation project group on PADs. Deb indicates plan is to solicit wider input from peer & advocate organizations in preparation for reintroducing another PAD bill in 2025

Other bills followed that are now DEAD:

SB 1082 (Eggman)

SB 1238 (Eggman)

AB 2956 (Boerner)

2-year Bills:

SB 11 (Menjivar)

SB 45 (Roth)

AB 1001 (Haney)

The remaining 2024 legislative calendar was discussed.

Reports were given from other Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

CCBH (Cal Coalition for Behavioral Health): Richard

California Office of Patients' Rights (COPR): Jude

Disability Rights California (DRC): Samuel

California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard/Mike

No Other Business was discussed.

Next Meeting; Nov 13, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 PM