

C * A * M * H * P * R * A

California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
In-Person and via Zoom

I. Call to Order

a. Introductions and Roll Call

	Member/Title	County
	Lisa Long / President & Treasurer	Placer
	Melody Beltz - Secretary	Humboldt
	Christina S. Kraushar / Central	Merced
	Whitney Wilson/South	San Diego
	Jean McDonald / At Large	San Diego
	Mike Phillips / At Large	San Diego
	Richard Krzyzanowski – DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
	Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Santa Clara
	Melanie Roland / Legislative Committee	Santa Clara
	Dave Vandenburg / Emeritus	Monterey
	Daniel Wagoner – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area
	Samuel Jain, Senior Policy Attorney / DRC	Sacramento
	Deb McCarthy / Guest	El Dorado
	Kevin Reeves / Guest	San Francisco

II. Housekeeping

- a. Roll Call – Quorum met. Clare Cortright resigned from the Board, Merida Saracho resigned from the Board and Jill Ward is interested in being on the Board as an Emeritus member, President will follow-up with Jill.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Lisa reports beginning balance of \$6752.00 debit in the amount of \$275.00 for California Coalition for Mental Health dues and Attorney General Filing fees. CAMHPRA dues collected in the amount of \$845.00 leaving us with a total balance of \$7,317.00.
 - Jim makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Whitney, no further discussion, motion carries.

C * A * M * H * P * R * A

- c. Approval of Minutes-There were no changes or corrections. Jim makes the motion to approve the minutes, Richard seconds, no further discussion, motion carries.

III. New Business

- a. CAMHPRA Board of Directors ELECTION

- President – Jean McDonald
- Vice President
- Treasurer – Lisa Long
- Secretary – Melody Beltz

Eighteen people voted and all votes were unanimous. Jean is now the new President, Lisa is the Treasurer and Melody is the Secretary.

- b. Samuel Jain, Senior Policy Attorney at DRC, former PRA, former CAMHPRA president recently took a position with the MH Practice Group in a policy role working with legislative advocacy. He is seeking to get back in touch with the PRA community again. Richard will add Samuel to the Legislation committee.

IV. Coalition Reports

- a. South: Whitney Wilson (San Diego) – Whitney reports on the role of a Regional Representative. She has been performing in this capacity for two (2) years. Good to get to know other advocates in neighboring counties and share experiences. They meet quarterly and discuss CAMHPRA Board generated questions. Multiple representatives are needed (Far North and BAYPAC). New PRA named Kale from Alameda County interested in BAYPAC. Jean will reach out. Lisa reminds the Board that the by-laws were amended to allow the President to facilitate an election for a Regional Rep.

V. Standing Items

- a. Legislation Committee – Richard clarifies the name of the committee is legislation committee not legislative committee.
- b. Review of New Proposed Legislation - Jim.

- SB 11 (Menjivar) Requirement to provide in-house MH counseling services for students on all CSU campuses. Amended on 4/10/23 and sent to the Health Committee on 4/26/23
- SB 35 (Unberg) Would extend county implementation of CARE Act from 12/1/25 to 12/15/25. Clarification that 12/25/2025 is max end date. Sent to Senate Health on 4/19/2023. Sent to Senate Judiciary Committee 4/25/2023.

C * A * M * H * P * R * A

- SB 43 (Eggman) Would expand definition of GD & permit direct admission of hearsay evidence by expert fact witness of medical record documentation of specified MH practitioners & LCSWs. **CAMHPRA signed on to DRC opposition letter.**
- SB 45 (Roth) Would create the Acute Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund for qualified cities & counties to build, renovate acute care psych hospitals, PHFs & psych units in GACHs. Sent to suspense file on 4/10/23.
- SB 58 (Wiener) Would decriminalization of certain hallucinogenic substances for personal use. No action.
- SB 63 (Ochoa Bogh) Would establish 2 new criminal justice programs grants: Homeless MH Court Grant Program & Transitioning Home Grant Program. Sent to Appropriations on 4/17/23 then to suspense.
- SB 65 (Ochoa Bogh) Would authorize DHCS to establish the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program. Sent to appropriations 4/1/23 then to suspense.
- SB 87 (Nguyen) Amends AB 2275 (2022/Wood-Stone) con'ship court/jury trial may be continued from 15 days to 20 days. Senate Judiciary Hearing pending.
- AB 920 (Bryan) Would make "housing status", i.e., homelessness, as a protected class under CA discrimination law. **CAMHPRA signed on to a support letter.** Sent to Senate Judiciary 3/28/23 next to Senate Appropriations.
- AB 1001 (Haney) Proposes DHCS adopt regs on standards to improve quality of behavioral health emergency services provided in GACHs. Sent to Senate Appropriations 4/13/23.
- SB 232 (Niello) Would significantly expand the definition of GD. CAMHPRA action: **3/29 BOD approved an urgent motion to sign on to DRC opposition letter.** No change.
- SB 326 (Eggman) Would amend the reimbursement process for MHSA services provided at the county level. Require counties to submit claims for reimbursement to DHCS under specific circumstances. Any legislative amendment to MHSA requires

C * A * M * H * P * R * A

approval by 2/3 of both houses. Amended on 4/21/23 Sent to Senate Health 4/26/23.

- AB 429 (Haney) By 7/1/26 the CA Hlth & Human Svcs Agency (CHHSA) shall establish the CA Behavioral Health Outcomes & Accountability Review (CHB-OAR) to facilitate an accountability system that fosters continuous quality improvement to county and commercial (private) behavioral health services. To create the CHB-OAR, by 10/1/24, CHHSA shall convene a workgroup composed interested & impacted organizations including behavioral health advocates & consumers. Amended 4/13/23 sent to Senate Health 4/17/23
- AB 1029 (Pellerin) Would add an optional space on the statutory Advanced Health Care Directive form for an individual to designate a separate MH agent for decision related to MH. Sent to Assembly 4/23/23.

VI. Statewide Business

- a. Supreme Court turned down DRC's Care Court Petition. Samuel reports that there is no plan to address this, but will monitor the implementation process.

VII. Next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. Chris makes a motion to hold the next CAMHPRA meeting on Wednesday July 19th 2023, seconded by Richard, no further discussion, motion carries.
- b. Jim makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

VIII. Results of Email Voting

- a. Lisa makes the motion that Richard Krzyzanowski be Vice President of CAMHPRA and Samuel Jain be appointed to the Board as an Independent Advocacy Organization member, seconded by Melody, yes votes from Jean, Mike, Chris, Whitney, Melody Lisa, Jim. No further discussion, the motion carries.
- b. Richard calls for a motion that CAMHPRA sign –on to a letter urging more peer representation on the CARE Act Working Group. Lisa makes the motion, Richard seconded, no further discussion, six yes votes, motion carries as a quorum at this time is 5. Result of motion was not communicated to Richard, CAMHPRA sign-on did not take place.