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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting MINUTES

1 – 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Held via Zoom

I. Call to Order

a. Introductions and Roll Call

Present	Member/Title	County
x	Richard Krzyzanowski / President	Los Angeles Area
	Vice President (vacant)	
x	Lisa Long / Treasurer	Placer
	Imari S Nuyen-Kariotis / Secretary	Imperial
x	Christina S. Kraushar / Central Region	Merced
x	Whitney Wilcox / South Region	San Diego
x	Wendy Cheula / Far North Region	Siskiyou
	/ BAYPAC (vacant)	
x	Mike Phillips / At Large	San Diego
x	Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Santa Clara
	Jude Stern – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area
x	Samuel Jain – DRC / IAO General Member	Sacramento Area

Guests: Melanie Roland, Santa Clara PRA
Deb Roth, DRC
Daniel Wagoner, COPR

II. Housekeeping

- a. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- b. **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa reports beginning balance of \$7793. Expenses this quarter: \$20 – Secretary of State annual filing; \$10 – Open Electronic Ella account. Ending balance of \$7763.
 - i. No objections to report were voiced
- c. **Approval of Minutes** – There were no change or corrections. Lisa moved to approve, Chris seconded, no further discussion, motion carried.

III. Coalition Reports

- a. **Far North:** Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou) – Siskiyou is opening their first county shelter; there has been no PRA involvement in SB 43 or Care Court planning.
- b. **BAYBAC** – No report, no representative. Richard asked for ideas for BAYPAC PRAs to invite to take this position. Lisa suggested Andrea Little/Marin County.
- c. **Central:** Christina Kraushar (Merced) - She is just back to work after a leave for injury. There was not Central meeting. She is still the Merced PRA, now lives out of county. Will resign her position when the timing is right. She is receptive to remaining on the board as an Emeritus member after she retires. There has been no PRA involvement in Care Court planning.
- d. **South:** Whitney Wilson (San Diego) – She is currently setting up a South area meeting hopefully for next week. Should have a report next meeting. Los Angeles: Started AB2275 hearings last May; they'd had only 25 by August. Los Angeles is implementing SB43 1/1/2026. They are hoping for a staff increase to accommodate increased workload due to new legislation. San Diego: Implementing SB43 1/1/2025; PRAs are doing an average of one training a day for community partners, CSUs, hospitals, and law enforcement.

IV. Standing Items

- a. Presidential Updates** – Richard Krzyzanowski had a positive conversation about CAMHPRA with Elizabeth Gildemontes, the new Los Angeles PRA lead. Richard will attend upcoming Regional Meetings to get PRA feedback about CAMHPRA.

V. New Business

- a.** No new business

VI. Statewide Business

- a.** Legislation Committee: Jim Raphael representing
- b.** CAMHPRA Priority Bills:
 - i.** SB 1184 (Eggman) – Riese order time bridge; chaptered 9/27/2024
 - ii.** SB 402 (Wahab) – Dead
 - iii.** AB 2154 (Berman) – PR Handbook provision; chaptered 9/30/2024
 - iv.** SB 42 (Umberg) – CARE Act cleanup bill; chaptered 9/30/2024
 - v.** AB 1316 (Irwin & Ward) - PEMC Medi-Cal Payments – chaptered 8/30/2024
 - vi.** AB 2352 (Irwin) – PAD bill; Author pulled the bill due to messy politics; we may see another version in 2025

VII. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a.** CCBH (California Coalition for Behavioral Health): Richard reporting. Discussions took place regarding the behavioral health workforce and statewide housing resources. Two federal bills were discussed; HR 4974 re: 988 call routing passed (Richard voted aye); HR 6928 regarding expanding access to crisis care services passed (Richard abstained).
- b.** COPR (California Office of Patients' Rights): Daniel reporting. Jude is out for a couple of weeks. COPR did technical training for Los Angeles County PRAs, focused on AB2275 implementation, went very well. Sacramento

County PRA program review is underway, being done at PRA office request; it has revealed many opportunities for improvement by all parties involved. PRAT plans are underway – will be in Sacramento area at a new venue (undetermined), dates undetermined, COPR wants to know CAMHPRA's plans to be sure our needs are included. Discussion of luncheon took place and board members felt the luncheon was beneficial to CAMHPRA; Richard, Samuel, Jim and Lisa agreed to participate in a workgroup to investigate/plan a luncheon; COPR was invited to participate.

- c. DRC (Disability Rights California): Samuel reporting. DRC is working on a "State of the State" document – will be released soon. They are monitoring CARE Court implementation. They are updating their civil commitment publication, breaking one large publication into three smaller ones. Samuel is looking for citations regarding the civil commitment of minors; Jim will send Samuel what he has. DHCS is seeking input for a manual regarding Proposition 1 implementation. The LAO (Legislative Analyst's Office) is working on a report about PRA staffing.
- d. CBHPC (California Behavioral Health Planning Council): Mike reporting. San Diego did a presentation on conservatorship to the council, and on the San Diego Care Court implementation. There was discussion about SB 43 implementation dates; in trying to collect SB 43 county implementation dates, Mike found multiple counties didn't know what he was referring to.

VIII. Public Policy

- a. Care Court Implementation – no discussion at this time

IX. Other Business

- a. Filling vacant vice president position – keep it in mind, encourage people to consider it
- b. Criteria for selecting items to post on website – group decided a disclaimer needs to be added to the webpage for articles regarding medications and treatment modalities. Richard will write the disclaimer.
- c. Letter to CBHDA – to build awareness of CAMHPRA's role; Richard and Mike will present first draft at our next meeting

- d. Brainstorming discussion: suggestions for CAMHPRA's long-term strategies to increase relevance, strengthen infrastructure, etc.
 - 1. Outreach to allied organizations for collaboration: Jim researched and recommended three organizations to start with: CASRA (California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies), CCCBHA (California Council of Behavioral Health Agencies), and REMHDCO (Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition). Richard will create a presentation to give to these and additional agencies.
 - 2. Regional Coalition members can be invited to attend board meetings via Zoom.
 - 3. An annual report (not long, 3-4 pages) of CAMHPRA's activities and accomplishments could be drafted and distributed at PRAT or electronically.
 - 4. Membership fees – are they a barrier? Chris suggested CAMHPRA approach county behavioral health administration directly to invite county's PRA to join, county to provide membership fee. Richard suggested we could use CBHDA connection.
 - 5. Melanie had suggested we better connect with PRAs regarding local challenges that may have statewide application. Discussion of voluntary hearings in Santa Clara County took place.
- e. Comprehensive bylaws revision – is this a priority at this time? Group consensus was that it is not.
- f. Open floor for additional topics: Mike said DHCS is proposing to shorten the grievance investigation/response time frame from 90 to 30 days; he advised them this is not practical due to the delays in getting access to electronic health records during an investigation.

X. Next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- b. Meeting ended by Richard Krzyzanowski